

Understanding your provider options



As a Molina Healthcare of Wisconsin member, you have different options for healthcare providers who can offer you quality care. A Medical Doctor (MD) is one option, but you can also get good care, and you may get in quicker, if you choose to see a Nurse Practitioner (NP) or a Physician Assistant (PA).

Here's a quick guide to help you understand the differences between these three healthcare providers.

| Healthcare Provider | What they do | Benefits |
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| Nurse Practitioners (NPs) | NPs are advanced nurses who can diagnose and treat illnesses. They can prescribe medicines. They often help patients with primary care and disease prevention. They can practice on their own without being supervised by a doctor. | You may get in quicker with an NP. NPs usually spend more time with patients. This can help you better manage your long-term health and answer questions. |
| Physician Assistants (PAs) | PAs are trained to diagnose illnesses, prescribe treatments, and work closely with doctors. They are supervised by doctors. | You may get in quicker with a PA. PAs provide quality care and often have more time to spend with patients. They offer a personal touch in your treatment. |
| Medical Doctors (MDs) | MDs are highly trained doctors who can diagnose, treat, and perform surgeries for complex conditions. | MDs specialize in specific areas of medicine. They offer expert care for serious or specialized health concerns. |

Your health, your choice

You can see an NP, PA or MD based on your needs and wishes. Molina members have access to a variety of providers who are ready to help you stay healthy.

Need help with transportation or finding a doctor?

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