

ADMINISTERING YOUR PRACTICE'S PROVIDER CENTRAL ACCOUNT

Introduction

Both individuals and organizations have accounts on Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts** provider website, Provider Central. Every practice or organization's account is managed by at least one registered user who serves as that organization's Provider Central administrator.

We strongly recommend that you assign administrative rights to a second person in the organization.

What does a Provider Central account administrator do?

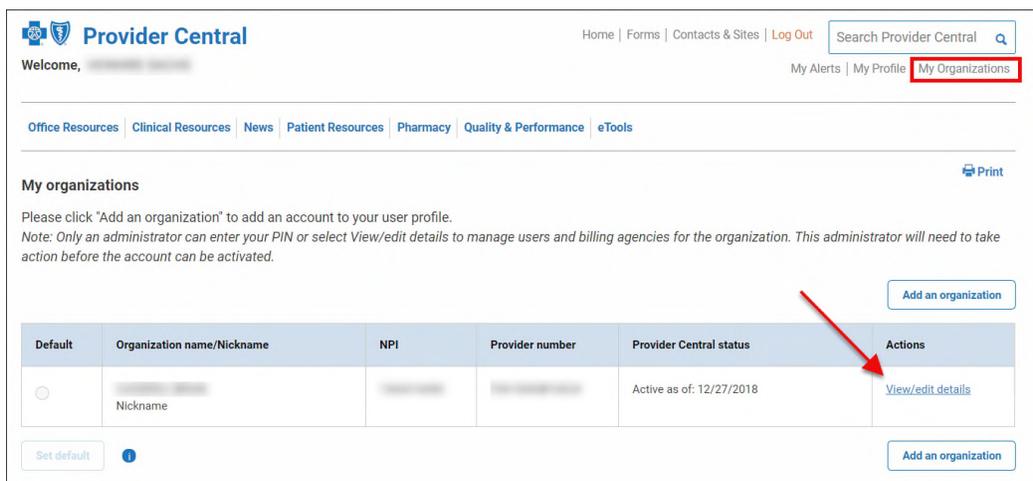
Depending on the needs of their organization, a Provider Central administrator may:

- **Invite users** (office staff and providers in your practice) to register
 - Before you can add them to your practice's Provider Central account, your colleagues will need to create a username and password. They can click the **Register** button and follow the prompts, or you can send them an invitation through Provider Central (see page 2).
- **Review requests from new users** who would like to link their Provider Central profile to your practice's account.
- **Delete users** when they leave the organization.
- **Manage users' access to eTools** such as [ConnectCenter](#) (for real-time transactions and 1500 claim submission), [Carelon](#) (for requesting authorization for certain genetic tests, high-technology radiology, outpatient cancer care, and sleep management services), the [chiropractic authorization tool](#) (for chiropractic offices only), and [Authorization Manager](#) (for entering and reviewing authorization requests and reviewing referrals).
- **Invite billing agencies** to use Provider Central on the organization's behalf.

This Quick Tip describes the steps to follow to complete these common tasks.

How do I know if I'm a Provider Central administrator?

Log on to Provider Central at bluecrossma.com/provider and click the **My Organizations** link in the top right-hand corner. If you see a **View/edit details** link in the **Actions** column for an organization, you are an administrator for that organization.



The screenshot shows the 'My Organizations' page in Provider Central. At the top, there are navigation links: Home, Forms, Contacts & Sites, Log Out, and a search bar. Below that, there are links for My Alerts, My Profile, and My Organizations (highlighted with a red box). The main content area has a 'My organizations' section with a 'Print' icon. Below this is a table with the following columns: Default, Organization name/Nickname, NPI, Provider number, Provider Central status, and Actions. The first row shows a radio button in the 'Default' column, a nickname in the 'Organization name/Nickname' column, and 'Active as of: 12/27/2018' in the 'Provider Central status' column. The 'Actions' column for this row contains a 'View/edit details' link, which is pointed to by a red arrow. There are 'Add an organization' buttons at the top right and bottom right of the table area.

