

Blue Cross Blue Shield Association.

# **PROVIDER ENROLLMENT**



# **AGENDA**

- Provider Enrollment Requirements
- My Provider Enrollment Portal
- Enrollment Process Overview
- Reminders

**Enrollment Applications** and Forms

Application or form	Used for
Individual Enrollment	New practitioners that want to enroll with BCBSSC (not Behavioral Health)
<b>Group Practice Enrollment</b>	New groups that want to enroll with BCBSSC
<b>Facility Information Request</b>	Medical facilities that want to credential with BCBSSC
Virtual Care Services	Practitioners or groups that want to render telemedicine and telehealth services
Health Professional	<u>In-state</u> , <u>out-of-network</u> practitioners that want to file claims to BCBSSC
Behavioral Health	New practitioners or groups that want to enroll in our behavioral health network
<b>Autism Provider Panel</b>	Applied behavior analysts that want to enroll in our autism provider panel
DBA Name Change	Changing the doing business as (DBA) name of a practice
Change of Address	Updating the physical, pay to, correspondence and billing agency address
Satellite Location	Enrolled groups that have <u>new locations</u> that want to file claims
<b>NPI Provider Notification</b>	Registering an NPI with BCBSSC
Add or Terminate Practitioner	Adding or terminating a practitioner's affiliation with a clinic, group or institution

What to Include:

**Individual Enrollment** 

Checklist Items	Mid-Level	Physician	DDS*		
Provider Enrollment Application					
Copy of SC Medical/Practice License					
DEA Certification			Note 1		
Current Copy of Malpractice (Min. \$1M/\$3M)					
Authorization to Bill for Services					
Clinical Lab Improvement Amendments					
Nurse Practitioner Preceptor Form					
Signed Contracts					
Hold Harmless – BlueChoice HealthPlan					
Appendix D – BlueChoice HealthPlan					
Additional Items for Medicaid					
Medicaid ID Number					
Nurse Protocols					
Physician Assistant Protocols	Note 2				

\*Doctor of Dental Surgery

- 1. Only needed if applicable.
- 2. Only needed for PAs.

What to Include:

Individual Enrollment (Continued)

Checklist Items	DMD*	Ancillary	Chiro		
Provider Enrollment Application					
Copy of SC Medical/Practice License					
DEA Certification					
Current Copy of Malpractice (Min. \$1M/\$3M)					
Authorization to Bill for Services					
Clinical Lab Improvement Amendments	Note 1				
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Signed Contracts					
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Medicaid ID Number	Note 1				
Nurse Protocols					
Physician Assistant Protocols					

\*Doctor of Dental Medicine

1. Only needed if the DMD is applying for medical networks.

What to Include:

**Group Practice Enrollment** 

Checklist Items	Physician's Office	Ambulance	DME	Home Health, Hospice, Dialysis, Hospitals, Skilled Nursing, ASCs*	Pharmacy	Dental
Group Practice Application						
IRS Verification of Tax ID (No W-9s)						
Electronic Funds Transfer Enrollment						
Application for Satellite Location						
Clinical Lab Improvement Amendments						
Signed Contracts						
Copy of CMS Letter						
Copy of Medicare PTAN Letter						
Copy of Business License						
Copy of DHEC License						
Additional Items for Medicaid						
Medicaid ID Number						

<sup>\*</sup>Ambulatory Surgery Centers

What to Include:

In-state, Out-of-network Enrollment

Checklist Items	Individual Enrollment	Group Practice Enrollment
Health Professional Application	Note 1	
Authorization to Bill for Services		
Group Practice Application	Note 2	
IRS Verification of Tax ID (No W-9s)	Note 2	
Electronic Funds Transfer Enrollment	Note 2	

- Needed for each individual being linked to the practice.
- 2. Needed if the group is not on file.

