
Section 5: How to File a Claim

This section provides you with information about:

- How and when to file a claim.
- If you receive Covered Health Services from a Network provider, you do not have to file a claim. We pay these providers directly.
- If you receive Covered Health Services from a non-Network provider, you are responsible for filing a claim.

If You Receive Covered Health Services from a Network Provider

We pay Network providers directly for your Covered Health Services. If a Network provider bills you for any Covered Health Service, contact the Claims Administrator. However, you are responsible for meeting the Annual Deductible and for paying Copayments to a Network provider at the time of service, or when you receive a bill from the provider.

Filing a Claim for Benefits

When you receive Covered Health Services as a result of an Emergency or if the Claims Administrator refers you to a non-Network provider, you are responsible for requesting payment from us through the Claims Administrator. You must file the claim in a

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format that contains all of the information required, as described below.

You must submit a request for payment of Benefits within 90 days after the date of service. If you don't provide this information to the Claims Administrator within one year of the date of service, Benefits for that health service will be denied or reduced, in the Claims Administrator's discretion. This time limit does not apply if you are legally incapacitated. If your claim relates to an Inpatient Stay, the date of service is the date your Inpatient Stay ends.

Pharmacy Benefit Claims

If you are asked to pay the full cost of a prescription when you fill it at a retail or mail-order pharmacy and you believe that the Plan should have paid for it, you may submit a claim for reimbursement as set forth in the procedures for filing a post-service group health plan claim (described in this section). If you pay a Copayment and you believe that the amount of the Copayment was incorrect, you also may submit a claim for reimbursement as set forth in the procedures for filing a post-service group health plan claim.

If a retail or mail order pharmacy fails to fill a prescription that you have presented, you may contact the Claims Administrator by submitting a claim for coverage as set forth in the procedures for filing a pre-service health plan claim (described in this section).

Required Information

When you request payment of Benefits from us, you must provide all of the following information:

- A. Participant's name and address.
- B. The patient's name, age and relationship to the Participant.
- C. The member number stated on your ID card.
- D. An itemized bill from your provider that includes the following:

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- Patient diagnosis
- Date of service
- Procedure code(s) and description of service(s) rendered
- Provider of service (Name, Address and Tax Identification Number)

- E. The date the Injury or Sickness began.
- F. A statement indicating either that you are, or you are not, enrolled for coverage under any other health insurance plan or program. If you are enrolled for other coverage you must include the name of the other carrier(s).

Payment of Benefits

- B. Through the Claims Administrator, we will make a benefit determination as set forth below.

You may not assign your Benefits under the Plan to a non-Network provider without our consent. The Claims Administrator may, however, in their discretion, pay a non-Network provider directly for services rendered to you.

The Claims Administrator will notify you if additional information is needed to process the claim. The Claims Administrator may request a one time extension not longer than 15 days and will pend your claim until all information is received. Once you are notified of the extension or missing information, you then have at least 45 days to provide this information.

Benefit Determinations

Post-Service Claims

Post-Service Claims are those claims that are filed for payment of benefits after medical care has been received. If your post-service claim is denied, you will receive a written notice from the Claims Administrator within 30 days of receipt of the claim, as long as all needed information was provided with the claim. The Claims

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Administrator will notify you within this 30-day period if additional information is needed to process the claim, and may request a one time extension not longer than 15 days and pend your claim until all information is received.

Once notified of the extension you then have 45 days to provide this information. If all of the needed information is received within the 45-day time frame and the claim is denied, the Claims Administrator will notify you of the denial within 15 days after the information is received. If you don't provide the needed information within the 45-day period, your claim will be denied.

A denial notice will explain the reason for denial, refer to the part of the Plan on which the denial is based, and provide the claim appeal procedures.

Pre-Service Requests for Benefits

Pre-service requests for Benefits are those requests that require notification or approval prior to receiving medical care. If you have a pre-service request for Benefits, and it was submitted properly with all needed information, you will receive written notice of the decision from the Claims Administrator within 15 days of receipt of the request. If you filed a pre-service request for Benefits improperly, the Claims Administrator will notify you of the improper filing and how to correct it within 5 days after the pre-service request for Benefits was received. If additional information is needed to process the pre-service request, the Claims Administrator will notify you of the information needed within 15 days after the it was received, and may request a one time extension not longer than 15 days and pend your request until all information is received. Once notified of the extension you then have 45 days to provide this information. If all of the needed information is received within the 45-day time frame, the Claims Administrator will notify you of the determination within 15 days after the information is received. If you don't provide the needed information within the 45-day period, your

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request for Benefits will be denied. A denial notice will explain the reason for denial, refer to the part of the Plan on which the denial is based, and provide the appeal procedures.

Urgent Requests for Benefits that Require Immediate Action

Urgent requests for Benefits are those that require notification or approval prior to receiving medical care, where a delay in treatment could seriously jeopardize your life or health or the ability to regain maximum function or, in the opinion of a Physician with knowledge of your medical condition could cause severe pain. In these situations:

- You will receive notice of the benefit determination in writing or electronically within 24 hours after the Claims Administrator receives all necessary information, taking into account the seriousness of your condition.
- Notice of denial may be oral with a written or electronic confirmation to follow within 3 days.

If you filed an urgent request for Benefits improperly, the Claims Administrator will notify you of the improper filing and how to correct it within 24 hours after the urgent request was received. If additional information is needed to process the request, the Claims Administrator will notify you of the information needed within 24 hours after the request was received. You then have 48 hours to provide the requested information.

You will be notified of a determination no later than 24 hours after:

- The Claims Administrator's receipt of the requested information;
or

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- The end of the 48-hour period within which you were to provide the additional information, if the information is not received within that time.

A denial notice will explain the reason for denial, refer to the part of the Plan on which the denial is based, and provide the appeal procedures.

Concurrent Care Claims

If an on-going course of treatment was previously approved for a specific period of time or number of treatments, and your request to extend the treatment is an urgent care request for Benefits as defined above, your request will be decided within 24 hours. The Claims Administrator will make a determination on your request for the extended treatment within 24 hours from receipt of your request.

If an on-going course of treatment was previously approved for a specific period of time or number of treatments, and you request to extend treatment in a non-urgent circumstance, your request will be considered a new request and decided according to post-service or pre-service timeframes, whichever applies.

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