

NEBRASKA CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska (BCBSNE) believes in helping you receive affordable, high-quality care. As part of our commitment to you, we have established Nebraska Centers of Excellence across the state for total knee or hip replacement surgeries resulting in significant cost savings to you.

Beginning January 1, 2019, for total knee or hip replacement surgeries performed at one of the Nebraska Centers of Excellence below, **BCBSNE will waive deductible and coinsurance amounts for the surgical facility charges for applicable plans.**



The Nebraska Centers of Excellence have met or exceeded our high quality of care and cost standards and include the following locations:

Kearney

Kearney Regional Medical Center – Kearney Regional Medical Center offers diagnostic and therapeutic services covering the spectrum of medical and surgical specialties.

Lincoln

Lincoln Surgical Hospital – 11,000 surgeries a year are performed at this physician-owned facility. Lincoln Surgical Hospital ranks among 250 surgical specialty hospitals in the United States and is the only multi-specialty hospital in Nebraska.

Omaha

OrthoNebraska Hospital – Formerly known as Nebraska Orthopaedic Hospital is the region's first hospital dedicated to the complete care and treatment of the orthopedic patient. The hospital was recently named by U.S. News and World Report as the top hospital for orthopedics in Nebraska and was also recognized by the publication for high performance in both the total hip and total knee replacement categories.

Midwest Surgical Hospital – Midwest Surgical Hospital has been rated as "One of the 82 physician-owned hospitals to know in America," by Becker's Hospital Review. The hospital has also received the Edge Survey Apex Quality Award for recognition of excellence in overall patient satisfaction, 2012-2014.

Requirements

To have the deductible and coinsurance amounts waived, your surgery and health plan must meet the following requirements:

- Nebraska Center of Excellence must be in-network; this benefit is available for the NENetwork Blue and Premier Select BlueChoice networks
- Only inpatient total knee or hip replacement surgeries qualify for this benefit
- Facility approves surgery (higher risk patients may be referred to a different facility in order to accommodate their increased needs)

Qualified high-deductible health plans will have the coinsurance waived only. To find out more about the Nebraska Centers of Excellence program, visit nebraskablue.com/COE.