What to Include:

Behavioral Health Enrollment

Checklist Items – All items are needed. **Behavioral Health Application** IRS Verification of Tax ID (or W-9) CBA\* Professional Agreements (Signed Contracts) Hold Harmless Agreement Appendix C Copy of SC State License Copy of DEA License, if applicable Copy of Board Certification, if applicable Nurse Protocols (NPs only) Current Copy of Malpractice (Min. \$1M/\$3M)

<sup>\*</sup>Companion Benefit Alternatives

E-signatures vs. Wet (ink) Signatures

Medical	Allowed Signature	Behavioral Health	Allowed Signature
Provider Enrollment	Electronic or wet	Behavioral Health	Electronic or wet
Recredentialing	Electronic or wet	Autism Panel	Electronic or wet
Facility Information Request	Electronic or wet	Facility Information Request	Electronic or wet
Health Professional	Electronic or wet	Authorization to Bill	Electronic or wet
Doing Business As (DBA)	Electronic or wet	All Contracts	Electronic or wet
Change of Address (COA)	Electronic or wet		
Add/Term Practitioner	Electronic or wet		
Authorization to Bill	Electronic or wet		
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	Wet		
Appendix D (BlueChoice only)	Wet		
Hold Harmless (BlueChoice only)	Wet		
All Contracts	Wet		

#### Use the portal to:

- Become a network provider.
- Receive automated status updates.
- Make certain updates for the physician or practice.
- Receive notifications when additional information is needed.



#### Sign Up for Access to the Portal

Visit www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com

Providers>Provider Enrollment>My Provider Enrollment Portal



#### **Available Resources**

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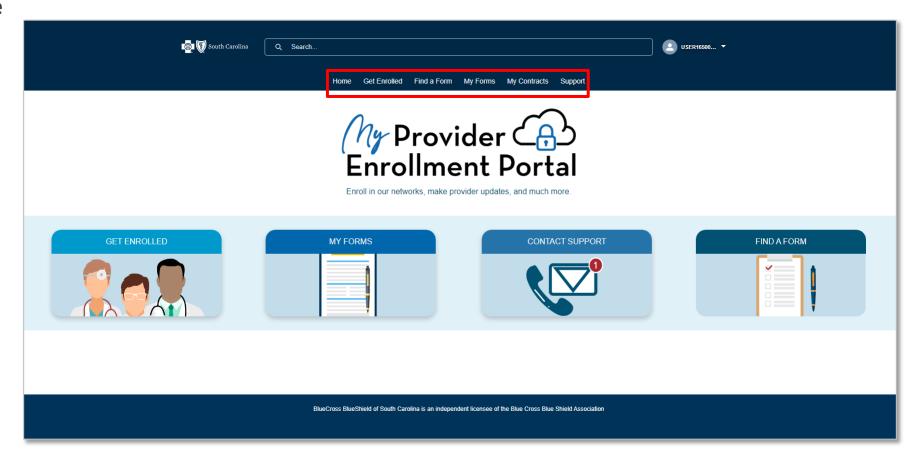
### **My Provider Enrollment Portal Manual**

Providers>Tools and Resources>Guides>My Provider Enrollment Portal

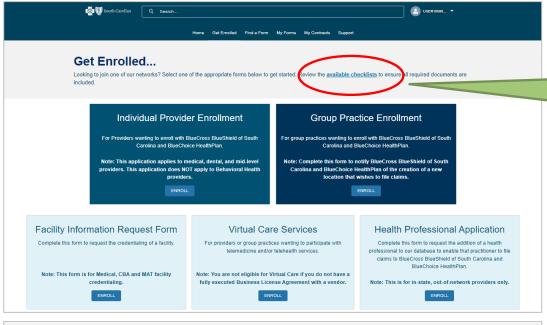
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#### **Home Page**



