# Choosing an in-network doctor who's right for you

## In-network vs. out-of-network doctors: The difference you pay can be a lot

Use an in-network doctor for the highest level of benefits from your health plan and lower out-of-pocket costs. In-network doctors agree to a lower negotiated fee for each service they provide; out-of-network doctors don't. If you use an out-of-network doctor, the portion of the bill you pay may be much higher.

### Maximize your benefits

To make the most of your benefits, check to see if your doctor is part of your plan's network. You'll find a list of in-network doctors by logging in to **premera.com** and using the "Find a Doctor" tool.

#### Log in as a member to get a wealth of information

**Step 1** Register and log in to **premera.com** 

Step 2 Click on "Find a Doctor"

As a registered member, you now have access to the following:

- List of in-network doctors
- Doctor comparison
- Out-of-pocket estimates
- List of doctors who are board certified, accepting new patients and offering extended office hours
- Search by specialty, treatment, hospital affiliation, language spoken, and gender

Registered members can also get information about a hospital's medical specialties and quality scores for:

- Medical services
- Surgical care
- Re-admissions
- Doctor affiliations
- Patient experiences

To save money, make sure all of your medical services, pharmacies, hospitals, lab services, and home medical equipment providers are in-network. Find them by using the "Find a Doctor" tool on **premera.com.** 

#### **Avoid Costly Facility Fees**

Some medical clinics charge a separate facility fee for doctor visits—even if their doctors are in our network. So, when making an appointment, always ask if your doctor's office charges a facility fee. You can get the most value from your medical benefits if you choose an in-network doctor who practices at a medical center that does not charge a facility fee.



