## Texas Medicaid: New Claim Status Tool via Availity® Provider Portal

This notice applies to providers rendering services for the following Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) members:

• Texas Medicaid STAR, STAR Kids and CHIP

As of Oct. 31, 2019, a new and improved Availity Claim Status tool is available for providers to verify status online for the above-referenced member. This Claim Status tool is found in the Claims & Payment menu in the Availity portal and allows providers to search for claims by member ID or specific claim number.

The claim status results are real-time and provide more detailed information than the HIPAA-standard 277 claim status transaction. In addition, this new claim status option returns the following details:

- patient and provider data submitted on claims
- in-network and out-of-network patient liability breakdown
- billing and rendering provider name and NPI
- check number, check date and payee name
- other carrier payment amount
- ineligible reason codes and associated descriptions

## Webinar Training

Providers are encouraged to register for an upcoming training to learn how to efficiently verify claim status using this new online capability. To register for a session, simply click on the date and time below.

- Nov. 12, 2019 2 to 3 p.m.
- <u>Nov. 13, 2019 10 to 11 a.m.</u>
- <u>Nov. 14, 2019 3 to 4 p.m.</u>
- Nov. 15, 2019 11 to 12 p.m.

## **Resources Coming Soon**

For additional instructions, watch for the new **Government Programs: Claim Status Tool tip sheet** that will soon be published in the Provider Tools section of our Provider website. As a reminder, you must be registered with Availity to utilize the Claim Status tool. For registration information, visit <u>availity.com</u> , or contact Availity Client Services at 1-800-282-4548.

If you have additional questions, contact the Provider Education Consultants at PECS@bcbstx.com.

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