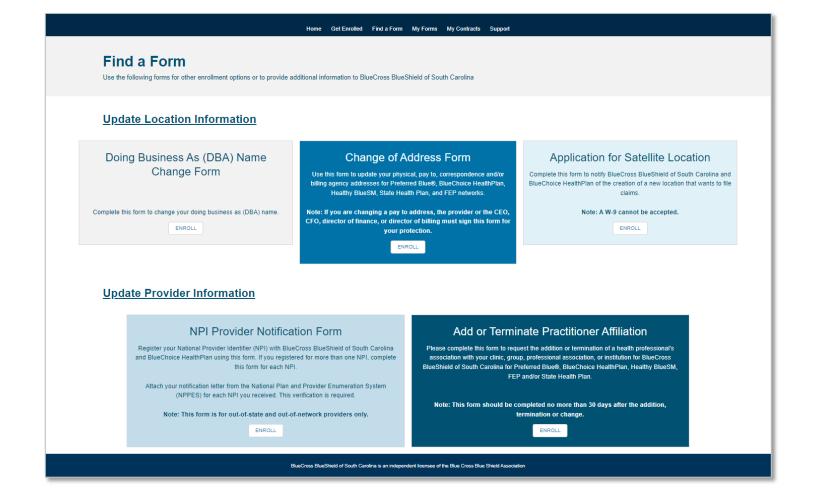
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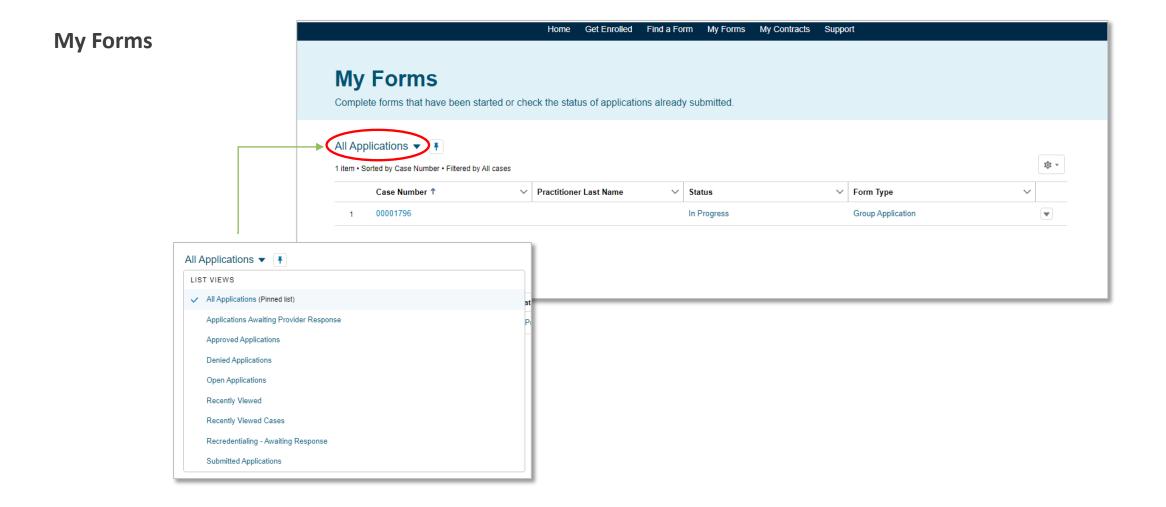


Review the available checklists prior to completing an application.

