

# Premera Premier Provider program

## ASSISTING OUR MEMBERS IN MAKING WELL-INFORMED CHOICES ABOUT THEIR HEALTHCARE

The Premera Premier Provider program evaluates physician, physician's assistant, and nurse practitioner performance across 12 specialties. The program uses methodology consistent with national and industry standards to measure quality compliance and episodic cost-efficiency to identify high-performance providers.

### The Premier Provider program aims to:

- Recognize providers for the quality of care they deliver and their cost-efficient use of resources. Premera features high-performance providers in its products and services that navigate members to high quality and cost-efficient care
- Act as a strategic partner to providers by expanding opportunities to share data and insights to help them improve performance

### Providers may receive a high-performance designation if they meet the following requirements:

- Located in the Washington markets served by Premera
- Contracted with Premera commercial line of business
- Practicing and board certified within one of the 12 assessed specialties
- Meets minimum volume requirements for completed episodes of care
- Statistically higher performance on elements of quality and/or cost-efficiency compared to other providers evaluated within the same specialty and geographical market



### These 12 specialty types are core to the Premier Provider program:

Primary Care  
Orthopedics  
Gastroenterology  
Pediatrics  
Cardiology  
General Surgery  
Pulmonary Medicine  
Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Psychiatry  
Endocrinology  
Neurology  
Rheumatology

## Evaluation methodology

### Quality

Evaluates adherence to established standards of care, deviations from evidence-based guidelines, and prevalence of adverse events for hospital inpatient and outpatient care.

### Cost efficiency

Evaluates treatment costs using industry-standard episode treatment groups (ETGs) for chronic and acute episodes of care at varying degrees of severity.

## QUALITY CATEGORIES

National  
Standard

Disease  
Management

Patient  
Safety

Care  
Pattern

Medication  
Adherence

Overuse

Outcomes  
Insights

The Premera Premier Provider program seeks to measure provider performance in quality and cost-efficiency objectively, transparently, defensibly, and consistently. Program methodology and frequently asked questions can be found on the program website at [premera.com/wa/provider/premier-provider-program](https://premera.com/wa/provider/premier-provider-program). Contact your assigned Premera provider network representative for additional information.