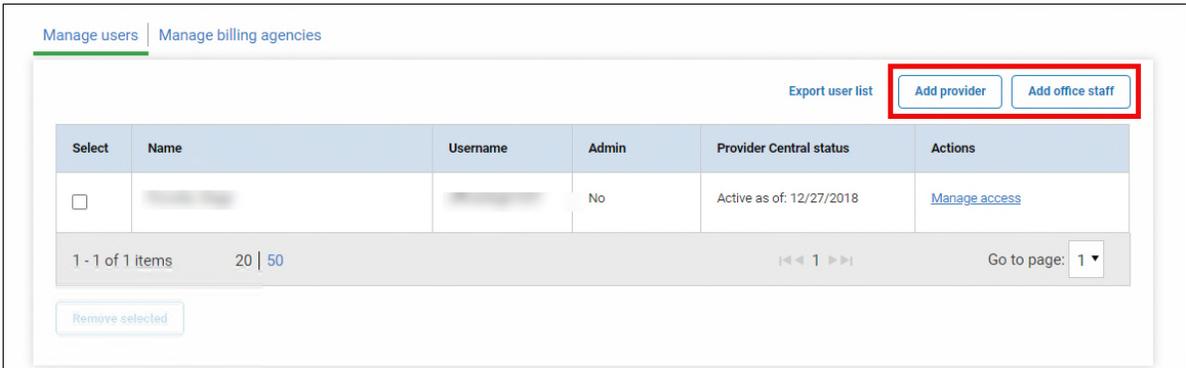
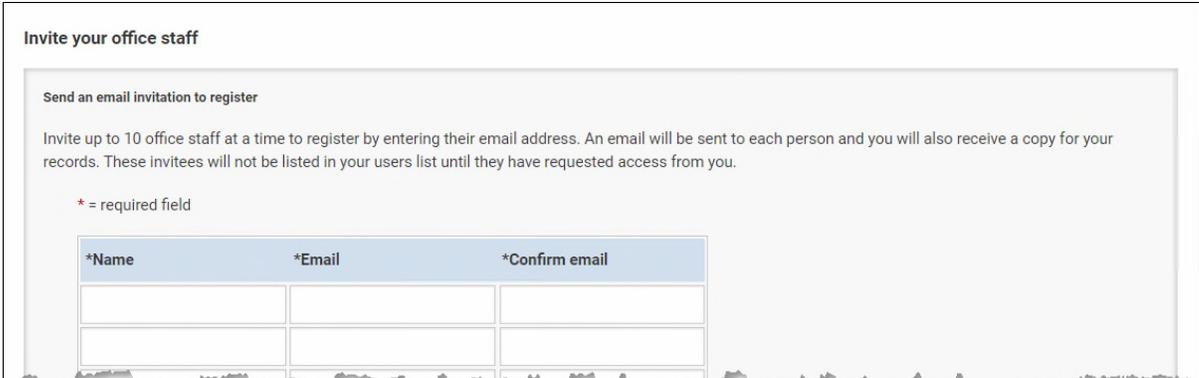
Before you begin one of the tasks below:

1. Log on to Provider Central and click the **My Organizations** link.
2. Click the **View/edit details** link in the Actions column for an organization. This will bring you to the **Organization details** page.

Administrative tasks

INVITE COLLEAGUES TO REGISTER

This option allows you to send invitations to office staff and providers to register for the site so they have their own username and password. (Users can also register without an invitation.)

STEP:	ACTION:
1	<p>On the Organization details page, click either Add provider or Add office staff. (If you click Add provider, Provider Central will list providers we have on file that are associated with this organization.)</p> 
2	<p>Complete the online form with your colleagues' names and email addresses, and then retype their email addresses to confirm them.</p> 

INVITE COLLEAGUES TO REGISTER (CONTINUED)

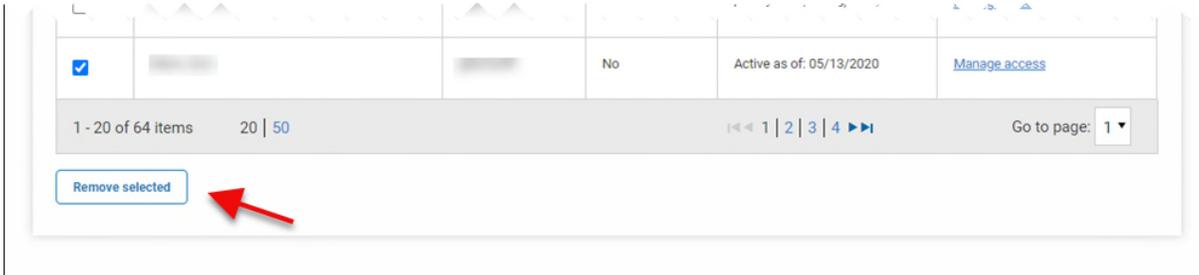
3	<p>Click Continue.</p> <p>The people you invited receive an email directing them to Provider Central. They'll click Register, complete the fields, and follow the prompts for registration. This will include creating a username and password that they'll use to log in.</p> <p>After creating their profile, they're asked to log in and add your practice or organization to their account by entering the same provider identifier number and tax identification number (TIN) or social security number you used to register. You may need to provide this information to them separately if they don't have it. You will receive a copy of each email.</p>
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REVIEW REQUESTS FROM NEW USERS

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1	<p>When your colleagues register for Provider Central, they'll request access to the organization's account. As an administrator, you must review their request and approve or deny it. Click the Review link on the Organization details page.</p> <div data-bbox="272 856 1442 1222" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="margin: 0;"> Manage users Manage billing agencies Export user list Add provider Add office staff </p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #e6f2ff;"> <th>Select</th> <th>Name</th> <th>Username</th> <th>Admin</th> <th>Provider Central status</th> <th>Actions</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>[REDACTED]</td> <td>[REDACTED]</td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> <td>Access requested as of: 10/01/2020</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Review</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>[REDACTED]</td> <td>[REDACTED]</td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> <td>Active as of: 05/13/2020</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Manage access</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>[REDACTED]</td> <td>[REDACTED]</td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> <td>Active as of: 05/13/2020</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Manage access</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Select	Name	Username	Admin	Provider Central status	Actions	<input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	No	Access requested as of: 10/01/2020	Review	<input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	No	Active as of: 05/13/2020	Manage access	<input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	No	Active as of: 05/13/2020	Manage access
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2	<p>From the Review user request page, verify the user's information and grant them any additional access rights their job requires. This includes access to our eTools or assigning them as a secondary administrator of your Provider Central account.</p> <div data-bbox="289 1360 1084 1885" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="margin: 0;">Review user request</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: small;">Here you can approve or deny this user's request and manage their access to additional tasks. <i>Note: If you do not select anything in Manage Access, the user will not have access to the features listed.</i></p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: small;">Profile information</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Prefix: [REDACTED]</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Name: [REDACTED]</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Suffix: [REDACTED]</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Work phone: [REDACTED]</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Email: [REDACTED]</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: small;">Manage access</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: x-small;">Use the checkboxes below to grant this user additional access. The question mark icons provide you additional information about each task.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Administrator for organization ? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to Online Services ? <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Authorization Manager ? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to AIM Specialty Health ? <p style="margin: 0; display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Cancel Approve request </p> </div>																								
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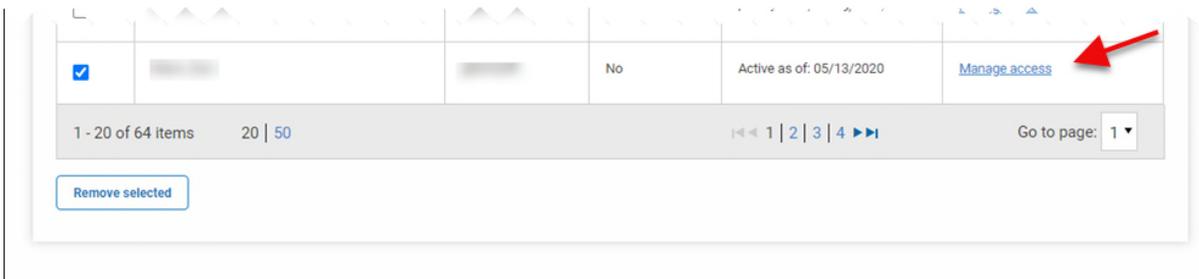
DELETE A USER

On the **Organization details** page, click the check box by the user's name and then click the **Remove selected** button at the bottom of the page.



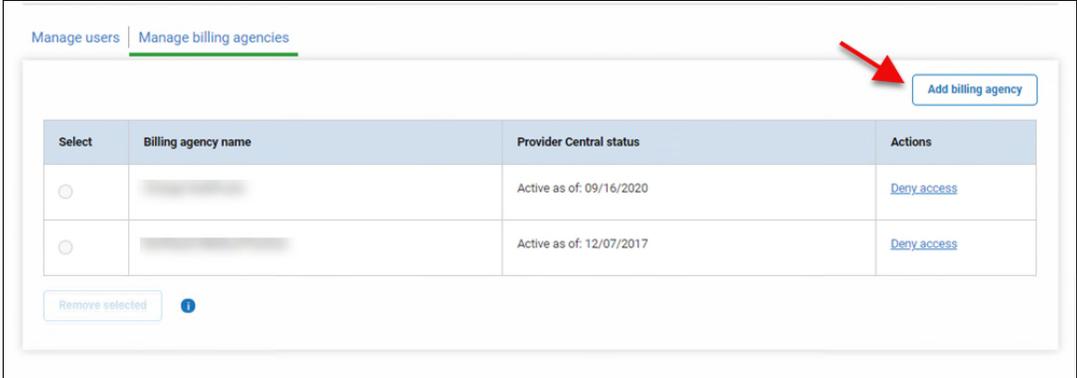
CHANGE A USER'S RIGHTS

On the **Organization details** page, click the **Manage access** link for any user with an Active status.



INVITE A BILLING AGENCY

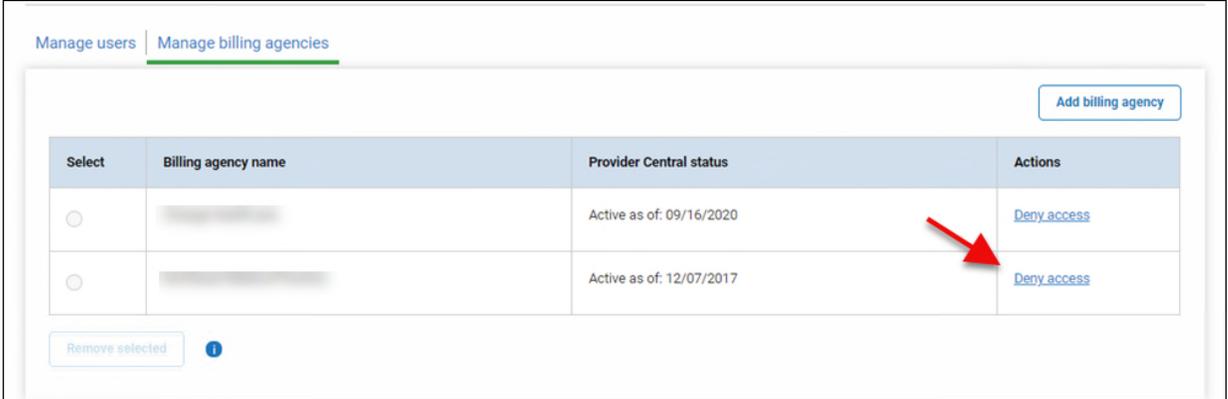
You can grant billing agencies you work with access to your organization's Provider Central account.

STEP:	ACTION:
1	<p>On the Organization details page, click the Manage billing agencies tab, and then click Add billing agency.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows the 'Manage billing agencies' tab selected. There is an 'Add billing agency' button at the top right, highlighted with a red arrow. Below it is a table with columns: Select, Billing agency name, Provider Central status, and Actions. The table contains two rows of data with blurred names and active dates. At the bottom left of the table area, there is a 'Remove selected' button and an information icon.</p>
2	<p>The Add a billing agency page appears, pre-populated with a list of all agencies registered for Provider Central. Select a billing agency. (If you do not see your desired billing agency listed, contact them and request that they register for Provider Central.)</p>

INVITE A BILLING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

3	Click the Submit button. A message is sent to the Provider Central administrator at the agency to review your request. Once your request is approved, you will be associated with that agency.
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DELETE A BILLING AGENCY

STEP:	ACTION:												
1	On the Organization details page, click the Manage billing agencies tab.												
2	Click the Deny access link for the billing agency you would like to remove from your organization's account.  <p>The screenshot shows the 'Manage billing agencies' interface. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Manage users' and 'Manage billing agencies', with the latter being active. An 'Add billing agency' button is in the top right. Below is a table with the following structure:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Select</th><th>Billing agency name</th><th>Provider Central status</th><th>Actions</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td><input type="radio"/></td><td>[Redacted]</td><td>Active as of: 09/16/2020</td><td>Deny access</td></tr><tr><td><input type="radio"/></td><td>[Redacted]</td><td>Active as of: 12/07/2017</td><td>Deny access</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Below the table, there is a 'Remove selected' button and an information icon. A red arrow points to the 'Deny access' link in the second row of the table.</p>	Select	Billing agency name	Provider Central status	Actions	<input type="radio"/>	[Redacted]	Active as of: 09/16/2020	Deny access	<input type="radio"/>	[Redacted]	Active as of: 12/07/2017	Deny access
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