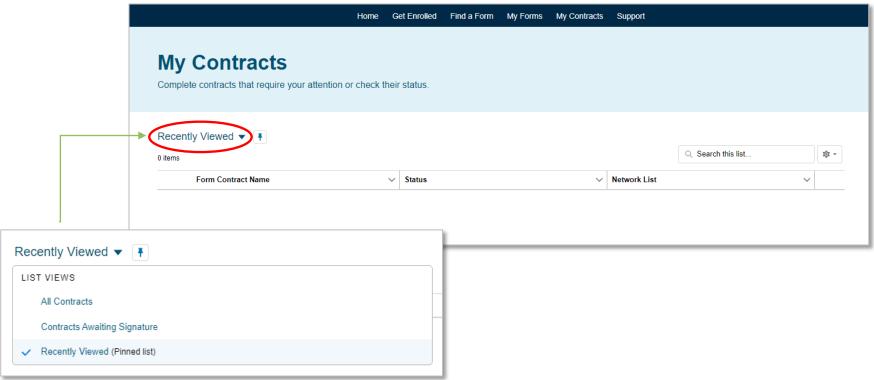


#### Find a Form

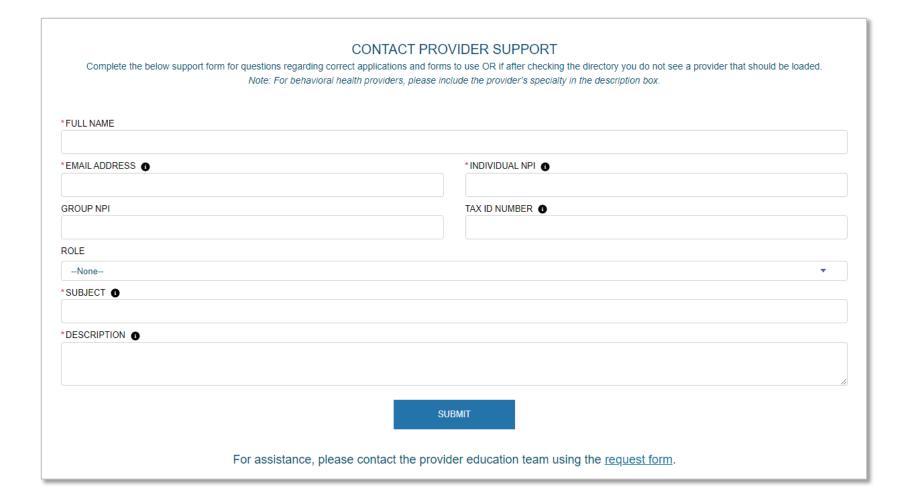




#### My Contracts

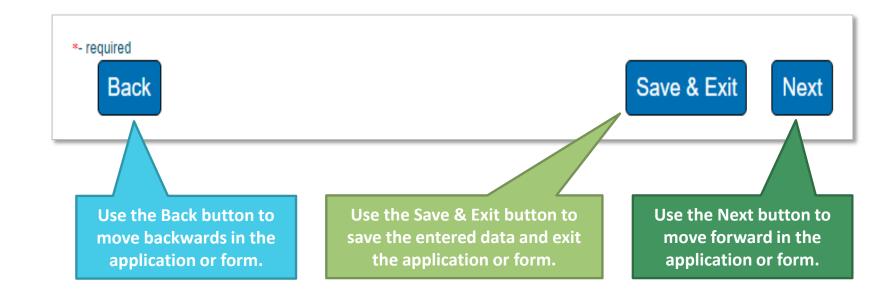


#### Support



#### **Navigation**

Navigational buttons



When you get here, you MUST select Next to submit the application.



You are almost done. See instructions below to complete your application.

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#### Next Steps for Medical Documents That Must be Signed.

#### Thank you

To complete your submission, go to the documents section under Form Information. Download your application, print, apply your signature, and re-upload them using the Upload Files button. Please note that your downloadable application will take a few minutes to appear.

#### Please note that:

- 1. You can always find your files under the "My Forms" section. Make note of your case number for easy access.
- If contracts are required, they will be found in the "My Contracts" section with the reference to your case number.
- If you need assistance, use the communication case comment section in this case. This way both you and your representative will have all the information and questions in one location.

#### For applications and forms (Electronic or wet signature)

- 1. Select My Forms
- 2. Select the appropriate case number
- 3. Select Form Information
- 4. Under Documents, select the document(s) that require signature
- 5. Download the document(s) and have the signature(s) appended
- 6. Follow steps 1 4 and select Upload Files
- 7. Select the Confirm button to attest that all required documentation with applicable signatures, initials and dates have been uploaded

#### For contracts (Wet signature)

- 1. Select My Contracts
- 2. Select the appropriate form contract name that corresponds with your case number
- 3. Under Download Contract, select the link to download and sign the contract
- 4. Follow steps 1 2 and select Upload Files

#### Next Steps for Behavioral Health Documents That Must be Signed (CBA).

#### Thank you for your submission!

There are two options to sign and return applications/documents. They can be wet signed or they can be e-signed

#### Signatures for Applications/Documents

An email will be sent to the individual practitioner for signature of their enrollment application allowing them to e-sign the application. However, as the credentialing contact, you also have the option to download the application, have the individual practitioner sign the application and upload the signed application to the case. See steps listed below. As the credentialing contact, you will receive a copy of the signed application.

