**Where to Go for Care**

It’s not always easy to know where to find care, especially when you are far away from home. There may be a student health center on campus that can provide you with basic health services. Consult your school’s resources for more specific information about facilities, the care available and the coverage accepted.

If you need to access care outside of what is available from your institution, there are options to consider.

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<td><strong>Doctor’s Office</strong></td>
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<td>Office hours vary</td>
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<td><strong>Retail Clinic or Convenient Care Clinics (CCCs) (for example, CVS Minute Clinic and Walgreens Healthcare Clinic)</strong></td>
<td>City, Suburbs</td>
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<td><strong>Urgent Care</strong></td>
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<td>Hours include evenings, weekends, and holidays Some are open 365 days of the year</td>
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<td><strong>Hospital Emergency Room (ER)²</strong></td>
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<td>24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (24/7/365)</td>
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¹Unlike Nurses (RNs), Nurse Practitioners (NPs) are trained to assess patients, order and interpret diagnostic tests, make diagnoses, and initiate and manage treatment plans – including prescribing medications (http://www.aanp.org/all-about-nps).

²In some states, free standing emergency rooms or centers may also be a good option if immediate care is needed.
Need Advice?

Register online at [www.geobluestudents.com](http://www.geobluestudents.com) and click on Symptom Triage in the My Health Tools section of the Member Hub.

Symptom Triage is a tool designed to help you make appropriate decisions on what level of medical care is needed and how to provide symptom relief for minor illnesses and injuries at home. **Your doctor’s advice and your good judgment should always take precedence over information on these topics.**

What to do in an emergency?

If you have an emergency, dial 911 or go to the closest Emergency Room immediately. If you’re not sure whether your situation is an emergency, dial 911 and let the call-taker determine if you need emergency help. The call-taker will alert your local police, fire department or ambulance and tell you what to do until help arrives. In the U.S., ambulances are staffed with Emergency Response Technicians (EMTs) or ambulance technicians.

How Find a Doctor or Hospital.

You have access to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield network within the U.S., Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands. You may visit any Blue Cross and Blue Shield provider you choose, nationwide. More than 92% of doctors and 96% of hospitals participate in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield network.

To find a doctor or facility, click on the U.S. Provider Finder in the Get Care section of the Member Hub on [www.geobluestudents.com](http://www.geobluestudents.com) or in the GeoBlue app. After you launch the U.S. Provider Search, be sure to fill in the “Search by” and “Location” fields to proceed.

Scheduling an appointment?

When scheduling an appointment with a Blue Cross and Blue Shield provider, **call to confirm they are in network.** At the time of service, you will need to show the provider your GeoBlue ID card and tell them you are covered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Paying for Care.

In the U.S., your health plan typically pays your medical bills for you with the following exceptions:

- **Copay or Copayment:** The specific dollar amount you will pay at the time of service.
- **Coinsurance:** The percentage of the cost you are responsible for.
- **Deductible:** An amount you are responsible to pay for eligible expenses before the plan begins to pay.
- **Out-of-Network Provider:** Medical provider who is not contracted with Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies. This typically results in a higher coinsurance and may result in additional costs to you.

See your Certificate of Coverage for details.

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