## **Provider Connection**

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## THE PROVIDER **TOOLS AND RESOURCES YOU** NEED

On Provider Connection you can verify eligibility, check claim status, and request authorizations online. You can also download member rosters, file a dispute, and submit an attestation.

Register now to get started >



#### A new look for Provider Connection

Provider Connection has a new look and updated navigation designed to improve your experience. The navigation bar is the best place to start.



#### Eligibility and benefits

Verify eligibility and review member benefits.

#### **Authorizations**

Submit and confirm prior authorization for medical and pharmacy services.

Request prior authorization > Authorization log upload >



#### Claims

Check status of submitted claims, find EFT transactions and download EOBs.

Check claim status >

Verify eligibility >

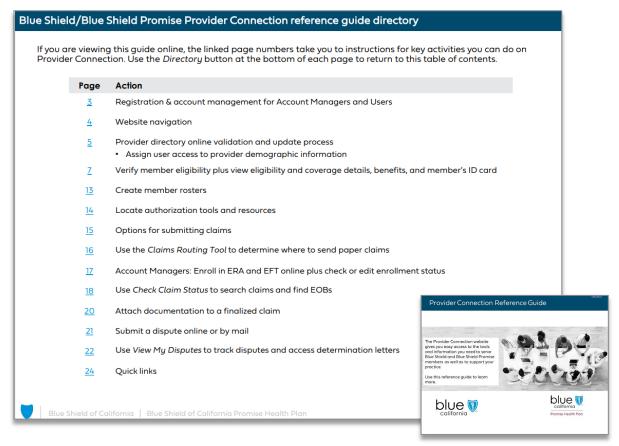
## Here is what we'll cover today: How to...

- 1. Register and navigate the Provider Connection website.
- 2. Attest and update provider directory information.
- 3. How to use online tools:
  - Create member roster
  - Check eligibility
  - Submit claims, check status / find EOBs
  - File disputes online
- 4. Get help with Provider Connection.

See **Appendix** for information re. how to determine if auth is required, submit when it is, and check its status.

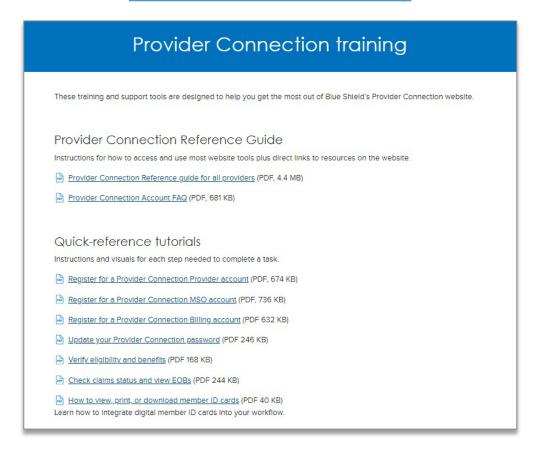
## Provider Connection support on home and Education pages – no log in required

#### Provider Connection Reference Guide



Instructions for common tasks, and links to helpful resources

#### **Provider Connection training**



Step-by-step instructions with visuals for registration, password update, and other key tasks.

# Website registration & navigation

Recommended browsers: Latest version of <u>Google Chrome</u> or <u>Microsoft Edge</u> Internet Explorer, Firefox and Safari browsers are not supported.

## Establishing a Provider Connection account

#### Identify a Provider Connection Account Manager

• The person executing the initial Provider Connection registration is considered an Account Manager. When the maximum allowed number of Account Managers are registered, Provider Connection will display a message. Most organizations can have at least two Account Managers.

#### • Determine your account type and have the following information on hand:

Click these links for step-bystep instruction.

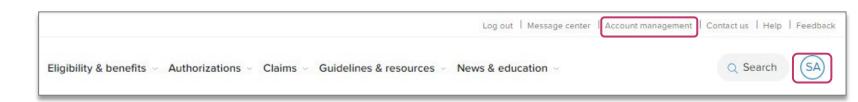
Account type	Required for registration	
1. <u>Provider</u>	<ul> <li>One Tax ID (TIN) or Social Security Number (SSN).</li> <li>Claims data* for the TIN/SSN you are registering under.</li> </ul>	
2. <u>MSO</u>	<ul> <li>MSO's TIN and one TIN/SSN for provider you are representing/registering with.</li> <li>Claims data* for the provider you are representing/registering with.</li> <li>Business Associate Agreement (BAA) date for each provider's TIN you are registering.</li> <li>BAA date = date the provider signed the contract.</li> </ul>	
3. <u>Billing Service</u>	<ul> <li>TIN(s) of the providers for whom you will bill.</li> <li>BAA date for each provider's TIN/SSN you are registering.</li> </ul>	

<sup>\*</sup> A check/EFT amount AND either the 1) check/EFT number or 2) claim number or 3) Member ID for one claim paid in the last three months under the TIN/SSN being registered. If there are no claims within the last three months, the system will ask for the subscriber ID and birth date of an eligible Blue Shield/Blue Shield Promise member.

## Establishing a Provider Connection account (continued)

#### **Account Managers**

 Once registered, you will see this link in your top-level navigation after log in.
 It provides direct access to all activities falling within the role.



• Once established, the Account Manager(s) – not Blue Shield – sets up user profiles.

#### **Users**

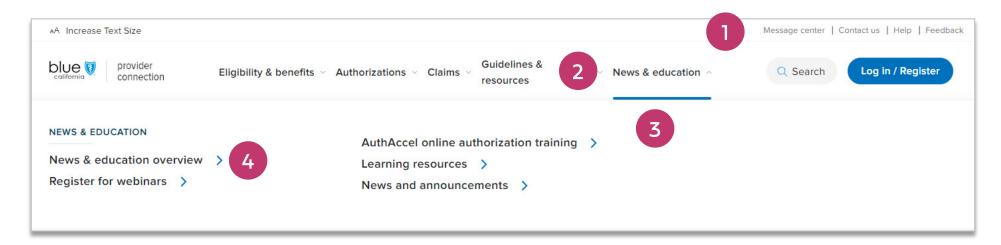
- After set-up by your Account Manager, Blue Shield will email you a temporary password.
- You have 30 days to visit the site and change your password or the account will be deleted.

#### **Account Mangers & Users**

• After log in, a "badge" with your initials appears in the white navigation bar. Click this badge to access the *Manage my profile* page where you can do things like update your username/password, change your email, etc..

## Provider Connection website navigation\*

- 1. Top level navigation: General site actions like Contact us and Help.
- 2. White navigation bar: Links to the home page, five site sections, Search, and Log in/Register. When you click a section link, the blue line indicates the section drop-down menu you have activated.
  - Blue Shield uses two-step authentication. To verify your identity each time you login, enter your username/password plus the code Blue Shield sends to your email.
- 3. Section drop-down menu: Links to the most-used content and tools within the specific section.
- 4. Overviews: Each section has an overview that provides a high-level table of contents for information on the page.

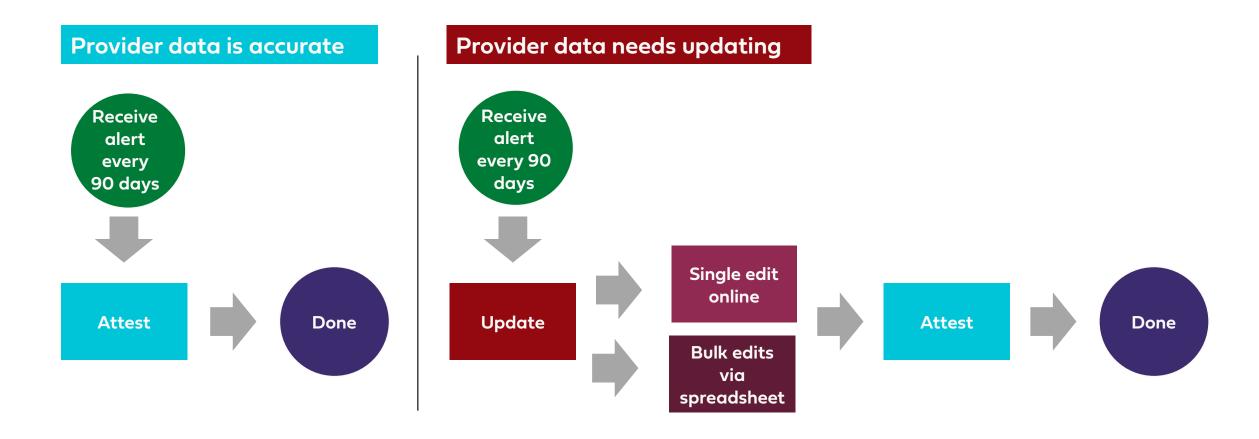


\* Blue Shield Promise resources that do not require log in are integrated throughout Provider Connection. They are also available from the <u>Blue Shield Promise Provider Portal</u>. Links in the footer of each website allow you to move between the two websites.