For other documents and forms, if you wish to e-sign, an email will be sent from BCBS Admin at BCBS of SC (Formstack) requesting signatures. Once e-signed and submitted, we will receive your signed documents and begin processing your request. (Note: you will also receive an email containing the signed documents for your records.)

If you wish to wet sign the application/document, please see the instructions below.

- 1. Select "My Forms" from the MyPep options
- 2. Select the appropriate case number
- Select Form Information
- 4. Under Documents at the bottom of the page, select the application/document requiring signature
- 5. Select Download at the top of the page
- Print and sign the application/document
- To upload the signed application/document, follow steps 1 and 2 above and click on Upload Files

#### Signatures for Contracts

Contractual agreements may be e-signed or wet signed. Wet signed document are required to be downloaded, signed, and uploaded into the MyPep Tool. To submit signed contracts, please see these instructions.

- 1. Select "My Contracts" from the MyPep options
- Sort on "All Contracts"
- Locate your case number and click on corresponding "Form Contract Name"
- This will take you to a page containing a link to the document.
- 5. Print and sign the document. Save the signed document to your computer
- 6. To upload the signed document, follow steps 1 and 2 above and click on Upload Files

#### For applications (if wet signing)

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- 2. Select the appropriate case number
- 3. Select Form Information
- 4. Under Documents, select the document(s) that require signature
- 5. Download the document(s) and have the signature(s) appended
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- Select My Contracts
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Next Steps for Documents That Do Not Have to be Signed.

### Thank you

#### Please note that:

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- 2. If you need assistance, use the communication case comment section in this case. This way both you and your representative will have all the information and questions in one location.

#### Includes:

- NPI Provider Notification form
- Satellite Location application
- Virtual Care application

#### **Confirmation Button – Provider Attestation**

FORM FORM INFORMATION

Application Status: Awaiting Application Type: Individual

<u>Signature</u> <u>Application</u>

Contact Name: Tourne Facility Practitioner Name: Donald Duck Networks Chosen: Blue Essentials

You confirm that all required documents have been completed appropriately; all applications, associated forms, and contracting documents have been signed and/or initialed and dated (with current date) as indicated on these documents, and the required information/documentation and signed forms have been uploaded to the case.

Case Number: 00016466

Confirm

Date Received: March 8, 2023

Thank you for uploading your documents.

**Important Items in the Portal** 

Case numbers

Statuses

Contracts

**Case Comments** 

Case numbers

Generated with each application, form and support case.



### Case numbers are used for:

- Checking statuses
- Submitting case comments
- Uploading provider contracts

Statuses

Changes as the application or form progresses.



### **Statuses include:**

- In Progress
- Submitted
- Awaiting Signature
- Awaiting Provider Response
- Under Review
- Congratulations! Complete
- Denied
- Canceled

In progress

The application or form is being worked by the provider or their practice. It has not been completed for submission.

**Submitted** 

The application and all required documentation with applicable signatures, initials and dates have been uploaded.

**Awaiting signature** 

The application or form has been completed and submitted, **but signatures are missing**.

Awaiting provider response

Missing items are needed to continue the credentialing process.

**Under review** 

The application or form has been assigned and has progressed through the credentialing process.

Congratulations!
Complete

The application or form has been approved.

**Denied** 

The application or form was not approved.

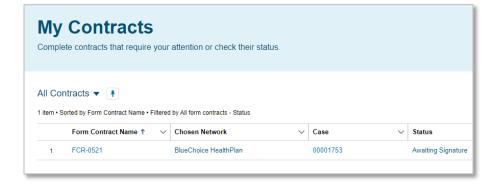
Note: Explanation for the denial is sent through email or case comment.

**Canceled** 

The application or form is no longer being worked and has been closed.

Contracts

Provided during the application review process.



