

Availity Enhancements

Confirmation of Availity Claim Submissions Is Improving

Florida Blue is changing how it acknowledges electronic claim submissions through Availity^{®1}. Currently we send one claim response to acknowledge receipt of the claim, which includes details about its processing status. Starting July 15, 2023, Florida Blue will start sending two responses after a claim is submitted. The first response will confirm the claim has been received. A follow-up response will include the same information we send today with claim processing details, the reason a claim has been rejected, or confirmation the claim has been received for further processing.

This enhancement lets you know immediately when we receive your claim while the claim processing is in progress.

Another Recent Enhancement to Note

Another recent enhancement in Availity includes the display of provider group associations in the eligibility and benefits (E&B) tool. When a user runs an E&B transaction, the group name is shown in the Provider Information section of the results page.

Immediate access to provider group names saves administrative time and improves the ability of users to better estimate the patient’s care costs. This is important when working with other groups and facilities to appropriately plan and deliver care according to benefits and the available medical programs.

As shown below, the section displays the requesting provider, the primary care physician, and the provider’s group association.

▼ Provider Information		
Requesting Provider	Primary Care Provider	Health Care Facility
Name: BELT, ORION S.	Name: ODNALRO, MARISOL	Name: BEST BLVD PHYSICIANS
Category: Requesting Provider	Category: Primary Care Provider	Category: Health Care Facility
NPI: 1112223334	NPI: 5556667778	Type: Group
Payer Assigned Provider ID: 01010	99099 NE BEST BLVD	
Submitter ID: Z0070	ORLANDO, FL 32822	

In the next image, the results page for a patient with HMO coverage notes the selected provider is in-network. It also displays the requesting provider, primary care provider, and three group associations. Availity can display up to six associations.

Messages		Other or Additional Payer Information	
SELECTED PROVIDER IS PARTICIPATING IN THIS NETWORK - HMO		Payer Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OTHER INSURANCE UNKNOWN/UNVERIFIED 	
▼ Provider Information			
Requesting Provider Name: SMITH, JOHN MARK Category: Requesting Provider NPI: 9876543210 Payer Assigned Provider ID: 01234 Submitter ID: Z0001	Primary Care Provider Name: JOHNSON, MARY K. Category: Primary Care Provider NPI: 0123456789 4321 Super Highway NE DELAND, FL 32724	Health Care Facility Name: BOULEVARD MEDICAL Category: Health Care Facility Type: Group	
Health Care Facility Name: TOBIAS PHYSICIANS Category: Health Care Facility Type: Group	Health Care Facility Name: TRI-COUNTY PHYSICIANS GROUP Category: Health Care Facility Type: Group		

We hope you find these enhancements helpful.

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