# Attest & update provider directory information

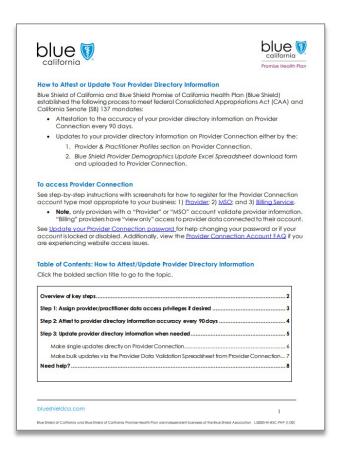
The federal CAA mandate requires providers to attest to their data every 90 days, even if it has not changed, and update it whenever it changes.

Process stars when a Provider Connection Account Manager or designated user receives an attestation alert online. Notifications are also sent by email, fax, or postal mail.



<sup>\*</sup> Account Managers, see <u>attest/updates instructions</u> for how to assign provider data access to designated user(s).

#### Training & support resources located under <u>Provider Data Management</u> – no log in required



<u>Step-by-step instructions</u> on the full attestation process, including how to make single edits to your data online.

blue 🕡 of california  Provider Data Validation Spreadsheet - Companion Guide  June 2024					
Provider_Gene	ral Tab				
Field Name					
Provider Tax	Tax ID of contracted provider organization				
Identification Number	Bulk File is for	Tax ID is			
	IPA	IPAs Tax ID			
	Medical Group	Groups Tax ID			
	Practitioner	Practitioners Tax ID or SSN			
Provider	Name of contracted provider organ	ization			
Organization Name	If Provider Type is	Then Provider Name is			
	Capitated IPA	IPA name			
	Promise Capitated IPA	IPA name			
	Practitioner	Practitioner or IPA roster member name			
	Physician Group Practice	Medical group name			
	Allied Specialty (Psychologist, Optometrist, etc)	Medical group name			
	Clinic Outpatient	Medical group name			
Provider Type	Provider type corresponding to taxo	nomy			
	Provider Type	Description			
	Capitated IPA	IPA			
	Promise Capitated IPA	IPA			
	Physician Group Practice	Medical group (PPO)			
	Practitioner	Practitioner or IPA roster member			
	Allied Specialty (Psychologist, Optometrist, etc)	Medical group (PPO)			
	Clinic Outpatient	Medical group (PPO)			

<u>Detailed instructions</u> on how to complete each field on the Provider Data Validation Spreadsheet when updating data in bulk.

#### Need help?

If, after reviewing the support materials on the left, you need additional help updating your information in Provider Connection or have questions about the information shared in the Blue Shield directory.

#### **Contact:**

Provider Information and Enrollment at **(800) 258-3091**, from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

#### Or email:

PIEProvPortalSupport@blueshield ca.com

## Online attestation to data accuracy every 90 days\*

A blue alert banner displays on Account Managers'/designated users' Provider Connection home page when it is time to attest. It also appears on their *Provider & Practitioner Profiles* page.

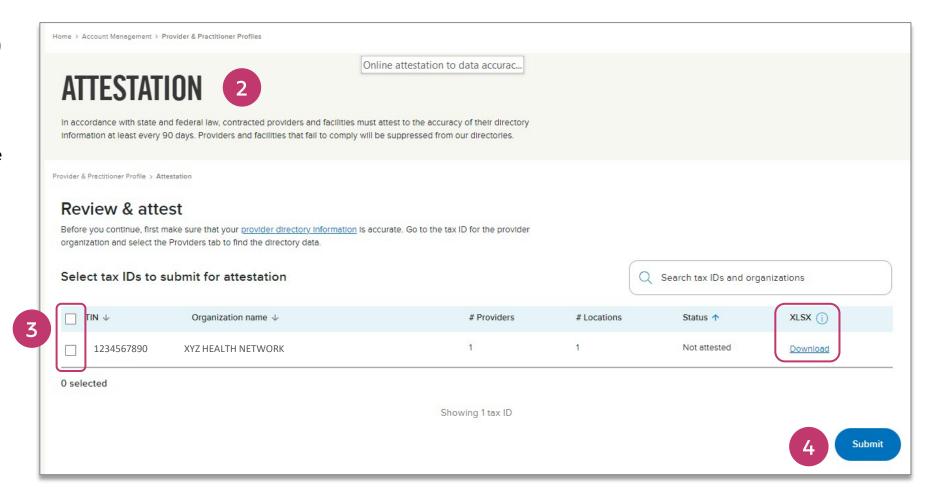
- 1. Click **Attest now** in the banner at the top of the home page or from the *Provider & Practitioner Profiles* page.



\* In addition to this banner, Blue Shield sends a series of automated notifications on a rolling 90-day schedule.

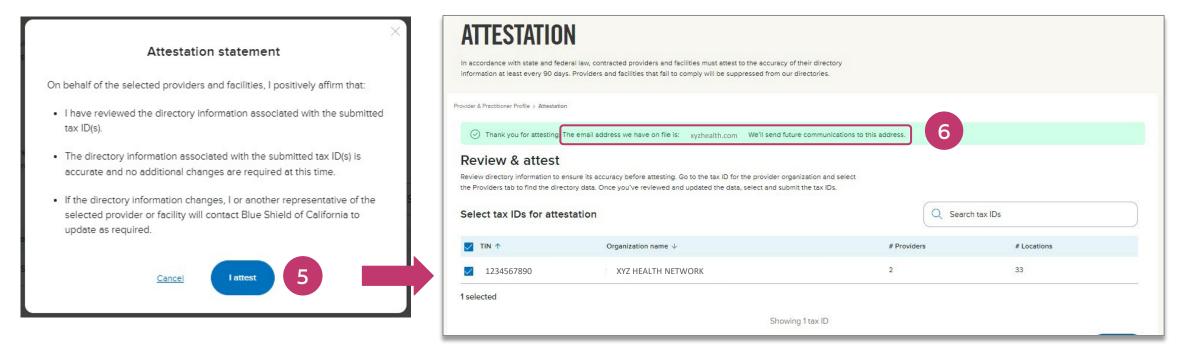
## Online attestation to data accuracy every 90 days continued

- The attestation screen displays with all Tax IDs (TINs) associated with your account.
- Click the checkbox next to each TIN after validating information on file is accurate or click the TIN checkbox if attesting to accuracy of all TINs.
  - \* To view data prior to attesting, download the XLSX file from the Attestation window or click Provider & Practitioner Profiles in the breadcrumb to view data in Provider Connection.
- Click Submit.



## Online attestation to data accuracy every 90 days\* continued

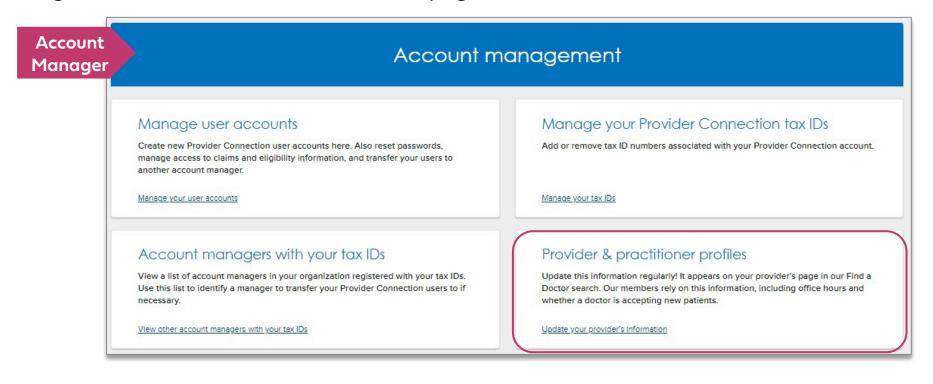
- An Attestation Statement presents. Click I attest to continue.
- 6. A green banner displays when the attestation process completes.
  - If the email address referenced in the confirmation is incorrect, please update your profile information.