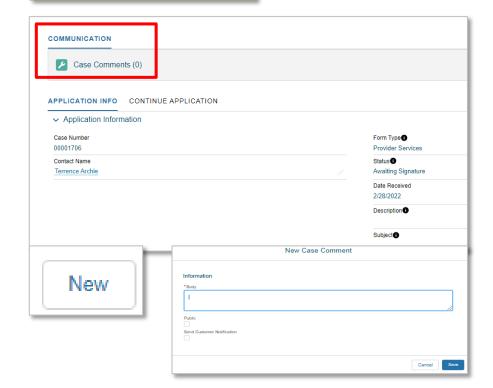
# **Steps for contracts:**

- 1. Download the contract(s)
- Print the contract(s)
- 3. Have the practitioner sign the contract(s) in ink
- 4. Upload the signed contract(s) to the appropriate case

Note: Behavioral health contracts can be signed electronically.

Case comments

Use for case specific questions (applications and forms).



# **Steps for case comments:**

- 1. Select Case Comments
- 2. Select New
- 3. Enter your comment or question in the body
- 4. Select Save

# **OVERVIEW OF THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS**

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#### **Clean Application Process**

- 1. Enrollment team receives complete enrollment application
- 2. Application is reviewed for completion and sent to the Credentialing Committee
  - Only complete and accurate applications are sent to the committee.
  - o For applications with missing/incomplete documentation, providers have **21 days** to submit the requested items.
  - Non-approved applications go to the Disciplinary Committee for approval or denial
  - The verdict is sent to the provider.
- 3. Approved applications are sent to Contracting for review
  - Approved contracts are executed
- 4. Welcome email and packet (with effective dates) is sent to the provider

## **OVERVIEW OF THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS**

#### Clean Application Process – Things to Keep in Mind

- The Credentialing Committee reviews all enrollment applications to ensure all required credentialing criteria are met:
  - Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC)
  - National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)
  - South Carolina Department of Health & Human Services (SCDHHS), when applicable
- Effective dates are based on the Credentialing Committee's approval date, per URAC requirements
- Backdating network dates is not allowed
  - Affiliation dates can be backdated, but no more than 45 days from the date the completed information is received from the provider
    - o For requested dates greater than 45 days, a hard copy claim must be submitted for review
      - If the application is pending, email the claim to <a href="Provider.Requested.Info@bcbssc.com">Provider.Requested.Info@bcbssc.com</a>
      - If the application is completed, fax the claim to 803-264-4795

# **REMINDERS**

### Missing items – Common Missing Items That Cause Delays in the Processing of Applications

Unsigned applications and contracts

#### For applications

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#### Invalid dates

- Malpractice dates must be valid within 90 days of submission
- Signature dates must be valid within 45 days of submission
- Application dates must be within 150 days from the date signed when the file is determined complete

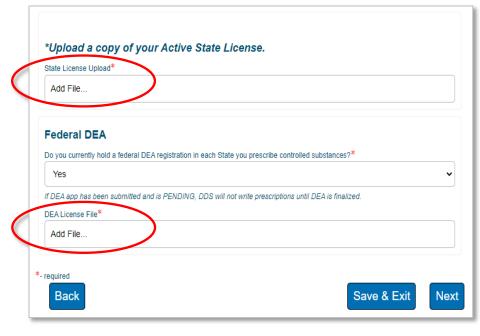
#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

An automated notification for missing items is sent every seven days (21-day max) until the information is received. If the missing items are not received, the case will be placed in the "Canceled – Incomplete Submission" status. Once in this status, it cannot be reopened, and a new application must be completed.

## Missing items – Common Missing Items That Cause Delays in the Processing of Applications (Continued)

#### **Incomplete submissions**

- Missing a copy of the following:
  - State/medical license
  - DEA license
  - CLIA certificate
  - Malpractice verification





