

## FILING INSTRUCTIONS

MEMBERS: You are required to complete this claim form if you receive services from a nonparticipating physician (any physician that is "out-of-network").

1. Complete the patient and insured information sections (Boxes 1-12).

- Please make sure the three-letter alpha prefix, along with the insured's member identification number, appears in Box 1a. Do not complete Box 13.

2. Attach the original itemized bill from the physician to the claim form and mail it to the address listed on the front of the form.
OR
Have the physician complete the physician supplier information sections (Boxes 14-33). And mail it to the address listed on the front of the form.

NOTE: If you receive services from a participating physician (an "in-network" physician), you are not required to complete any claim forms. All participating network physicians submit claims directly to their local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plan.

If you have any questions about completing this claim form, please call the Customer Service telephone number listed on the front of the form or the number on the back of your member identification card.

PROVIDERS: If you have rendered services to a member, please complete the physician supplier information sections (Boxes 14-33). Then mail it to the address listed on the front of the form.

## PATIENT'S SIGNATURE

The patient must sign the claim form, authorizing the release of information to Empire or its designee as described below. If the patient is a minor, the signature must be that of the patient's parent or legal guardian.

I authorize any healthcare provider, payor of health claims or government agency to furnish to Empire or its designee all records pertaining to medical history, services rendered, or payments made regarding me or my dependents for review and evaluation of any claim or services.

I authorize Empire or its designee to disclose such information to another payor or self-insurer. If my coverage is under a group contract held by an employer, association, trust fund, union or similar entity, this authorization also permits disclosure to them for purposes of utilization review or financial audit.

This authorization shall become effective immediately, and shall remain in effect until the latest of six years after the termination of coverage, or the last determination or payment by Empire on a claim or service under the coverage. This authorization shall be binding upon me, my dependents, my heirs, executors or administrators.

## FRAUD STATEMENT

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, may be guilty of a criminal act punishable under law and may be subject to civil penalties.

See reverse side before filing your claim.
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Section 1: Member information

| Member last name | First name |  | M.I. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Member identification no. - This is required to process your claim. | Group no. |  |  |
| Street address | City | State | ZIP code |

Section 2: Patient information

| Patient last name |  | First name |  |  | M.I. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sex | Date of birth (MMDDYYYY) | Relationship to subscriber |  |  |  |
| $\square$ Male $\square$ Female |  | $\square$ Self $\square$ Spouse | $\square$ Son | $\square$ Daughter |  |

Section 3: Diagnosis

| What is the illness or injury? | If accident, give date: $\rightarrow$ | Date of accident (MMDDYYYY) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

## Section 4: Work-related



Section 5: Other group health insurance
Is this patient covered by another group health plan? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No If yes, complete the following:

| Policyholder name | Policyholder date of birth | Other insurance company name | Policy ID no. | Group no. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## Section 6: Medicare

Is this patient covered by Medicare? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No If yes, give patient's Medicare health insurance claim no.:
$\square$ Part A-Effective date: $L \quad ل$ (MMDDOYYY) $\square$ Part B-Effective date: $\square$
$\square$ Part D-Effective date: $\square \quad$ Part D carrier/company name:

Section 7: Authorization and signature(s) - Required.
The patient must sign the claim form, authorizing the release of information to Empire or its designee as described below. If the patient is a minor, the signature must be that of the patient's parent or legal guardian. I authorize any health care provider, payor of health claims, or government agency to furnish to Empire or its designee all records pertaining to medical history, services rendered, and payments made regarding me or my dependents for review and evaluation of any claim or services. I authorize Empire or its designee to disclose such information to another payor or self-insurer. If my coverage is under a group contract held by an employer, association, trust fund, union, or similar entity, this authorization also permits disclosure to them for purposes of utilization review or financial audit. This authorization shall become effective immediately, and shall remain in effect until the latest of six years after the termination of coverage, or the last determination or payment by Empire on a claim or service under the coverage. This authorization shall be binding upon me, my dependents, my heirs, executors or administrators.
I certify that the above statements are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I am claiming benefits only for charges incurred by the above named patient.
Important Fraud Warning Statement: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $\$ 5,000$ and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

| Patient signature or authorized representative | Date (MMDDYYYY) |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{X}$ | Date (MMDDYYYY) |
| Member signature |  |
| $X$ |  |

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## How to request benefits

Use this form to file a claim when your doctor doesn't file the claim for you. You should send this completed claim form as soon as possible after you get care. Check your certificate of coverage for specific deadlines to submit your claim.

Step 1: Complete all areas of the Claim Form before returning the claim to us. If benefits are to be claimed for more than one family member, a separate claim form must be submitted for each member.

Step 2: Include the itemized bill you got from your doctor. It must include:

- Name, address, and tax ID number of provider (doctor, hospital, laboratory, ambulance service, etc.)
- Name of patient
- Service provided
- Date of service
- Place of service
- Amount charged for each service
- Diagnosis code
- Procedure code

Cancelled checks, cash register receipts and non-itemized "balance due" statements cannot be processed.
Step 3: Sign and date the claim form.
Step 4: Recheck all information and submit this form along with a copy of your itemized bill to:
Empire BlueCross BlueShield
P.O. Box 1407

Church Street Station
New York, New York 10008-1407
Have questions or need help? Give us a call at the Member Services number on your ID card.
You may also use the secure online customer service form at empireblue.com.