\* Account Managers can attest to the accuracy of their provider data at any time from their *Account Management* page. This option is not available to designated users.

## Update provider information by single or bulk edits

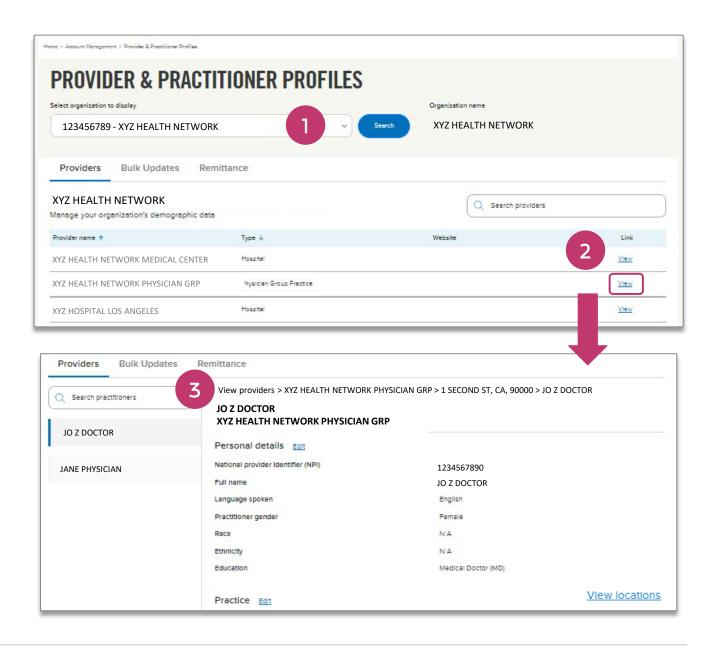
- Both options are in the Provider & Practitioner Profiles section located on the Account Management page.
- For designated users, the link is on their home page.



## Update provider information: Single edits

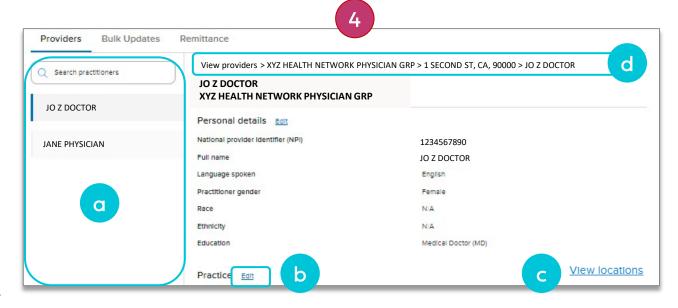
#### From Provider & Practitioner Profiles:

- Select the Tax ID (TIN) you wish to update and click **Search**.
  - This step is not required if you have only one TIN linked to your Provider Connection account.
- 2. Click the **view** link for the provider record you wish to edit.
- 3. The View providers screen displays.



## Update provider information: Single edits continued

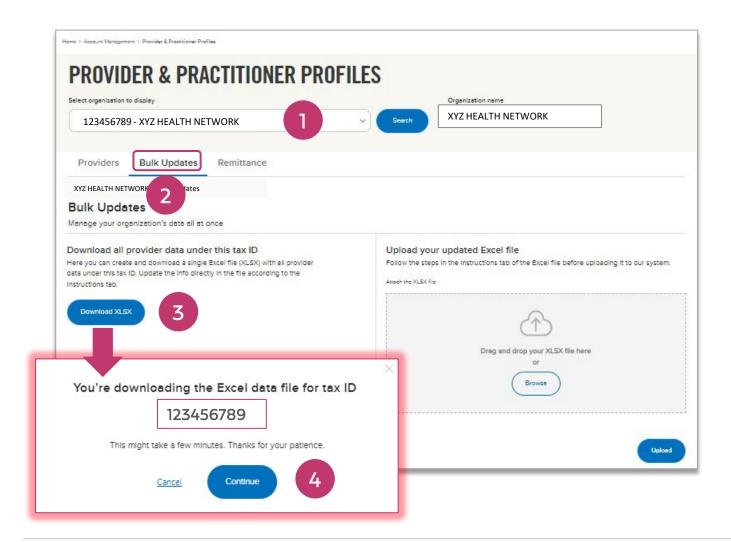
- 4. View providers interface
  - Search functionality and navigation located on the left.
  - Click Edit to make changes and the Save button to save them.
  - c. Depending on your organization's type and structure, there are typically three levels\* of data you can edit. Use link in the right corner to drill down from level to level.



Capitated provider levels	Non-capitated provider levels
<ul><li>Provider details</li><li>Practioner details</li><li>Service location details</li></ul>	<ul><li>Provider details</li><li>Location details</li><li>Practitioner</li></ul>

- d. Use the breadcrumb or Back button to navigate between levels.
- \* Some capitated IPAs may also see a "View clinics" level.

#### Update provider data in bulk via Provider Data Validation Spreadsheet



From Provider & Practitioner Profiles:

- Select the Tax ID (TIN) you wish to update and click Search.
  - This step is not required if you have only one TIN linked to your Provider Connection account.
- 2. Click the **Bulk Updates** tab.
- 3 Click Download XLSX
- 4. A pop-up box displays. Click **Continue**. Save the file that downloads.

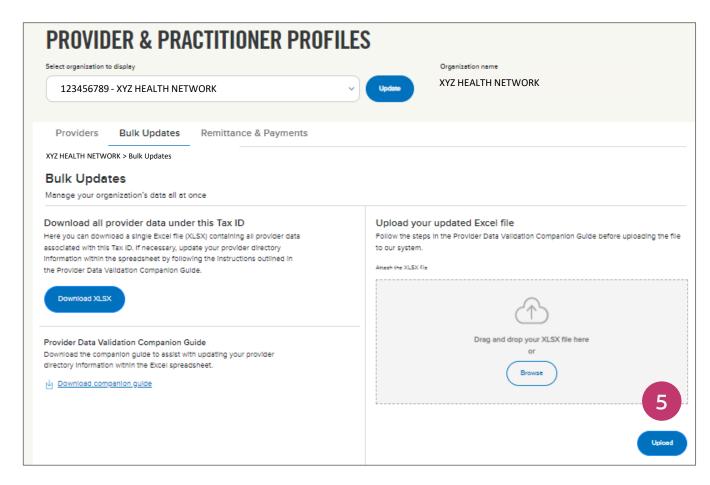
## Update provider data in bulk via Provider Data Validation Spreadsheet continued

- The (Excel) file downloads as ProvDataVal\_TIN\_000000001.xlsx.\*
- There are four tabs in the spreadsheet:

Tab	Title	Description	
1	PROVIDER_ GENERAL	Pre-populated, used to add/update/term service location data for Medical Group, IPA, IPA roster member or individual practitioner.	
2	PRACTITIONER_ GENERAL	Pre-populated, used to add/update/term individual practitioners and practitioners that have an active relationship with a medical group or IPA.	
3	VALIDATION_ CONTACTS	Pre-populated, used to provide updated email(s) for the person(s) responsible for completing the spreadsheet.	
4	Support	Links to attestation and bulk update instructions located on Provider Connection, no log in required.	

#### Update provider data in bulk via Provider Data Validation Spreadsheet continued

- When finished, drag/drop or select your saved file. Once the file name displays in the gray area, click **Upload**.
  - A pop-up box displays for you to confirm that your uploaded file is correct. Click Yes.
  - A green banner displays when the upload process is finished.
  - An automated email is sent in three business days: Options:
    - Successful: Loaded to Find a Doctor as you submitted.
    - Partially successful: Some data must be manually updated by Blue Shield: Will take longer to see all changes in Find A Doctor.
    - Rejected: Please review the bulk spreadsheet instructions on Tab 1 and resubmit.



## Provider Data Validation Spreadsheet reminders

- Download a new Provider Data Validation Spreadsheet from Provider Connection each time you submit. Each
  Tax ID will have its own spreadsheet file.
- 2. Blue header columns (A, B, C and D) contain pre-populated fields that cannot be edited. Other fields within the file may be edited to make necessary updates or add missing demographic data.
  - Certain fields must be completed with Blue Shield pre-defined values. See the <u>Provider Data Validation Companion Guide</u> for these values.
  - Drop-down menus can be found in certain areas of the spreadsheet and should be used where available.
  - Take care not to remove any columns, tabs, or rows, or make changes to column headers.
- 3. Regarding the Add/Term/Update column on the Provider and the Practitioner General tabs, select
  - Add when adding a new service location or practitioner.
  - Term when removing or changing an address.
  - Update if you are editing non-address related information like office hours.

## **Authenticated tools**

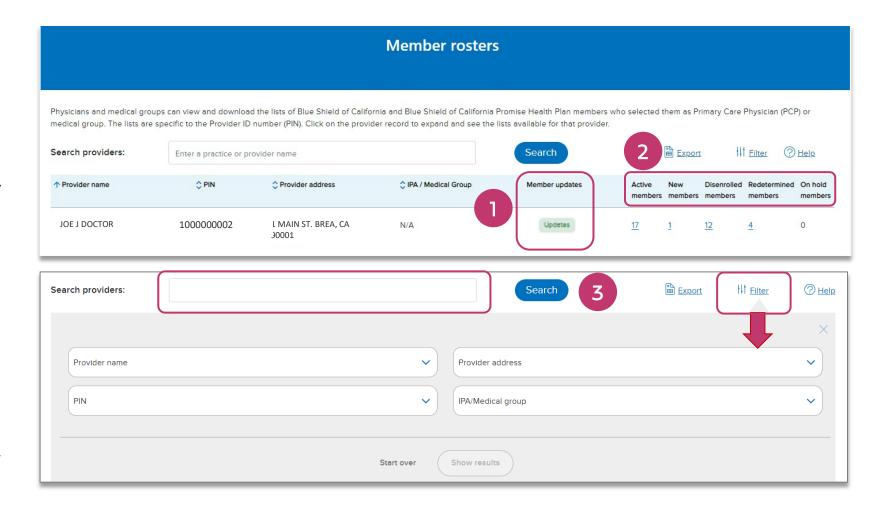
These are tools that require you to log on to use because they access protected information.

#### Create a member roster instructions

The Member rosters tool is available from the *Eligibility & benefits* section after log in.

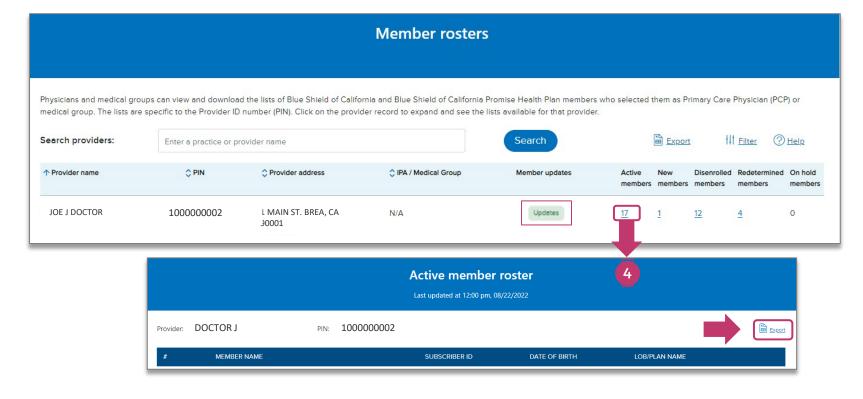
Providers can view/download a list(s) of members who selected them as their PCP or IPA/ medical group. Lists are specific to the Provider ID number (PIN).

- 1. The Member updates column displays either New or Updates.
- Member roster categories = Active, New, Disenrolled, Redetermined. and On hold.
- To search for a specific provider or IPA/medical group, use the Search field or Filter functionality. Filtering options include provider name, address, PIN, or IPA/medical group.



#### Create a member roster instructions (continued)

4. Click an active number under any one of the five categories to view member detail and/or export data. The export will contain full member details.



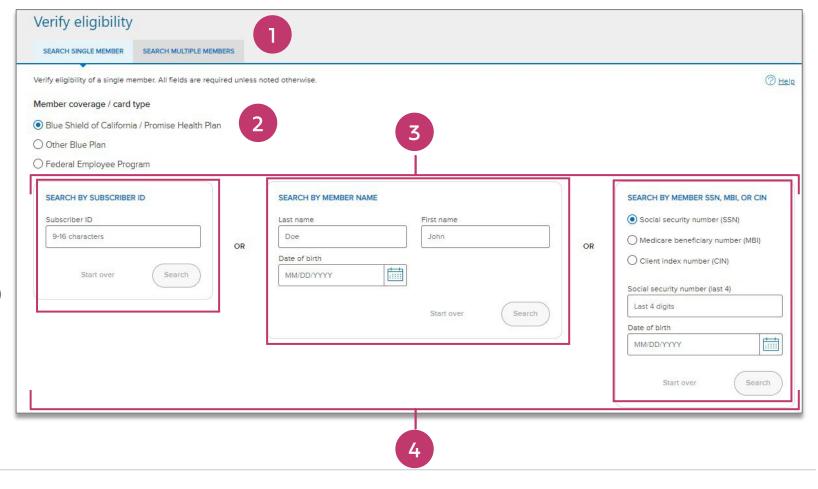
#### Member roster categories detail

- Disenrolled Members Roster includes disenrollment dates.
- Redetermined Members Roster displays members with upcoming redetermination dates within the next 90 days.
- On Hold Members Roster displays members who missed their redetermination date and are within the 90-day grace period.

## Verify eligibility (log in required)

The Verify eligibility tool is available from the home page and from the Eligibility & benefits section after log in. It lets you confirm that a patient is a Blue Shield or Promise Health Plan member.

- Select the member search type: SEARCH SINGLE MEMBER or SEARCH MUTLIPLE MEMBERS.
- Select the Member coverage/card type.
- Search for the member by entering either the:
  - Member ID
  - Member Last/First and DOB
  - Medicare Beneficiary ID (MBI)
  - Social Security Number (SSN)
  - Client Index Number (CIN)
- 4. Click Search.



See Appendix for more information about the eligibility details page and benefits search.

## Verify eligibility results

- 5. Member eligibility results display. Eligibility displays in green when the member is active. For additional information, click:
  - Details: Comprehensive member information including coverage, deductibles/copays, special programs eligibility, etc.
  - b. ID Card: Electronic copy for viewing, printing or download.
  - c. **Benefits:** Link to an online benefits tools for Blue Shield plans and a link to the Medi-Cal Member Handbook EOC for Blue Shield Promise plans.
  - d. Claims: Link to the Check claims status tool.



## Options for submitting claims after login

#### 1. By mail

 The <u>Claims Routing Tool</u> tells you where to submit paper claims. No log in is required.

## 2. Electronically via Office Ally or another clearing house

- Electronic data interchange (EDI) lets you submit claims and receive payments electronically via electronic funds transfer. See the EDI, ERA/EFT and Secondary 277CA FAQ.
  - After log in, Provider
     Connection Account Managers
     can determine if your
     organization is enrolled in
     ERA/EFT. If yes, you can edit
     your selections. If not, you can
     enroll right from this screen.
  - Go to Account Management > Provider & Practioner Profiles > Remittance & Payments tab.

**Account Managers:** See Appendix for instructions on how to enroll in/edit ERA and EFT selections.

#### On Provider Connection via SympliSend

- Submit digital paper claims, itemization requests, and digital correspondence related to previously processed or in process claims.
  - Go to Claims > How to submit claims > Submitting claims > SympliSend. See <u>user guide</u> for instructions.
    - Provider disputes CAN'T be submitted via SympliSend. Submit online in Provider Connection or by mail.

## Check claims status (log in required)

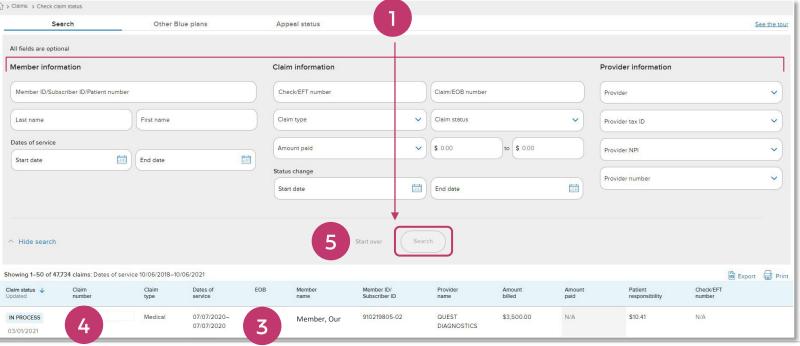
Check claims status is available from the home page and from the <u>Claims</u> section after log in. All claims connected to your username and login will display if you are the Account Manager or have been granted access by your Account Manager. Use to locate claims and related EOBs. It will display claims from the last three years with most recent at the top.

1. Enter data into one or more search fields: Member, Claim, and/or Provider Information. Click **Search**.

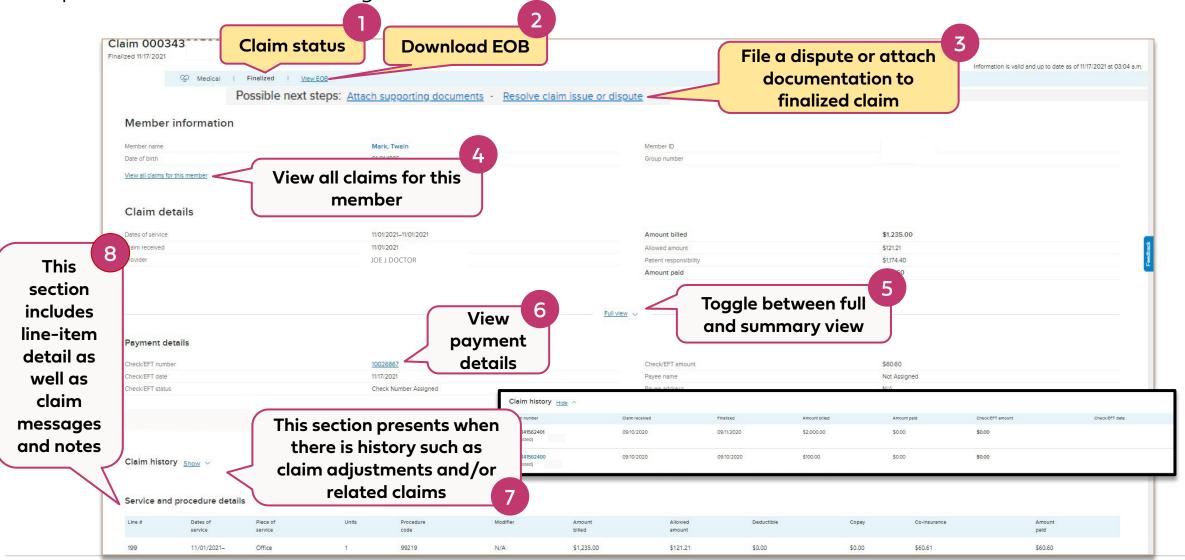
2. Results will display in the table below the blue header. To sort results in alphabetical or ascending/descending order by column,

click the desired column header and the up/down arrow once it presents.

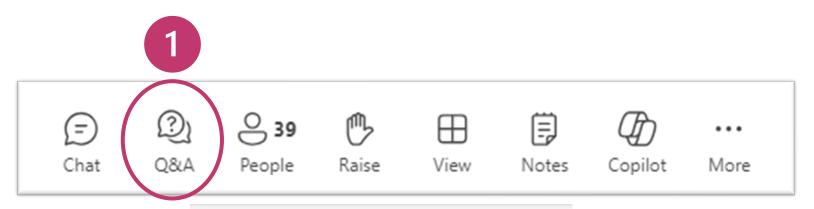
- 3. EOBs are downloadable once the claim is finalized.
- Click the claim number to see more detailed information. EOBs are also available from this link.
- 5. To conduct a new search, click Start over to clear the search fields.



Claim details screen: Clicking the claim number from the search results opens the *Claims detail screen* and provides access to the following information.

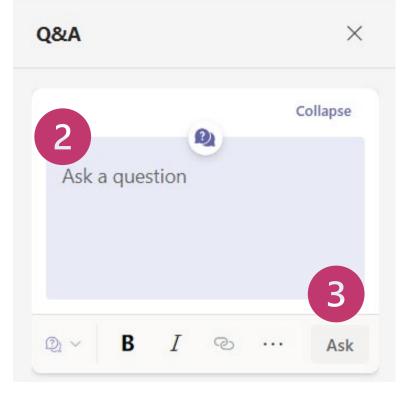


## How to ask a question



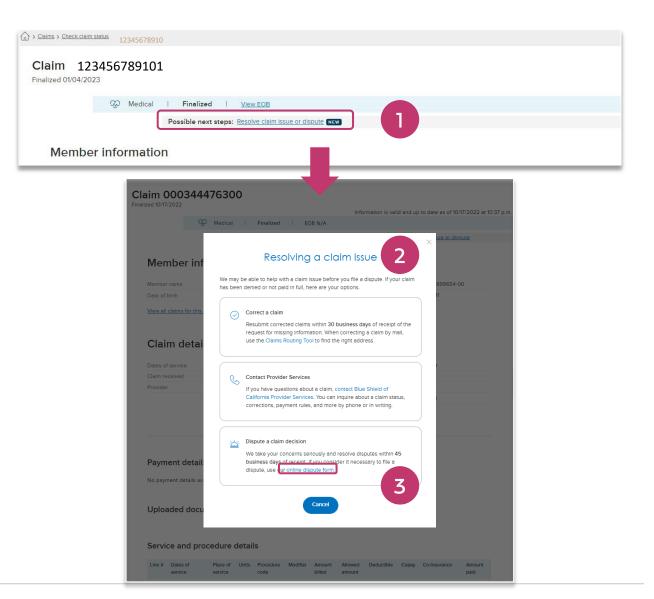
#### To ask a question:

- 1. Click **Q&A** on the top menu bar.
- 2. Type your question.
- 3. Click Ask.



## Initiate dispute online from Check claims status

- File directly from the Claim detail page by clicking Resolve claim issue or dispute.
- The Resolving a claim issue pop-up displays. It includes other options for consideration before you initiate a dispute.
- To continue filing your dispute online, click
   Online dispute form.
  - Note, if this is a claim type that cannot be disputed online, the link will say, "file a dispute by mail."



Disputes can be filed for a single claim or multiple claims in a bulk dispute for the same type of issue. There are four steps in the online dispute process\*

## I. Claim info

- Use claim number that populates or enter new one and click update.
- Default is filing a dispute for one claim, but you can change to bundled claims on this screen.

# 2. Dispute info

- Describe dispute and expected outcome.
- Review and answer question(s).
- Upload supporting documentation – up to 5 files at a time for a total of 20 – and categorize them.

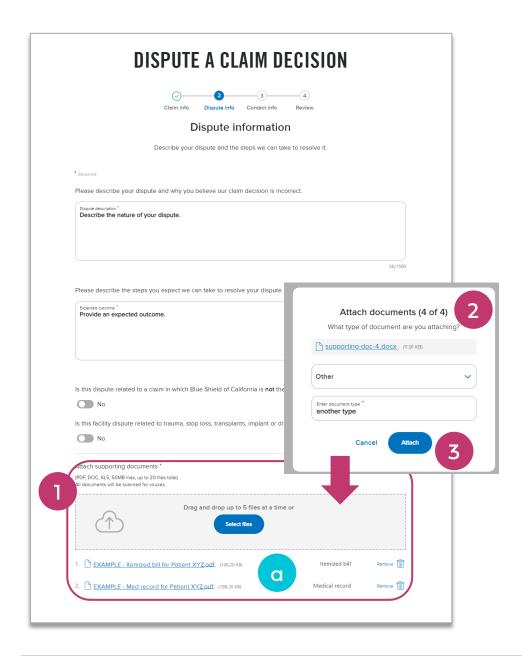
## 3. Contact info

- Make edits to contact info if necessary.
- Include email so you receive dispute correspondence -- paper letters are not sent for online submissions
- Establish a generic contact email so multiple staff have access to dispute correspondence.