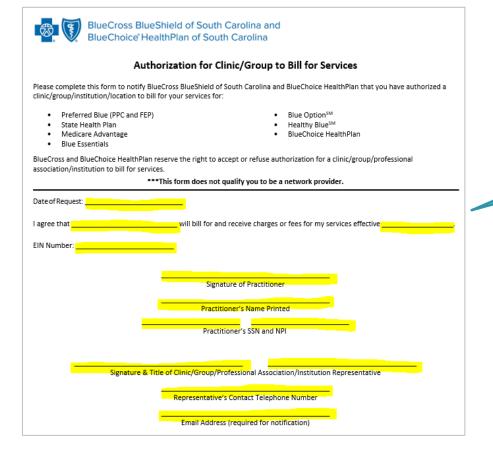
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### Missing items – Common Missing Items That Cause Delays in the Processing of Applications (Continued)

#### **Incomplete documentation**

 Authorization to Bill missing effective dates and representative details



All highlighted fields MUST be completed.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

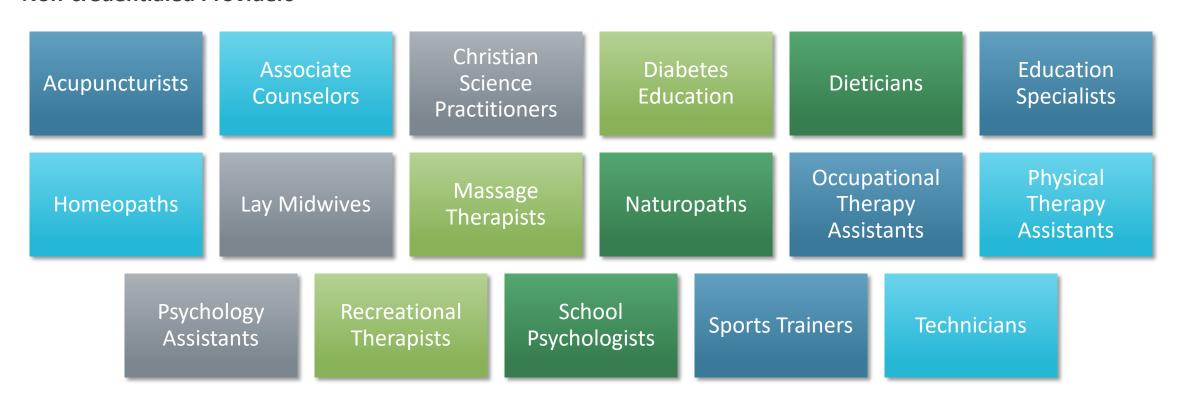
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#### Recredentialing

- Recredentialing occurs every three years.
- Our credentialing team makes outreach when the provider's recredentialing date is approaching.
  - First, they call to see if the provider is actively working at the location on file. If so, the application is sent via email or fax.
    - o If no response is received after the first attempt, a second attempt is made in **14 days**.
    - If no response is received after the second attempt, a third attempt is made in seven days.
    - o If no response is received after the third (final) attempt, the status change process begins.
- If the recredentialing date is missed, the provider is termed, and new enrollment is required.

Note: Be sure the credentialing contact email address is current as this is what's used for outreach.

#### **Non-credentialed Providers**



### **Provider Directory Validation**

As of Jan. 1, 2022, providers are required to verify their demographic data at least every 90 days. Our provider directory team also makes outreach every 90 days to ensure validation.

Note: Be sure the credentialing contact email address is current as this is what's used for outreach.

## *Importance of Validation*

- Allows us to maintain accurate directories
- Ensures members know where to find you

