What you'll need to get started:

- A designated Account Manager to register the account.
- Your MSO* Tax ID (TIN) and at least one TIN/Social Security number (SSN) for a provider you represent.
 - You can add additional TINs/SSNs after you create the account.
- The Business Associate Agreement (BAA) date. This is the date on which the contract was signed with the provider you represent.
- Claims data for the provider you represent. You have three options:
 - 1. Check EFT number **and** Check/EFT amount
 - 2. Member ID **and** Check/EFT amount
 - 3. Claim number and Check/EFT amount

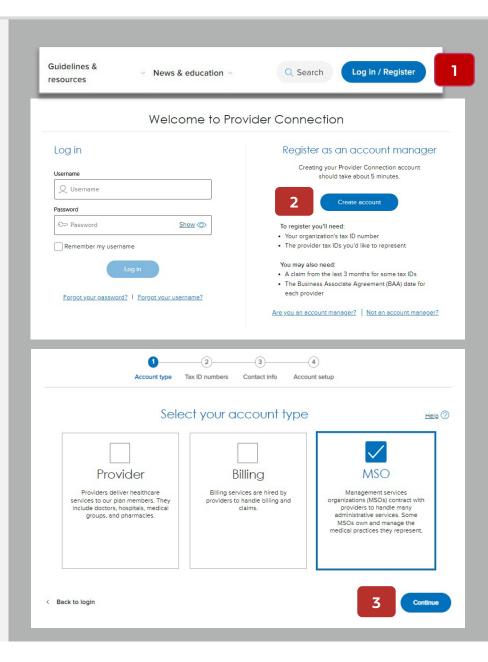
If there are no claims within the last three months for the provider you represent, the system will ask for a subscriber ID and birth date of any eligible Blue Shield/Blue Promise member.

^{*} Management services organizations (MSOs) contract with providers to handle billing and other administrative services. Some MSOs own and manage practices. MSOs do not deliver healthcare services to members.

 Click Log In/Register in the upper right corner of the Provider Connection homepage (www.blueshieldca/provider).

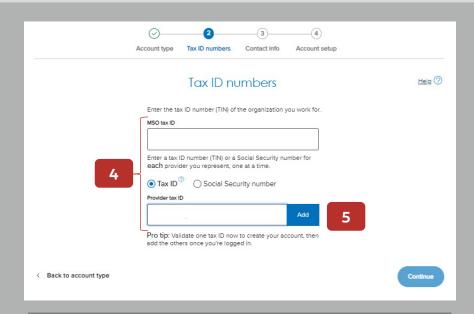
The Welcome to Provider Connection screen displays.

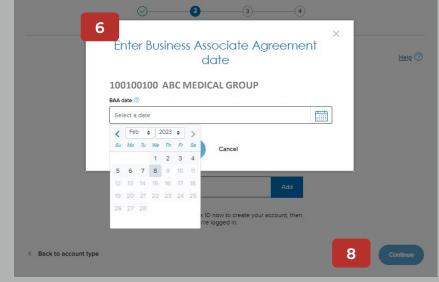
- 2. Click Create account.
- 3. Select MSO as the account type and click **Continue**.



The Tax ID numbers screen displays.

- Enter your MSO's Tax ID (TIN) and at least one TIN or Social Security number (SSN) for a provider you represent.
 - Remember, you can add more TINs/SSNs after you create the account.
- 5. Click Add.
- The Enter Business Associate Agreement (BAA) date pop-up presents. Select the BAA date and click Continue.
 - Remember, the BAA date is the date on which the contract was signed with the provider you represent.
- 7. The Provider TIN/SSN and name will populate on the *Tax ID numbers* screen. Repeat to add additional provider TINs/SSNs if desired. (Steps not shown.)
- 8. Click Continue.





The Verify your access screen displays.

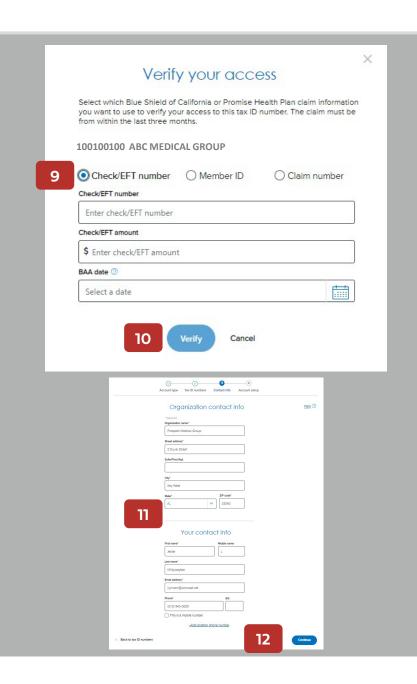
If the provider you are representing has claims within the last three months, the system will ask for claim information.

- 9. Select one of the three options to verify the account, then complete the fields below as required.
 - Remember, if there are no claims within the last three months a different screen displays, which requests a subscriber ID and birth date of any eligible Blue Shield/Blue Promise member.

10. Click Verify.

The Organization contact info screen displays.

- 11. Complete the Organization contact info and Your contact info fields.
- 12. Click Continue.



The Account setup screen displays.

- 13. Establish your Username and Password.
- 14. Click Continue.

The *Terms and conditions* screen displays.

- 15. Review the terms and conditions, then enter your full name (e-sign) and today's date to indicate agreement.
- 16. Click Sign and create account.

The Please validate your email address screen displays.

- 17. Click the link sent to your email address to validate and activate your account. You will now be able to log in to Provider Connection and add users to your account.
 - The link expires, so follow it promptly. (If the link expires, request another one.)
 - · Check SPAM if you do not receive this email.
 - To add TINs/SSNs, go to: Account Management
 Manage your Provider Connection Tax IDs.

