



1500 CLAIM ENTRY WITH CONNECTCENTER


INTRODUCTION

Registered users of our provider website, [Provider Central](#), can submit professional claims using an eTool called ConnectCenter™. ConnectCenter supports these claims where no supplemental documentation is required.

Claims submitted through ConnectCenter are sent to the [Change Healthcare \(CHC\)](#) clearinghouse, which checks claims for errors before sending them to Blue Cross. Detailed responses in ConnectCenter allow you to:

- Track your claims so you know where they are in the adjudication process
- View rejected claims to see how you should correct them to resubmit

Claims are either keyed into ConnectCenter using the 1500 claim form (the Direct Data Entry method) or submitted into the system by using the claim upload functionality. This document describes how to submit claims using Direct Data Entry.

The Change Healthcare online user manual is available from any page inside the tool. Click the help button () in the dark blue bar under the **Log Out** link.

Note: If your organization is new to Provider Central, wait 24 hours after creating your account before submitting a claim.

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ACCESSING CONNECTCENTER

Log into our provider website, Provider Central, at bluecrossma.com/provider. Then go to **eTools>ConnectCenter**.

To learn about real-time transactions, worklists, and other functions that can be performed using ConnectCenter, refer to our [Quick Start guide](#).

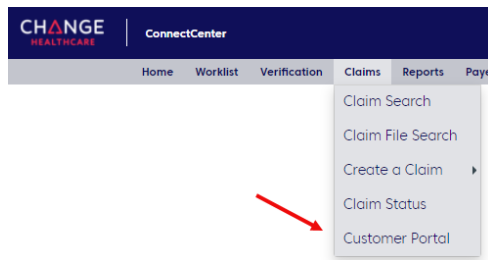
ONLINE SERVICES VS. CONNECTCENTER

ConnectCenter replaces an eTool, Online Services. Online Services users will notice differences between the tools. In ConnectCenter:

- Provider information is added through **Admin>Provider Management**.
 - If you entered claims using Online Services, Change Healthcare transferred your provider information to ConnectCenter.
 - ⚠ Please review the information by going to **Admin>Provider Management**.
- There are no Patient Lists. However, once you have performed an eligibility inquiry for a member, you can [create a new claim from their eligibility response](#).

ONLINE SERVICES CLAIMS

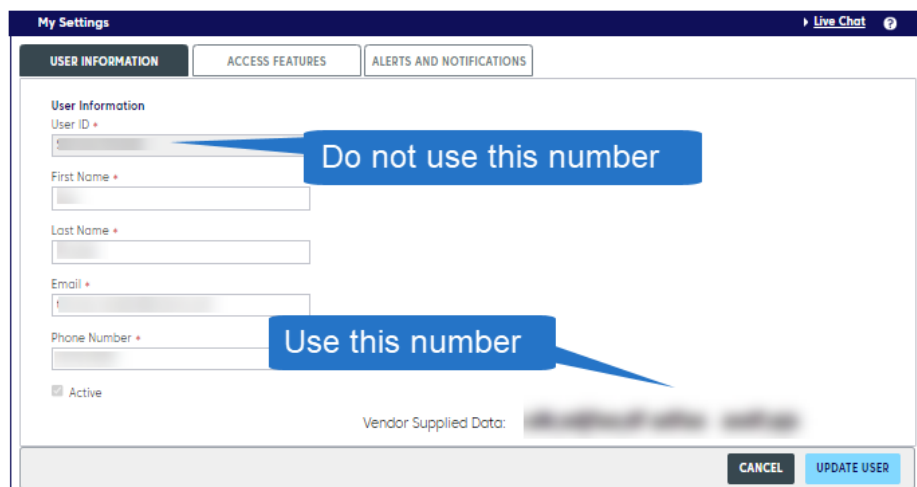
To access historical claims submitted through Online Services, use the **Customer Portal** area in ConnectCenter. You will need an ID number and password to log into this area.



To get your system-generated ID number, click the **My Settings** button in the top right-hand corner of your screen.

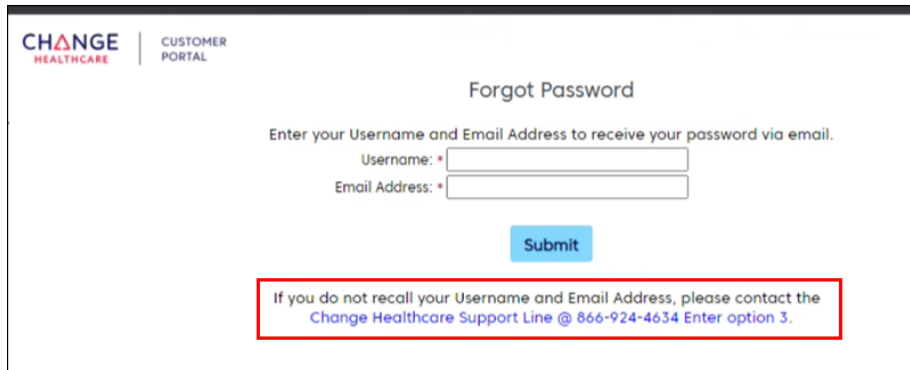


Make a note of the number that appears in the **Vendor Supplied Data** area.



Then, go to **Claims>Customer Portal** (which was called **Reporting & Analytics** in Online Services). Click **Forget Password?** to create a new password. If you don't see an email from Change Healthcare within five minutes, check your spam/junk folder. If you still don't see an email, please call the phone number on the Forgot Password screen.

⚠ To prevent an unnecessary call transfer, be sure to explain that you need help with the Customer Portal login.



Log into the **Customer Portal** with your ID number and Password to search for your claim.

The Customer Portal provides access to claims submitted in the previous 15 months.

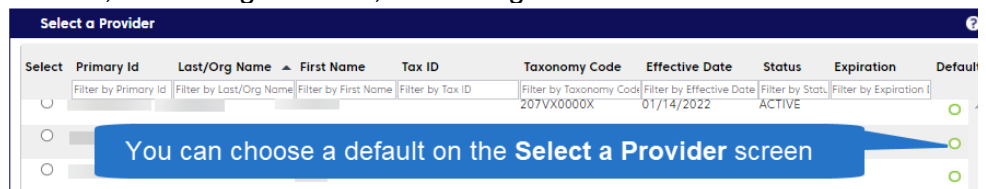
BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before you enter claims, it is highly recommended that you:

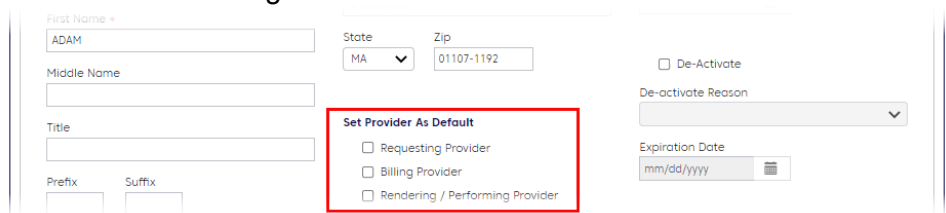
1. Create provider records in Provider Management by going to **Admin>Provider Management**.
 - a. Enter as much detail as you can: Address, phone, NPI, Tax ID, taxonomy, etc.



2. Save default providers. You can do this in either of two places:
 - a. in the **Select a Provider** screen. You can select defaults for Requesting Provider, Rendering Provider, and Billing Provider.



- b. in the Provider Management area.



Read our [Provider Management Quick Tip](#) for more help with this feature.



Important notes.

- Your default Requesting Provider should also be your default Billing Provider.
- If you indicate a default Rendering Provider, you can skip the **Claim Details** tab on future claims.

NAVIGATING AND ENTERING DATA

Dates must be entered in the MM/DD/YYYY format.

Do not use dashes when entering information like phone numbers, zip codes, and tax ID numbers. If the phone number includes an extension, enter it like this:
19785551212x123

The claim form pages include expand/collapse sections (also called “accordions”). It is helpful to collapse sections you don’t need.



ConnectCenter auto saves your claim periodically as you work. You can also click the **Save** button at the bottom of the page.

Until the claim is submitted to the clearinghouse, it will have an “Incomplete” status and will appear in the Incomplete worklist.

CREATE A CLAIM: OPTION 1 (FASTEST)

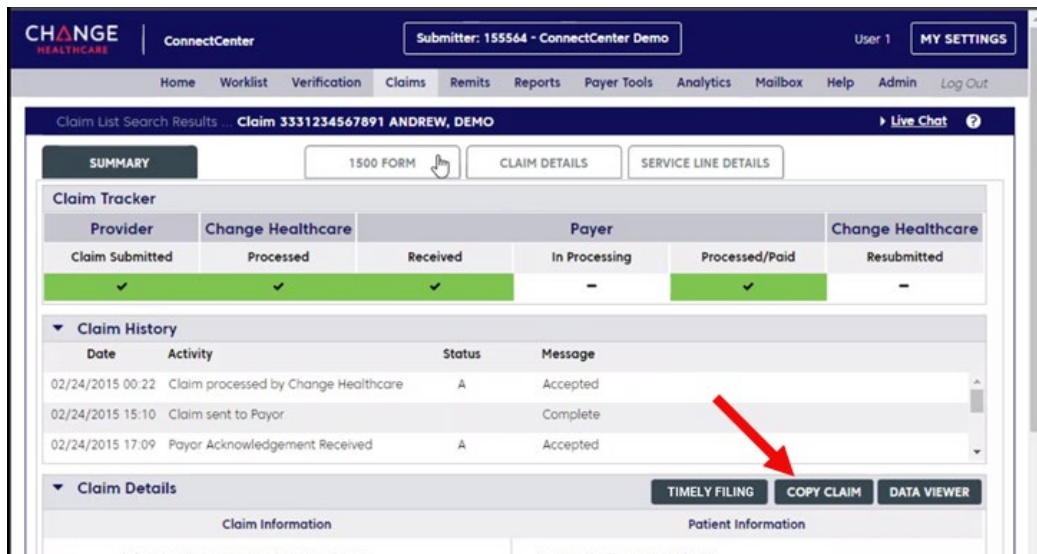
There are three ways to begin the process of creating a claim. If you have previously used ConnectCenter to submit a claim for a member, you can begin by copying the claim. This is the fastest method.

Copy only the claims that have been accepted by Blue Cross.


You can copy a claim from a claim summary page or from claim search results. First, search for the claim by going to **Claims>Claim Search**. You can click the “Copy claim” icon in your results.

Claim ID	Patient Name	Service Date	Charges	Payer ID	Payer Name	Status	Submitter ID	Download
3331234567902		05/06/2014	\$489.00	2452	DEMO PAYER	Accepted	155564	Download CSV

If you would like to view the claim before copying it, click the Claim ID number in your search results to open the **Claim Summary** page. To copy the claim from this page, click the **Copy Claim** button under the history section.



Update the date of service and any other fields that need to be updated.

 Any claim in your Incomplete Claims Worklist can be used as a claim template. When creating a claim to use as a template, enter a keyword (like the diagnosis, or, if you're working for a billing agency, the provider name) into the **Patient Last Name** field. The label will help you choose the correct item in your Incomplete Claims worklist.

For more information about Worklists, refer to our [ConnectCenter Quick Start Guide](#).

CREATE A CLAIM: OPTION 2

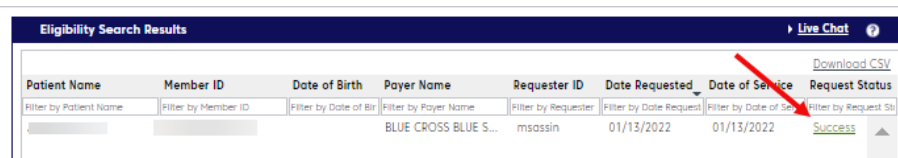
You can also create a claim from your previous eligibility search results. Using this method saves you time by transferring both the member and the provider information to the claim form.

Note:

- Unless you have created a Billing Provider default, the provider information in the eligibility inquiry will transfer to the **Billing Provider** fields in the claim form.

To create a claim from eligibility search results:

1. Go to **Verification>Search Eligibility History**.
2. Enter the member's name and click **Search**. (Tip: you can perform a search without entering any search criteria.)
3. In the search results, click the link under the heading, "Request Status."



4. The eligibility response will appear. Open the **Select Transaction** menu and click **Professional Claim**.

- The **Use Member For** button will appear next to the menu. Click the button to create a new claim for the member.

CREATE A CLAIM: OPTION 3

To begin with a blank claim form, go to **Claims>Create a Claim** and select the option, **Professional**.

TABS IN THE CLAIM FORM

A claim form will open. The top of the form has three tabs: **1500 Form**, **Claim Details**, and **Service Line Details**.

Some fields on the 1500 Form tab are duplicated on either the Claim Detail or Service Line Details tab. Updating the field on one tab will also automatically update that field on other tabs.

THE 1500 FORM TAB

ConnectCenter’s 1500 claim form was designed to resemble the paper form. Note that some fields (Diagnosis Code, Place of Service, and CPT/HCPCS) are “type-ahead,” which means that if you slowly type a keyword or code, the system will provide a list of options for you to select from.

Here are tips for completing the form.

Box	Field name and instructions
n/a	<p>Payer information. Below our name and Payer ID (2424), enter the address below. After submitting payer address in a claim one time, the address will be stored for use in all future claims.</p> <p>Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA Data Capture PO Box 986020 Boston, MA 02298</p>

Claim Live Chat ?

1500 FORM CLAIM DETAILS SERVICE LINE DETAILS

Health Insurance Claim Form

Payer Information CLEAR FIND PAYER

Payer Name - Payer ID, Payer Responsibility: BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD 2424 P-Primary

Address Line 1 / 2: Data Capture PO Box 986020

City, State, Zip: BOSTON MA 02298

CARRIER

Box	Field name and instructions
22	<p>Resubmission Code. Use this field to indicate if the claim is a replacement claim.</p> <p>Enter the original Blue Cross claim number in the Original Reference Number field.</p> <p>If you have questions about how to correct a previously submitted claim, visit the Replacement Claims page on Provider Central.</p>

17b. NPI

19. Additional Claim Information (Designated by NUCC)

20. Outside Lab? Yes No \$ Charges:

21. Diagnosis On A. E. L.

22. Resubmission Code Original Ref. No.

New Claim
Replacement Claim
Cancel Claim

24. A. Date(s) of Service B. Place of Service C. EMG D. Procedures, Services, or Supplies (Explain Unusual Circumstances) E. Diagnosis Pointer F. Charges G. Days or Units H. EPSDT Family Plan I. ID Qual J. Rendering Provider ID#

From: MM/DD/YYYY To: MM/DD/YYYY

CPT/HCPCS Modifier

1

SERVICE LINE INFORMATION

Box	Field name and instructions
24A	<p>Dates of Service. Your entry must have a MM/DD/YYYY format. You can omit the “To” date if it is the same as the “From” date.</p> <p>Note: Click in the white area under the line number to find the data entry field.</p>

24. A. Date(s) of Service B. Place of Service C. EMG D. Procedures, Services, or Supplies (Explain Unusual Circumstances) E. Diagnosis Pointer F. Charges G. Days or Units H. EPSDT Family Plan I. ID Qual J. Rendering Provider ID#

From: MM/DD/YYYY To: MM/DD/YYYY

CPT/HCPCS Modifier

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12/05/2021 12/05/2021

2

Box	Field name and instructions
24B	<p>Place of service. This field is a type-ahead field. You can enter the two-digit code manually, or you can start entering the name of the location to prompt a list to appear. Click an option to select it. Once selected, the code for that place of service will display.</p>

24. A. Date(s) of Service		B. Place of Service	C. EMG	D. Procedures, Services, or Supplies (Explain Unusual Circumstances)	E. Diagnosis Pointer	F. Charges	G. Days or Units	H. EPSDT Family Plan	I. ID Qual	J. Rendering Provider ID#
From:	To:			CPT/HCPCS	Modifier					
12/05/2021	12/05/2021	Off							NPI	
		19 Off Campus Outpatient Hospital								
		11 Office								

Box	Field name and instructions
24E	Diagnosis Pointer. Enter alpha indicators.

21. Diagnosis Or Nature Of Illness Or Injury, RELATE A-I, To Service Line Below (24E)				ICD Ind.	22. Resubmission Code	Original Ref. No.
A. N189	B. _____	C. _____	D. _____	0	New Claim	
E. _____	F. _____	G. _____	H. _____		23. (QC) Prior Authorization Number	
I. _____	J. _____	K. _____	L. _____			

24. A. Date(s) of Service		B. Place of Service	C. EMG	D. Procedures, Services, or Supplies (Explain Unusual Circumstances)	E. Diagnosis Pointer	F. Charges	G. Days or Units	H. EPSDT Family Plan	I. ID Qual	J. Rendering Provider ID#
From:	To:			CPT/HCPCS	Modifier					
12/05/2021	12/05/2021	11		97161		\$101.89			NPI	

Box	Field name and instructions
24G	Days or Units. Enter numbers only. If you need to enter minutes, modify the Unit/Basis measurement in the Service Line Details tab. In the section, Service Line Supplemental Information , enter “MJ” in the Unit/Basis Measurement Code field for EACH applicable service line. See the Service Line Details section below for more information.

24. A. Date(s) of Service		B. Place of Service	C. EMG	D. Procedures, Services, or Supplies (Explain Unusual Circumstances)	E. Diagnosis Pointer	F. Charges	G. Days or Units	H. EPSDT Family Plan	I. ID Qual	J. Rendering Provider ID#
From:	To:			CPT/HCPCS	Modifier					
12/05/2021	12/05/2021	11		97161		\$101.89	1		NPI	

Box	Field name and instructions
24J	Rendering Provider ID# (NPI). In most cases, you should add this information on the Claim Detail tab rather than on each individual service line. The exception is when different service lines involve different rendering providers. If you have entered provider information into Provider Management , you can use the + button to retrieve the provider details you have saved. If you manually type the NPI number in this field, you must also type the provider’s name on the Service Line Details tab.

24. A. Date(s) of Service		B. Place of Service	C. EMG	D. Procedures, Services, or Supplies (Explain Unusual Circumstances)	E. Diagnosis Pointer	F. Charges	G. Days or Units	H. EPSDT Family Plan	I. ID Qual	J. Rendering Provider ID#
From:	To:			CPT/HCPCS	Modifier					
12/05/2021	12/05/2021	11		97161		\$101.89	1		NPI	20800000X

Box	Field name and instructions
25	<p>Federal Tax ID Number. Do not include dashes. To find the data field, click the white space below the field name.</p> <p>If you created a Provider Management record for your billing provider and included the Tax ID in that record, then skip to Box 33 and click the + button to open the Select a Provider screen. Choose the billing provider. Box 25 will be completed automatically.</p>

The screenshot shows a portion of a claim form. A blue callout box with white text says: "If you saved a Provider Management record for your billing provider, click the Find Provider button to add that provider to your billing fields". The callout points to a small button with a plus sign (+) located below the Federal Tax ID field. Other visible fields include: 25. Federal Tax ID Number, 26. Patient's Account No., 27. Accept Assignment?, 28. Total Charge, 29. Amount Paid, 30. Reserved For NUCC Use, 31. Signature, and 33. Billing Provider Info.

Box	Field name and instructions
28	<p>Total Charge. Click the refresh button (⌂). The system will calculate the total charges based on the amounts entered in 24F for all service lines.</p>

Box	Field name and instructions
33	<p>Billing provider information.</p> <p>Reminder: If you set a default billing provider, the fields in boxes 25 and 33 will be completed automatically.</p> <p>Tips for users who need to override a provider default:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you created a Provider Management record for your billing provider, click the + button to open the Select a Provider screen. • If you enter a phone number for the billing provider, you must enter a billing provider contact name on the Claim Details tab. • The Other ID field is most often used for Taxonomy codes. When used for Taxonomy, the 33B qualifier code field must contain "PCX".

The screenshot shows the Billing Provider Info section of a claim form. Two blue callout boxes with white text are present. One points to the "Other ID" field and says "Other ID field". The other points to the "Qualifier Code" field and says "Qualifier code field". Other visible fields include: 31. Signature Of Physician Or Supplier, 32. Service Facility Location Information, and 33. Billing Provider Info.

THE CLAIM DETAILS TAB

Here are some frequently used fields on the **Claim Details** tab.

- Rendering provider information
 - If the Rendering Provider NPI applies to the entire claim, add the information here and omit it from individual service lines. (Set a rendering provider default to have these fields completed automatically.)
- Referring provider information

THE SERVICE LINE DETAILS TAB

The top of the **Service Line Details** tab will display the service lines you entered on the **1500 Form**. Additional service line information can be entered into the lower portion of the tab.

Be sure to click a service line to open fields for details related to that line.

Date(s) of Service		Place of Service	EMS	Procedures, Services, or Supplies (Explain Unusual Circumstances)	Diagnosis Pointer	Charges	Days or Units	EPSDT Family Plan	ID Qual	Rendering Provider ID#
From: MM/DD/YYYY	To: MM/DD/YYYY			CPT/HCPCS Modifier						
1	12/05/2021	12/05/2021	11	97161	A	\$101.89	1		PXC NPI	208000000X 1
2	12/12/2021	12/12/2021	11	97161	A	\$101.89			PXC NPI	208000000X 1
3									NPI	
4									NPI	
5									NPI	
6									NPI	

Total Service Lines (6) +Add Service Line

Line 2 - To view details of a different line, click on the appropriate service line above

Expand All Collapse All

Providers

Rendering

Rendering Provider Information ID's

If you have entered a rendering provider NPI on a service line, you must enter the provider's name in the **Rendering Provider** section.

If your service units are in minutes, enter "MJ" in the **Unit/Basis Measurement Code** field for EACH applicable service line.

Line 2 - To view details of a different line, click on the appropriate service line above

Line Item Control #	Sales Tax Amount	Portions Claimed Amount	Unit/Basis Measurement Code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CLIA #	<input type="text"/>	th #	<input type="text"/>
Mammography Certification #	Obstetrics Additional Units	Hospice Employee	Patient Co-Pay Exempt
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Procedure Description	Initial Treatment Date	Last XRay Date	Shipped Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="MM/DD/YYYY"/>	<input type="text" value="MM/DD/YYYY"/>	<input type="text" value="MM/DD/YYYY"/>
Note Code	Note		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		

The Unit/Basis Measurement Code field is on the Service Line Details tab.

VALIDATE YOUR CLAIM

Click the **Validate** button at the bottom of the screen before submitting your claim. Validating your claim will alert you to simple errors that would otherwise prevent the claim from being processed.

Errors displayed after validation will be highlighted in several ways:

- A list of errors will be displayed at the top of the claim form, with clickable error messages.
- Every field containing an error will be highlighted in red.

When the claim passes this basic validation, it can be sent to the clearinghouse for processing.

Claim ▶ Live Chat

Errors found. The following (11) items require your attention.

- 7. [Insured's Date Of Birth is required](#)
- 8. [Insured's Gender is required](#)
- 9. [Payer Name is required](#)
- 10. [Insured's ID Number is required](#)

Health Insurance Claim Form

Payer Information

Payer Name , Payer ID, Payer Responsibility: P-Primary

Address Line 1 / 2:

City, State, Zip:

Medicare Part A (#)
 Medicare Part B (#)
 Medicaid (#)
 Tricare (ID#, or DoD#)
 ChampVA (ID#)
 Group Health Plan (ID#)
 FECA Bk Lung (ID#)
 Other (ID#)
 To Insured's ID Number (FOR PROGRAM IN ITEM 1)

2. Patient's Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial, Suffix)
 3. Patient's Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY) Sex M F
 4. Insured's Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial, Suffix)

5. Patient's Address (No. Street)
 City State
 Zip Code Telephone (Include Area Code)

6. Patient Relationship To Insured Self Spouse Child Other
 7. Insured's Address
 City
 Zip Code

9. Other Insured's Name (Last Name, First Name, MI, Suffix)
 10. Is Patient's Condition Related To:
 a. Employment? (Current Or Previous) Yes No

11. Insured's Policy Group Or FECA Number

Your claim has been saved. 11/09/2021 10:22:56 CT

Click **Validate** to identify errors that must be corrected before submission.

SUBMIT AND TRACK YOUR CLAIMS

Click **Submit Form** to send your claim to Change Healthcare.

Return to ConnectCenter periodically to check the status of your claim. Tracking your claim will help you ensure that we receive it within [timely filing guidelines](#).

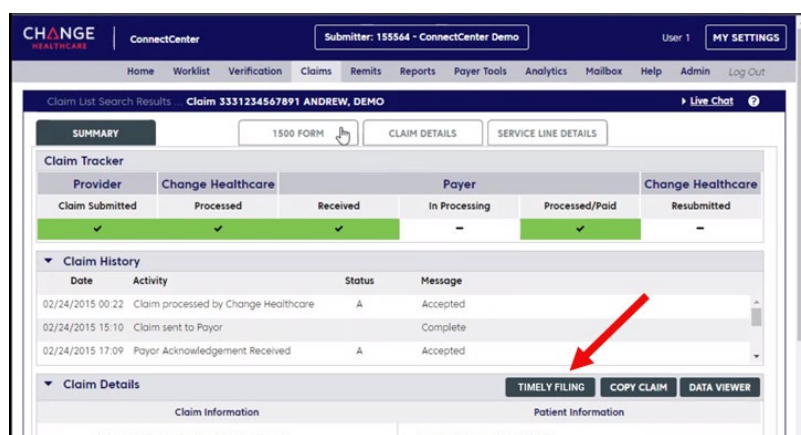
For help following claims, refer to our [Checking Claim Status Quick Tip](#).

TIMELY FILING

ConnectCenter’s Timely Filing Report is useful if you would like to appeal a claim that was denied for not being submitted in timely filing guidelines.

To access the report, begin by searching for the claim in **Claims>Claim Search**. Click the claim number in your results to open it.

A button for the Timely Filing Report appears in the **Claim Details** section of the Summary page.



RELATED RESOURCES

More resources are available on our [ConnectCenter](#) page. For additional help, contact Change Healthcare’s ConnectCenter support at **1-800-527-8133**.

- Select **option 2** for claims or claim status.
- Select **option 3**, then **option 1** for eligibility.

For help with Provider Central, please contact Blue Cross Blue Shield’s EDI/Provider Self-Service Support Team at providercentral@bcbsma.com or **1-800-771-4097**, **option 2**.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

4/15/2022	New document.
6/23/2022	Updated the Online Services claims section to indicate that the correct ID number is found in the Vendor Supplied Data field of the My Settings page.
7/13/2022	Adding instructions about the Forgot Password tool in the section “Online Services claims.”
8/3/2022	Added the section, “Timely filing.”
3/6/2025	Updated Related Resources section.

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