

## Availity® Provider Portal Offerings

The Availity provider engagement portal helps providers and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) to securely share information easily and efficiently. Using Availity allows you to quickly check patient eligibility and benefits, confirm prior authorization requirements, submit prior authorization requests, check claim status, obtain provider claim summaries and more without having to call BCBSTX.

### Advantages of using Availity

- Accessible 24/7
- HIPAA Compliant
- Multi-Payer Solution
- Real-time Search Results
- No Cost Transactions
- Printable Results
- Online Help Features

### Electronic Provider Tools

The following complimentary self-service tools are accessible through Availity and can be used to accomplish multiple tasks and gain information.

Pre-Service Tools	Description
Eligibility and Benefits Inquiry	Verify real-time patient activity, check coverage details and determine prior authorization requirements
Patient Care Summary	Consolidated view of a patient's health care history
Patient Cost Estimator*	Estimate a patient's potential out-of-pocket costs
Patient ID Finder*	Obtain the BCBSTX patient ID and group number
Attachments*	Submit predetermination of benefits requests handled by BCBSTX
Authorizations & Referrals	Submit prior authorization & referral requests handled by BCBSTX
Altruista Health's GuidingCare™ (single sign-on access)	Monitor rendered services, activities, quality measures and care plans for Texas Medicaid members
Post-Service Tools	Description
Claim Status	Check detailed, real-time claim status
Research Procedure Code Edits (Clear Claim Connection)*	Determine how coding combinations on a specific claim may be evaluated during the adjudication process
Reporting On-Demand	View, download, save and/or print the Provider Claim Summary (PCS) for finalized claims
Remittance Viewer	Offers providers and billing services a convenient way to view and help reconcile claim data in the 835 Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA)
Electronic Refund Management (eRM)*	Reconcile claim overpayments and manage refund requests
Claim Inquiry Resolution (CIR)*	Submit claim reconsideration request for certain finalized claims
Medical Attachment (Electronic Quality and Risk Adjustment Medical Records Requests)	Receive and electronically respond to medical record requests for quality and risk adjustment
Clinical Quality Validation (CQV)	Comply with Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEIDIS) measures by electronically documenting the patient's care and assessment

**\*Not available for Texas Medicaid or Medicare Advantage members.**

If you have not yet registered for [Availity](#), you can sign up at no charge. For registration assistance, you may contact Availity Client Services at 800-282-4548.

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### For More Information

Refer to the [Provider Tools](#) section of our website for detailed information and applicable user guides for the Availity offerings. Additionally, you can visit our [Provider Training](#) page to register for upcoming online training sessions.

**Have additional questions or need customized training?** Email our [Provider Education Consultants](#) for assistance.

Checking eligibility and/or benefit information is not a guarantee of payment. Benefits will be determined once a claim is received and will be based upon, among other things, the member's eligibility and the terms of the member's certificate of coverage applicable on the date services were rendered. If you have any questions, please call the number on the member's ID card.

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