#### 4. Review

- Review submission and edit, if needed.
- Click the checkbox to consent to receiving email correspondence.
- Sign and submit.

<sup>\*</sup> For detailed instructions with screenshots, see <u>Submit claims disputes online and view status</u>.

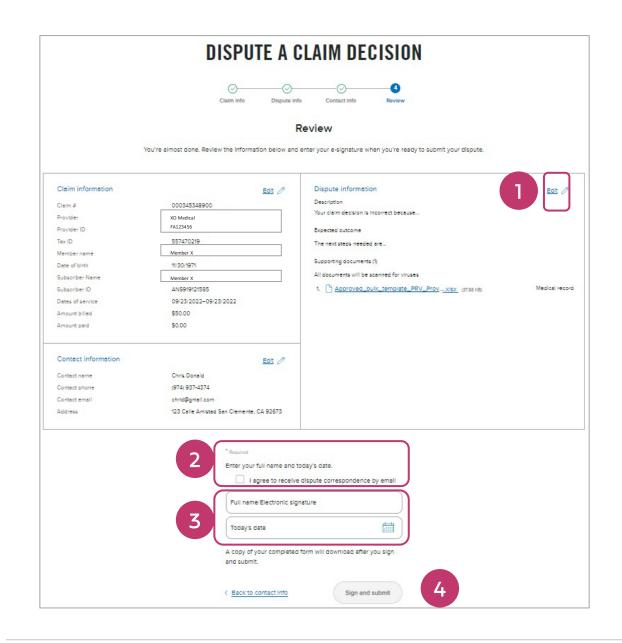


## Step 2: Entering dispute information

- Drag/drop or select supporting documents in the order you would like them reviewed.
  - Select up to five (5) files at a time for a total of 20 files.

	File types	File size (per file)
All plan types except BlueCard	PDF, Excel, Word	50 MB
BlueCard	PDF	<mark>10 МВ</mark>

- 2. A pop-up box displays for each uploaded file.
  - Select a type for each document. Options are:
    - Medical record
    - Contract/pricing
    - Itemized bill
    - Other, with a field to add a description
- Click Attach.



## Step 4: Reviewing your submission

- If edits are needed, click **Edit** to return to a specific step and make changes. Click **Next** to return.
- Click checkbox to consent to receiving electronic correspondence by email.
  - Medicare note: Not contracted with Blue Shield and submitting a Medicare dispute for a denied claim – A waiver of liability checkbox will also display, which you must check.
- 3. Enter your full name and date. Your e-signature must be an EXACT match of the name entered in the *Contact Information* section.
- 4. Click **Sign and submit**.

#### Submitted

- A confirmation screen displays with a case number for the submitted dispute.
  - For each dispute you file whether initial or final, a new case number is assigned.
  - A digital PDF copy of the dispute generates within 15 minutes of submission.
  - All dispute-related correspondence is available online under Submitted disputes.
  - The View all disputes button will take you directly to Submitted disputes.

#### **DISPUTE A CLAIM DECISION**



#### Dispute submitted

Thank you for submitting your dispute of 436 bundled claims.

Your new case number is

#### 230760000271

It will take up to 15 minutes for us to create your dispute form PDF When it's ready, you can see it on the Submitted disputes page.

#### We'll notify you at the email provided when:

- · Your acknowledgment letter is ready to view on Provider Connection (2 business days)
- · Your dispute has been resolved and your determination letter is ready (45 business days)

**Note:** All supporting documents will be scanned for viruses. If they fail our scan, we'll notify you and send instructions on submitting them successfully.

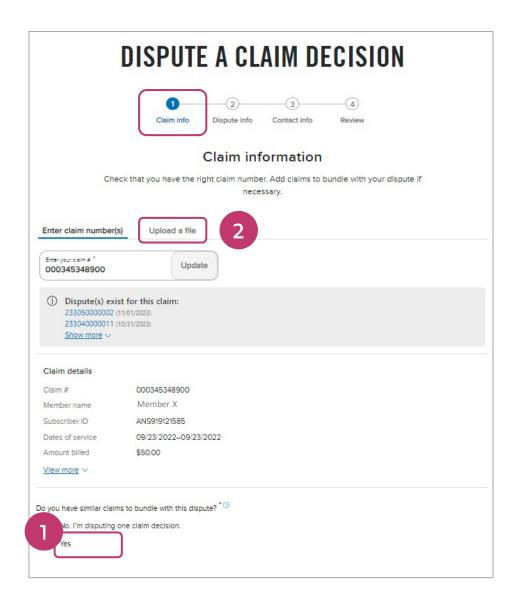
View all claims



## Bulk submission bundling rules

#### The option to bundle claims is in Step 1: Claim Info.

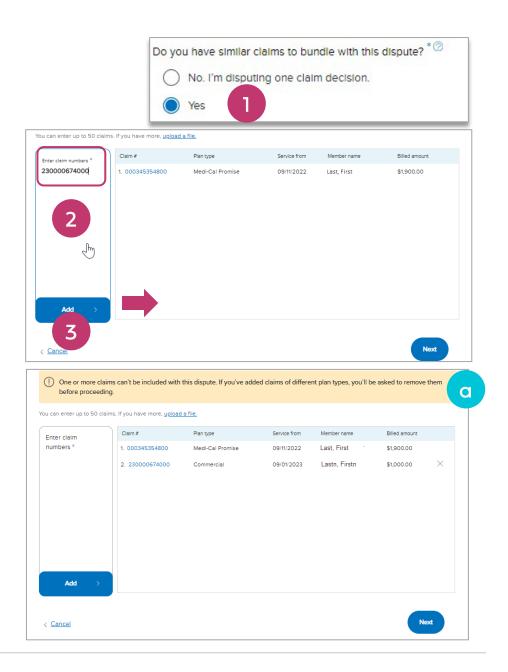
- To bundle, you have two options:
  - Click Yes: Enter or copy/paste claim numbers up to 50 claims.
  - Click Upload a file: Create and upload a CSV file up to 500 claims.
- Bundle claims by plan type.
- All claims in a bulk dispute must be for the same or similar issue.
  - FEP and BlueCard bulk submissions All claims must be for the same or similar issue AND same member.
  - Non-contracted providers cannot submit Medicare claims via a bulk file – Submitted individually.



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## Bulk submission: Enter or copy/paste claim numbers up to 50

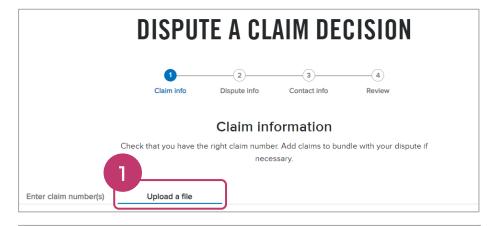
- Change the default from No to Yes I have claims to bundle.
- 2. The Enter claim numbers field displays. Enter or copy/paste claim numbers in the left-hand column.
- 3. Click Add. Each claim populates on the right.
  - a. A yellow banner will display if your claim attachment does not comply with the bulk bundling rules. You can click the X to remove non-compliant claim(s), or they will be removed for you when you click Next.

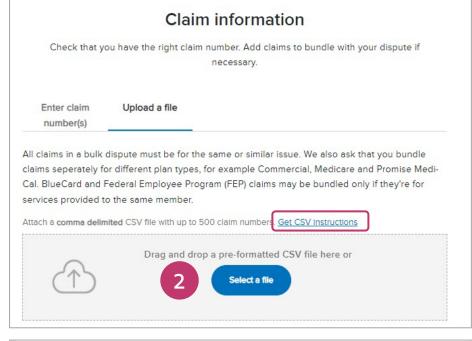


# Bulk submission: Create and upload a CSV file up to 500 claims

### Create a CSV file of claims you are disputing.

- Click the Upload a file tab.
- Drag/drop or select to upload the CSV file containing the claim numbers you are disputing.
  - CSV instructions: In Excel, export or save your file as a CSV (commaseparated values) file.
    - Include claim numbers in the first column and a header row at the top.
    - In the header, label the first column Claim number or ICN.
    - Claim numbers from the first column of your list will be checked against our records.
- 3. The Claim list accepted message displays.







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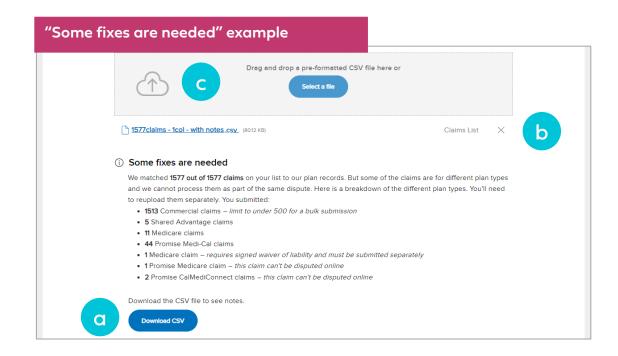
### **Bulk submission:**

### Create and upload a CSV file up to 500 claims

Note, if the attached claims do not comply with bundling rules, a "Some fixes are needed" message displays.

#### To address:

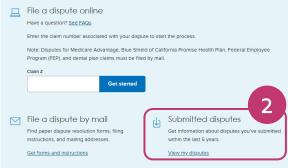
- a. Download your submitted CSV file. Claims will be labeled by plan type to help you sort and separate them. Save the corrected file(s).
- b. Click the X to remove the original CSV file with the errors and activate the Select a file button.
- c. Drag/drop or select to upload the corrected CSV file. If no additional messages display, the Next button will activate.

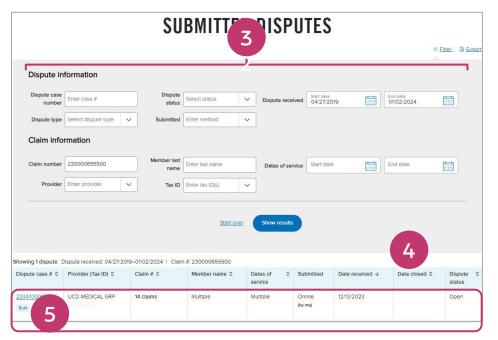


# View status of submitted disputes

- Click Claim issues & disputes from the Claims section's drop-down menu after log in.
- Click View my disputes.
- Enter data related to the dispute(s) in one or more search fields and click Show results.
- 4. Results display under the light blue banner.
- Click the dispute case number to access dispute case details including letters.



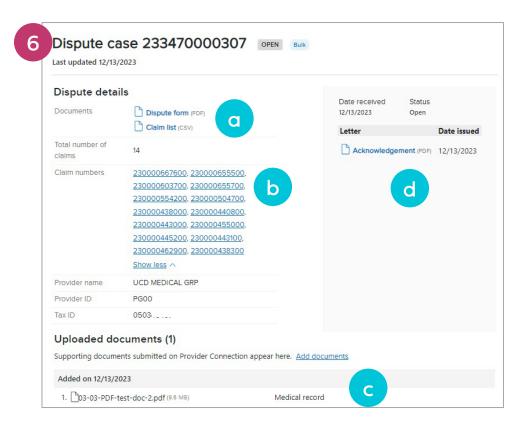




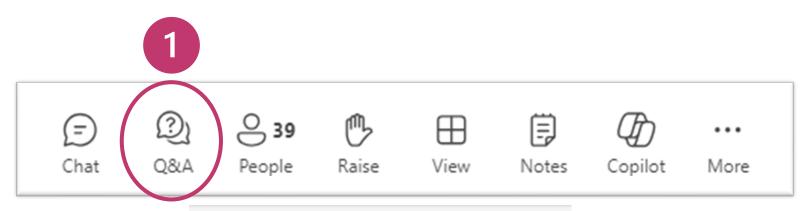
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# View status of submitted disputes

- The Dispute case details screen displays all information and documentation connected to the dispute case number you selected.
  - Dispute form and claim list (if bulk submission).
  - b. Claim numbers included in the dispute submission.
  - c. Supporting document uploaded by you with option to add additional documents to an open claim.
  - d. Correspondence and determination.

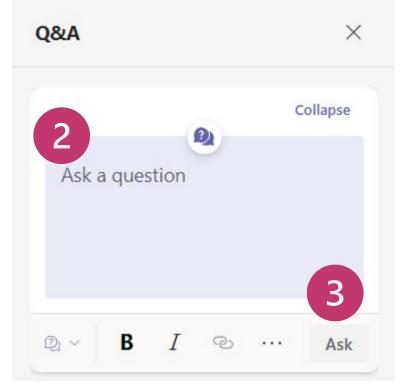


# How to ask a question



## To ask a question:

- 1. Click **Q&A** on the top menu bar.
- 2. Type your question.
- 3. Click Ask.



# Resources to support you

Action	Support
Provider Connection Support – no log in required	<ul> <li>Provider Connection Reference Guide</li> <li>Provider Connection website registration instructions for Provider, MSO and Billing accounts and additional tutorials.</li> <li>Online text-based website help available from every page – no log in required.</li> </ul>
<u>Provider Data Management</u>	How to attest & update provider demographic data
<u>AuthAccel Online Authorization System training</u> – no login required.	Instructions are also linked to each AuthAccel launch page (login required)
Blue Shield Customer Care at <b>(800) 541-6652</b> Blue Shield Promise Customer Care at <b>(800) 468-9935</b> Live chat from Provider Connection – log in required.	<ul> <li>General help with website if you can't find answers in the resources above.</li> <li>Removal or disabling of an Account Manager for your organization.</li> <li>Provider and Tax ID association for one of your claims.</li> </ul>
Provider Information & Enrollment at (800) 258-3091 bscproviderinfo@blueshieldca.com	<ul> <li>Provider network inquiries and applications</li> <li>Credentials (Can also email credentialling dept at <u>bscinitialapp@blueshieldca.com</u>)</li> </ul>
Blue Shield prior authorization list Blue Shield prior authorization forms	<ul> <li>Blue Shield (including Medicare) prior authorization list and forms – no log in required.</li> </ul>
Blue Shield Promise prior authorization list Blue Shield Promise prior authorization forms	Blue Shield Promise prior authorization list and forms – no log in required.
Claim issues & disputes	<ul> <li>Resources and information regarding provider disputes, including process, instructions, dispute resolution forms, and where to send them.</li> </ul>
Provider Connection News & Education section	<ul> <li>View the latest news, register for live webinars, view recorded webinars and tutorials, and access other educational materials.</li> </ul>

# Appendix

Additional information about eligibility/benefits and authorizations

# Eligibility results

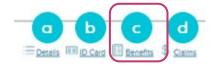
# Eligibility details screen



### Click the + sign to expand sections:

- Special programs eligibility
- Member network status, if available
- COB, if applicable and available
- Current coverage information, plus future and historical if applicable.
- Current deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums display by individual and family categories.
  - The *Visits Accumulator* presents here for **Commercial** members only. It tracks visits to specialty providers when their plan covers a set number of visits per plan year. Specialty visits covered by third parties such as ASH are not tracked by the tool.
- Current PCP and IPA/medical group

### **Benefits**



# Options for locating Commercial, Medicare, Small Group & IFP\* benefit information:

- The *Benefit summary* view is the default lists benefits in alpha order on the right.
- The *Benefit categories* view expands/collapses in left navigation pane. Detail provided on the right.
  - The Search field activates when Benefit categories view is clicked.
- Click Benefits download (if logged in) or go to Benefit summaries if not logged in, to download/view a spreadsheet with detailed benefits for the all plans.

\* The link for Medi-Cal benefits takes you to the Medi-Cal Member Handbook EOC.

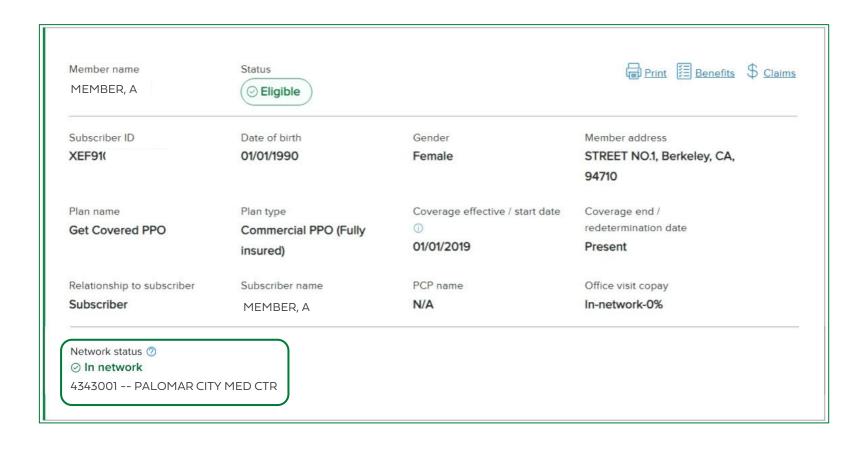
### Member network status

For the following six networks, the eligibility results screen tells you if you are in or out of the member's network:

- PPO DMHC
- PPO DOI Blue Shield Life
- IFP EPPO
- 4. CalPers EPO
- 5. PPO GMAPD
- 6. PPO IMAPD

### Note:

- For members not in one of the above networks, providers will be directed to Find a Doctor to determine network status.
- For capitated members, providers will be directed to contact the IPA.





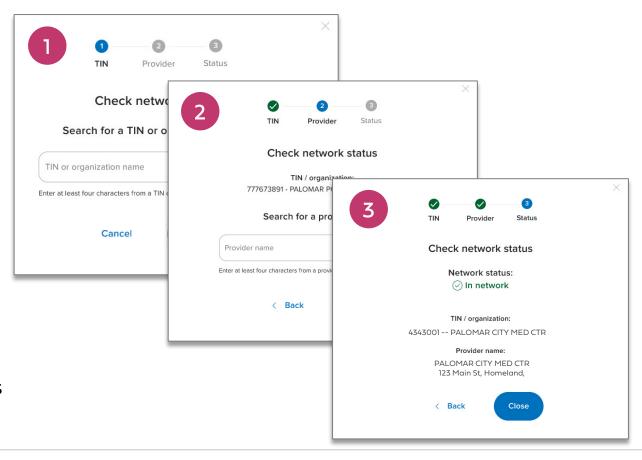
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If you have more than one Tax ID registered with Blue Shield, a **Check status** link will present. Clicking this link launches a three-step process.



- Identify the appropriate Tax ID by selecting or searching in the pop-up that presents. Click Continue.
  - Select = (1-5 Tax IDs)
  - Search = (5+ Tax IDs)
- Identify the appropriate provider by selecting or searching in the pop-up that presents. Click Continue.
  - Select = (2-5 providers/practitioners)
  - Search = (5+ providers/practitioners)
- 3. The network status displays

Note: The system will save up to four recent searches as a default.



# Coordination of benefits (COB): Blue Shield Commercial only

- Eligibility search results include COB information for Commercial members if data is in our system.
  - COB information will display when Blue Shield is not primary.
    - 1. Coordination of benefits (COB): Name of carrier
    - 2. COB order: Will indicate primary
    - COB effective/start date
  - Historical COB information will also appear under historical coverage in the Details view if termination date is within the

last two a EDetails ■ ID Card Benefits \$ Claims Member name Status MEMBER, G → Eligible Subscriber ID Date of birth Gender Member address 91911 02/02/1958 332WP, Male Los Angeles, CA, 90001 Coverage effective / start date Plan name Plan type Coverage end / redetermination date Palo Alto Networks Inc Blue Shield Commercial PPO 02/01/2022 Present Platinum PPO Coordination of benefits COB Order COB effective / start date (1) **EMPIRE BCBS** 01/01/2022 Primary PCP name Office visit copay N/A In-network-\$20

# Determine if medical authorization is required

### For Medi-Cal members:

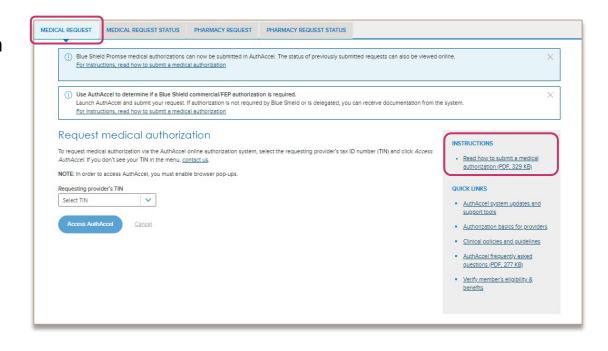
- 1. See the Prior Authorization Code Lists located on the Prior authorization list page. (Log in NOT required.)
- 2. Use online chat after log in to Provider Connection available from every page.
- 3. Call Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan at (800) 468-9935.

### For Commercial, FEP, or Medicare members:

- AuthAccel, our online authorization system, can tell you if Blue Shield does not require authorization for a Commercial or FEP medical service, and if authorization is delegated to another approver.
  - When either is the case, completing and submitting the request in AuthAccel will result in an inquiry.
     You must complete the process and click Submit to secure an inquiry number. You can print the inquiry for your records.
- 2. See the prior authorization list. (Log in not required.)
- 3. Use online chat after log in to Provider Connection available from every page.
- 4. Call Blue Shield of California at (800) 541-6652.

# Submit medical authorizations 24/7 – including mental health

- Via the Blue Shield's AuthAccel online authorization system available from the Authorization section on Provider Connection. (Log in required.)
  - "How to" instructions are located on the medical request launch page and on the <u>AuthAccel Online</u> Authorization System training page.



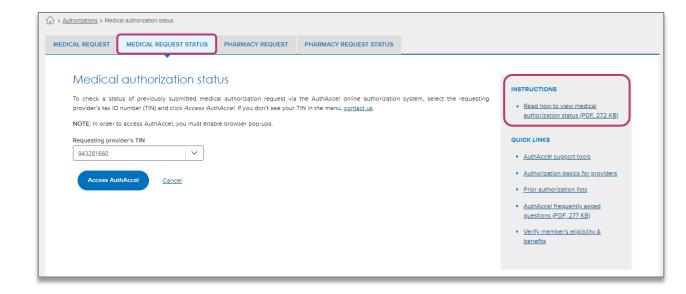
### 2. By fax:

- Blue Shield Promise <u>authorization request form</u> for Medi-Cal (Log in NOT required.)
- Blue Shield authorization forms for Medicare, Commercial and FEP. (Log in NOT required.)

### Determine authorization status

### View status via AuthAccel

- Launch with Tax ID under which you submitted the authorization.
  - Servicing providers and facilities can view authorization status under their own Tax ID(s), when they are linked to the request.
- "How to" instructions are located on the medical and pharmacy request status launch pages and on the <u>AuthAccel Online</u> <u>Authorization System training page</u>. (Log in required.)



2. Use online chat after log in to Provider Connection – available from every page.

### 3. By phone:

• Contact Blue Shield Promise Provider Customer Service at **(800) 468-9935** or Blue Shield Provider Customer Service at **(800) 541-6652**, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

# Enroll in ERA and EFT online instructions – Account Managers only

- 1. Click Account Management > Provider & practitioner profiles.
- 2. If you have more than one Tax ID (TIN), select the correct TIN from the drop-down menu and click **Search** to refresh the screen.
- 3. Click the **Remittance & Payments** tab. The screen will open on the EFT information for that TIN. Click **Edit** to enroll or to change your EFT enrollment information.
- 4. To view/edit ERA, click ERA in the left navigation. Use the drop-down menu to choose a vendor (i.e., clearinghouse or trading partner). The vendor you choose applies to all providers under the selected Tax ID. Changes take up to three (3) business days.