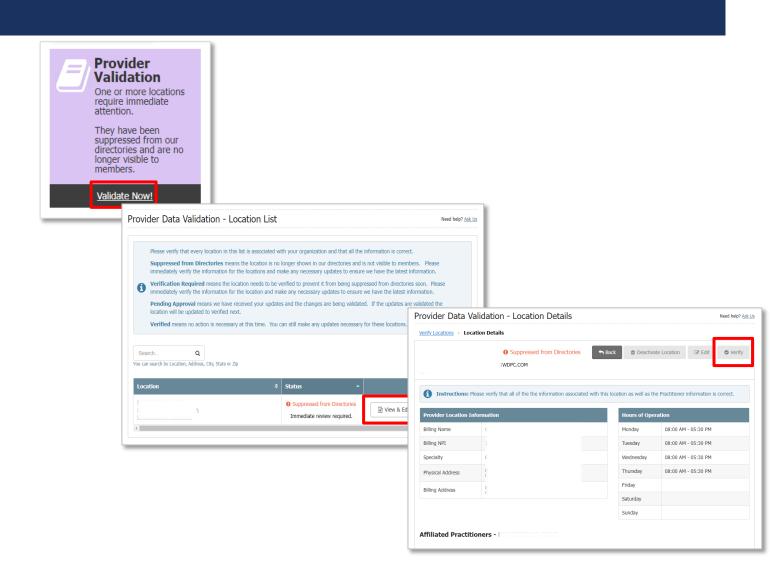
## How to Validate Information

M.D. Checkup

#### **Provider Directory Validation (Continued)**

Has your location been suppressed?

- Locations are suppressed in the provider directory if more than 90 days has passed since the last validation was made, per the CAA guidelines.
- To have the suppressed status updated, the group administrator should:
  - Log into My Insurance Manager<sup>sм</sup>
  - Select Validate Now in the Provider Validation box
  - Select View and Edit from the location(s) listed
  - Review the information, make the necessary updates, if needed, and select Verify



### **Provider Updates – My Provider Enrollment Portal (Preferred method)**

The following updates can be made using My Provider Enrollment Portal

- Business name change
  - Using the Doing Business As (DBA) Name Change form
- Address change
  - Using the Change of Address form
- NPI update
  - Using the NPI Provider Notification form
- Adding a location
  - Using the Application for Satellite Location form
- Adding or terminating practitioner affiliation
  - Using the Add or Terminate Practitioner Affiliation form

#### **Provider Updates – M.D. Checkup**

What is M.D. Checkup?

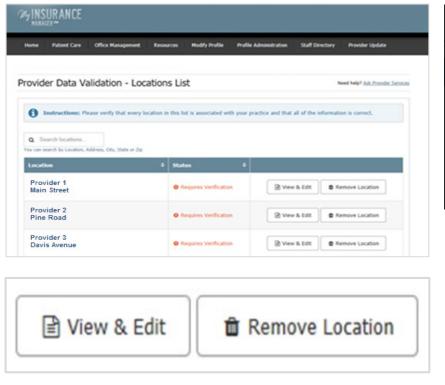
- Web-based tool used for provider demographic updates
- M.D. Checkup is accessible through My Insurance Manager

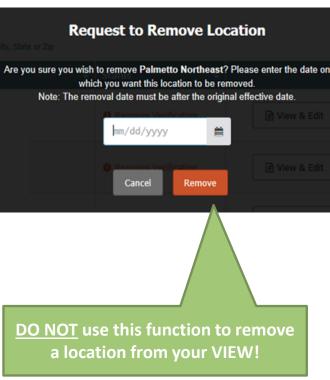
The following updates can be made through M.D. Checkup:

- Business name change
- Address change
- Adding or terminating a location
- Adding or terminating a practitioner affiliation
  - You can only add a practitioner in M.D. checkup if they are enrolled and associated with the base tax identification number



### M.D. Checkup – Removing Locations







#### M.D. Checkup – Adding Practitioner Affiliations

To add a practitioner affiliation through M.D. Checkup:



- The practitioner must be <u>enrolled and associated</u> with the base tax identification number (TIN).
  - Submit the Add/Terminate Practitioner Affiliation form to add a practitioner to a location under a different TIN.

#### **Example:**

- TIN A 123456789
  - Location 1
  - Location 2
- TIN B 987654321

Dr. Tommy Pickles is associated with TIN A and works at Location 1. He can be added to Location 2 through M.D. Checkup.

Dr. Tommy Pickles **is not associated** with TIN B. To be added to this location, the Add/Terminate Practitioner Affiliation form must be submitted.

### **Appointment Availability**

## Primary Care Physicians

- New and established patient visits
  - Scheduled within 15 days
- Urgent appointments
  - Scheduled within 48 hours

## **Specialists**

- New and established patient visits
  - Scheduled within 30 days
- Urgent appointments
  - Scheduled within 48 hours

# THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING