The Provider Connection website gives you easy access to the tools and information you need to serve Blue Shield and Blue Shield Promise members as well as to support your practice.

Use this reference guide to learn more.







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If you are viewing this guide online, the linked page numbers take you to instructions for key activities you can do on Provider Connection. Use the *Directory* button at the bottom of each page to return to this table of contents.

Page	Action
<u>3</u>	Registration & account management for Account Managers and Users
<u>4</u>	Website navigation
<u>5</u>	<ul><li>Provider directory online validation and update process</li><li>Assign user access to provider demographic information</li></ul>
<u>Z</u>	Verify member eligibility plus view eligibility and coverage details, benefits, and member's ID card
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Background: If your organization is new to Provider Connection, you must establish an account.

#### Establishing an account:

The person executing the initial Provider Connection registration is considered an Account Manager. When the maximum allowed number of Account Managers register, Provider Connection will display a message. Most organizations can have at least two Account Managers. There are three types of provider accounts. The links below take you to step-by-step instructions with screenshots for how to register for the account type most appropriate to your business.

- 1. <u>Provider</u>
- 2. <u>MSO</u>
- 3. Billing Service

#### **Account Managers:**

Once registered, the Account Manager(s) will see an *Account management* link in their top-level navigation after log in. It provides direct access to all activities falling within the role.

Once established, the Account Manager(s) – not Blue Shield – sets up user profiles. Blue Shield will email each user a link to finish establishing their account. Users have 30 days to visit the site and complete this process. If a User does not do so within 30 days, the Account Manager will need to recreate their profile.

#### Users:

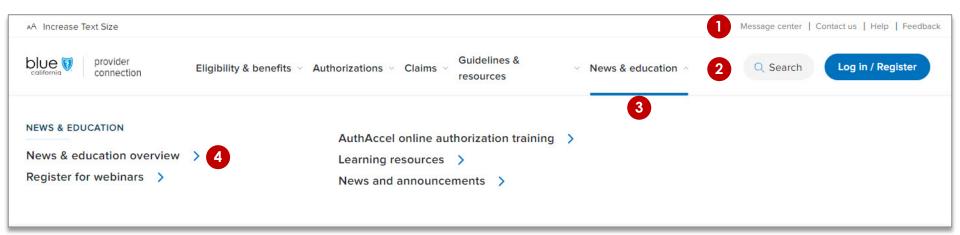
All users (and Account Managers) have a *Manage my profile* page where they can do things like update their username/ password, change their email, set their email preferences, and locate their Account Manager. After log in, a "badge" with the user's initials appears at the end of the white navigation bar. Click this badge to access the *Manage my profile* page.

#### Additional support:

- This <u>Provider Connection Account FAQ</u> provides answers to the most frequently asked questions about establishing and maintaining a Provider Connection account as an Account Manager or user.
- A password must be updated every 365 days. See <u>Update your Provider Connection password</u> if you need help changing your password or if your account is locked or disabled.
- The Provider Connection training page includes links to the above resources and more. No log in is required.



**Background:** Below is a high-level snapshot of how to navigate the <u>Provider Connection</u> website. Authenticated tools require log in, but there are many resources on Provider Connection that do not.



#### Instructions:

- 1. Top level navigation: General site actions like Contact us and Help.
- 2. White navigation bar: Links to the home page, five site sections, Search, and Log in/Register. When you click a section link, the blue line indicates the section drop-down menu you have activated.
  - Blue Shield uses two-step authentication. To verify your identity each time you login, enter your username/password plus the code Blue Shield sends to your email.
  - After logging in, you will see a "badge" with your initials at the end of the white navigation bar. Click to access your *Manage my profile* page.
- 3. Section drop-down menu: Links to the most-used content and tools within the specific section.
- 4. Overviews: Each section has an overview that provides a high-level table of contents for information on the page.
  - **Tip:** Blue Shield Promise resources that do not require log in are integrated throughout Provider Connection. They are also available from the <u>Blue Shield Promise Provider Portal</u>. Links in the footer of each website allow you to move between the two websites.

**Background:** Blue Shield has designed our provider directory accuracy processes to be compliant with both the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) and California Senate Bill (SB) 137 requirements.

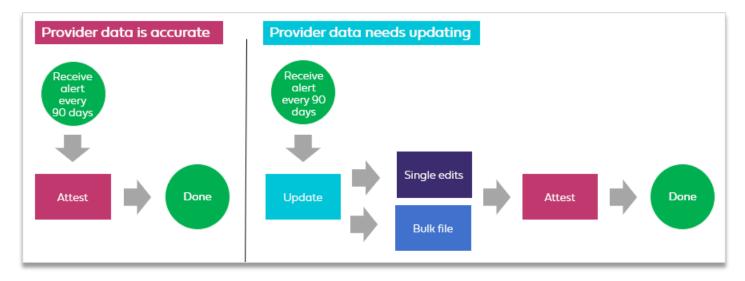
#### Process:

- Online attestation to data accuracy every 90 days, even if data has not changed. Blue Shield will alert a provider when it is time to attest.
- Directory updates at any time either by:
  - Single edits on the Provider Connection *Provider & Practioner Profiles* page.
  - Blue Shield's bulk data file the Provider Data Validation Spreadsheet downloaded from Provider & Practioner Profiles, then uploaded back to the page.

Visit the <u>Provider data management</u> section for these resources: 1) <u>How to attest and update your provider directory</u> <u>information</u> ( the full process) and 2) <u>Provider Data Validation Companion Guide</u> (detailed instructions on how to make demographic updates in the bulk data file/spreadsheet.)

#### Who can execute this process:

- Provider Connection Provider and MSO Account Managers and users to which they give provider demographic information access. <u>See instructions on the next page for how to assign user access</u>.
  - Billing Managers have view-only access.



## Account Manager assign user access to provider & practitioner demographic information

**Background:** Account Managers can assign provider demographic data access to designated users so that the most appropriate staff members validate/update/attest to provider directory information.

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#### Instructions:

- From the Account management page, click Manage your user accounts located under the Manage user accounts section.
- 2. Click the **View** link for a specific user.
- 3. That user's Account information will display.
- 4. Move the *Provider & practitioner data* toggle to the right.
- 5. When the user logs in after access is granted, they will see a link to *Provider & practitioner profiles* in their top navigation bar.

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# Verify member eligibility

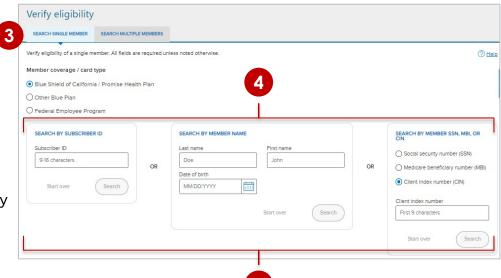
**Background:** *Verify eligibility* lets you confirm that a patient is a Blue Shield, Blue Shield Promise or Other Blue Plan member. The tool contains up to two years of data at any one time. It is updated daily.

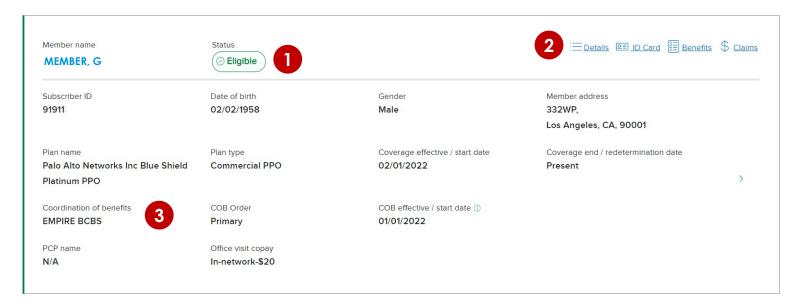
### Instructions:

- 1. After log in, click **Verify eligibility** from the home page or click **Eligibility & benefits** from the white navigation bar.
- 2. Click Verify eligibility from the drop-down menu.



- Verify eligibility opens and defaults to SEARCH SINGLE MEMBER. Click SEARCH MULTPLE MEMBERS to search for up to 10 subscriber IDs at one time.
- 4. For single member search, enter member data using one of the following:
  - Subscriber ID (9-16 alpha numeric characters)
  - Member name and date of birth
  - Last four (4) digits of SSN
  - MBI and date of birth (Medicare only)
  - First nine (9) characters of CIN
- 5. Click the active **Search** button. The eligibility results screen displays <u>see next page</u>.





- **1. Status:** Eligibility is **green** if active.
- 2. Upper right navigation provides links to eligibility details, a PDF of the member ID card, benefits, and *Check claims status*.
- 3. When Blue Shield is not primary, Coordination of Benefits (COB) information will display for members if the data is in our system.

**Note:** When verifying eligibility for Blue Shield TotalDual (HMO D-SNP) members with matching Medi-Cal through Blue Shield Promise ("full duals"), two of the above results panels will present, one for Medicare (primary) and one for Medi-Cal (secondary). When this is the case, the member ID card will be active on the Medicare results screen and inactive on the Medi-Cal.

**Background:** Clicking **Details** from the eligibility results screen provides access to additional information about the member. The first item you will see is *Network status*.

For the following six networks, the eligibility results screen tells you if you are in or out of the member's network:

- 1. PPO DMHC
- 2. PPO DOI Blue Shield Life
- 3. IFP EPPO
- 4. CalPers EPO
- 5. PPO GMAPD
- 6. PPO IMAPD

If you have one Tax ID/SSN and one Blue Shield Provider ID (PIN), *Network status* will automatically populate with either in- or out-ofnetwork status.

If you have more than one TIN registered with Blue Shield or multiple PINs, you will see a *Check status* link in the *Network status* section. Click that link to launch a network status search. See instructions on the next page.

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Relationship to subscriber	Subscriber name	PCP name	Office visit copay
Subscriber	MEMBER, A	N/A	In-network-0%

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- Identify the appropriate Tax ID by selecting or searching in the pop-up. Click Continue.
  - Select from a list if you have between 1-5 Tax IDs
  - Enter search criteria if you have 6+ Tax IDs
- Identify the appropriate provider by selecting or searching in the pop-up. Click Continue.
  - Select from a list if there are 2-5 providers
  - Enter search criteria if there are 6+ providers

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- If the location you select IS NOT in one of the networks, you will see an **Out of network** indicator. Click **Back** to select a different location if appropriate. Click **Close** to return to the *Details* page.
- If the location you select IS in one of the networks, you will see an **In network** indicator. Click **Close** to return to the *Details* page.
- *Network status* either in or out will display on the *Details* page with the location you selected.
- For members not in one of the networks listed on the previous page, providers will be directed to <u>Find a Doctor</u> to determine network status.
- For capitated members, providers will be directed to contact the IPA.

**Background:** Clicking **Details** from the eligibility results screen provides access to additional information about the member. After *Network status*, the following information displays.



- 1. General member information
- 2. Special programs eligibility

Click the + sign to expand these sections as needed:

- Member coverage information including COB if applicable and in our system.
- Total deductibles, copays, and out-ofpocket maximums.
- 5. PCP and IPA/medical group assignment if applicable.

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**Tip:** The Visits Accumulator presents as part of Deductibles/OOP for **Commercial** members only. It tracks visits to specialty providers when their plan covers a set number of visits per plan year. Specialty visits covered by third parties such as American Specialty Health (ASH) are not tracked by the tool.

**Background:** Clicking **Benefits** from the eligibility results screen provides access to a detailed view of the member's benefits.



- Benefit summary view is the default – lists benefits in alpha order on the left with details on the right.
- 2. Benefit categories view expands/collapses on the left with details on the right.
- 3. The Search field activates when *Benefit categories* view is clicked.
  - Benefits are not listed by ICD-10 codes.
- Benefits download (if logged in) or go to <u>Benefit</u> <u>summaries</u> if not logged in, to download/view a spreadsheet with detailed benefits for the all plans.

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**Tip:** If a Promise Health Plan member, the link from the check eligibility results will take you to the Medi-Cal Member Handbook EOC.

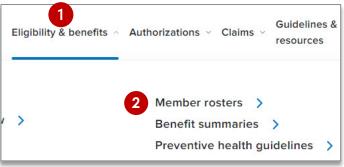


### **Create member rosters**

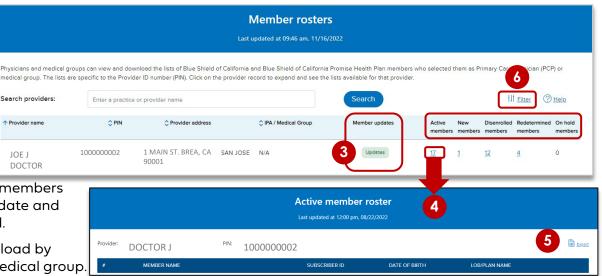
**Background:** Member rosters are lists of Blue Shield and Blue Shield Promise members who have selected a provider as their PCP or medical group. This list shows all providers associated with your account by Provider ID (PIN).

#### Instructions:

- 1. After log in, click **Eligibility & benefits** from the white navigation bar.
- 2. Click Member rosters from the drop-down menu.



- The member updates column displays either New or Updates (member disenrolled, moved to another PCP, or status changed to redetermined).
- 4. Click the linked number to view and/or export data.
- Click Export to download an Excel spreadsheet with full member details.
  - Disenrolled Members Roster includes disenrollment dates.
  - Redetermined Members Roster displays members with upcoming redetermination dates within the next 90 days.
  - On Hold Members Roster displays members who missed their redetermination date and are within the 90-day grace period.
- Use Search or click Filter to view/download by provider name, address, PIN or IPA/medical group.



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## Locate authorization tools and resources in the Authorizations section

**Background:** Medical authorizations can be submitted online or fax. Rx requests can be submitted online, by fax, or via the Surescripts<sup>®</sup> or CoverMyMeds<sup>®</sup> EHR platforms. Authorization status for all requests can be viewed online via AuthAccel. See Authorization basics for providers for an overview of the authorization process at Blue Shield/Blue Shield Promise.

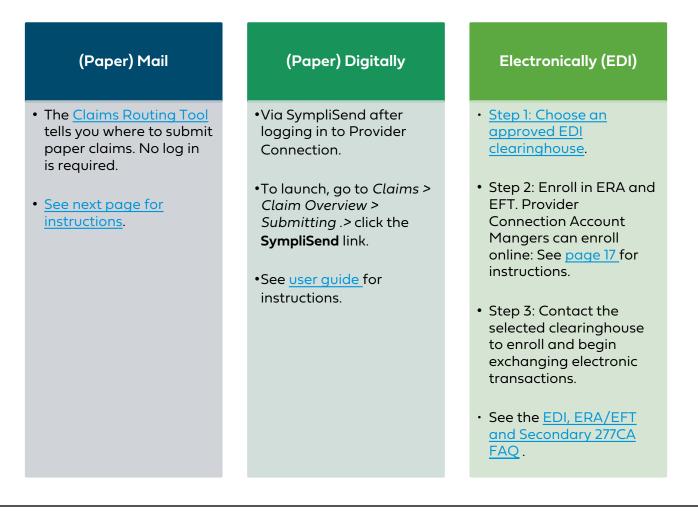


### **Orientation:**

- 1. The overview section provides a high-level table of contents for information on the page plus an <u>Authorization</u> <u>basics</u> page that describes the process at Blue Shield.
- 2. The <u>Authorizations</u> section houses the AuthAccel online authorization tool, available after log in.
  - Click **Medical authorization** to submit medical requests via AuthAccel. Click **Medical authorization status** to view medical request status via AuthAccel, regardless of how they were submitted.
    - AuthAccel instructions are linked to each launch page as well as to <u>AuthAccel Online Authorization System</u> <u>Training</u>.
- 3. Click <u>Clinical policies and guidelines</u> to search medical and medication policies and requirements. No log in required.
- 4. Click prior <u>authorization lists and fax forms</u>, and to learn about services requiring third-party authorization (e.g., National Imaging Associates [NIA]). No log in required.

# **Options for submitting claims**

**Background:** Blue Shield accepts both paper and electronic claims. Paper claims can be sent either by mail or digitally. For additional information, see <u>How to submit claims</u> on Provider Connection – no login required.



**Tip:** Via SympliSend, in addition to submitting digital paper claims, you can also submit itemization requests, and digital correspondence related to previously processed or in process claims.

**Background:** The *Claims routing tool* tells you where to submit **paper** claims for Blue Shield/Blue Shield Promise. It can also be used to determine where to send BlueCard claims for out-of-state Blue plan members. No log in is required to use this tool.

### Instructions:

- 1. No log in is required to use this tool, which is in the Claims section on <u>Provider</u> <u>Connection</u> under *Claims Tools.*
- 2. Click Claims routing tool.
- 3. Answer the service provider question.
- 4. Enter the first three characters of the member's ID.
- 5. Enter the date of service and click **Search**.
  - If requested, enter the rest of the member ID and click **Search**.
- 6. The "send to" address will display. In most cases, so will a phone number for customer service should you need assistance.
- 7. Click **Start over** to conduct a new search.

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**Background:** Using EDI, you can receive claims payment information electronically (electronic remittance advice or ERA) and you can have claims payments deposited directly into your business account (electronic funds transfer or EFT).

#### Instructions:

After log in, Provider Connection Account Managers can determine if your organization is enrolled in ERA/EFT. If yes, you can edit your selections. If not, you can enroll right from this screen.

- 1. Click Account Management > Provider & practitioner profiles.
- 2. If you have more than one Tax ID (TIN), select the correct TIN from the drop-down menu and click **Search** to refresh the screen.
- 3. Click the **Remittance & Payments tab.** The screen will open on the EFT information for that TIN. Click **Edit** to enroll or to change your enrollment information.
- 4. To view/edit ERA, click **ERA** in the left navigation. Use the drop-down menu to choose a vendor (i.e., clearinghouse or trading partner). The vendor you choose applies to all providers under the selected Tax ID. Changes take up to three (3) business days.

Providers Bulk Updates	Remittance & Payments	3	
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<b>ERA</b> JM MEDICAL GROUP	Status Last modified by Authorized signer Date submitted	Enrolled Edit Providers Bulk Updates	Remittance & Payments
	Remit address	EFT Not enrolled	Electronic Remittance Advice Enroll in ERA for your organization or change your vendor
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## Check claim status – Search claims and find EOBs

**Background:** Check claim status is available from the home page and from the Claims section after log in. It contains a Search and Other Blue plans tabs. The Appeal status tab links to Submitted disputes on the Claim issues & disputes page.

### Instructions: You must be linked to the Tax ID and Provider ID (TIN/PIN) of the claim for which you are searching.

- 1. Click **Check claim status.** The Search tab displays with claims from the last five years. The most recent will be at the top.
- 2. Enter data into one or more search fields and click Search.
- 3. Results will display below the blue header row. To sort results in alphabetical or ascending/descending order, click the desired column header and the up/down arrow once it presents.
- 4. Click the blue text links to see more detailed information about the member or claim or to view/download the EOB.
- 5. To clear the search and conduct a one, click **Start over**.

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**Tip:** When using the *Other Blue plans* tab to conduct a search for member claims, all fields are required unless marked optional. Results will be sent to the user's Message Center.

**Background:** Clicking the claim number from the *Check claim status* search results opens the *Claim detail* page and provides access to the information below. You can toggle between summary and full view. Full view includes all the information you see here plus payment details, service and procedure details, claim message, and claim notes.

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Date of birth	04/10/1991	Group number	XXXX
Gender	Female	Plan type	Commercial PPO
Relationship to subscriber	Subscriber/Insured		
Patient account number	XXXX		
View all claims for this member			
Claim details	08/19/2024-08/19/2024	Amount billed	\$176.00
	08/19/2024-08/19/2024	Amount billed	<b>\$176.00</b> \$176.00
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**Background**: For all lines of business, click **Attach supporting documents** when the claim has been denied or not paid in full, and Blue Shield is requesting additional supporting documentation.

#### To start the process:

- 1. Click **Claims** then click **Check claim status** in the blue sub-menu bar.
- 2. Search for the finalized claim. (See <u>Check claim status</u> for instructions.)
- 3. Click the claim number to open the *Claim detail* page.
- 4. The Claim detail displays for that claim. Click Attach supporting documents.



- 5. The Attach Documents to a Claim screen displays with prepopulated claims data.
- 6. See the <u>Attach documentation to a finalized claim tutorial</u> for the remaining steps, with screenshots, for how to complete this process.

**Tip:** \* Do not use Attach documents to a finalized claim to <u>file a dispute</u>. If you do so, Blue Shield must void your submission, and you will need to resubmit correctly.

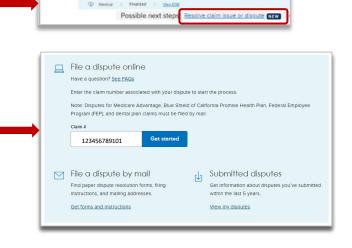




**Background**: Disputes for most plan types can be initiated from the 1) <u>Claim detail screen</u> once the claim has been finalized or from the 2) Claim issues & disputes section, if you know the claim number. They can also be filed by <u>mail</u>.

Disputes can be filed for a single claim or multiple claims in a bulk dispute for the same type of issue. **To** begin the online dispute process, log in and click Claims from the white navigation bar.

- 1. Click **Check claim status** in from the drop-down menu.
- 2. Search for the finalized claim. (See Check claim status for instructions.)
- 3. Click the claim number to open the *Claim detail* page.
- 4. Click the **Resolve claim issue or dispute** link. This link will be active only if the claim has been finalized.
  - Note, if this is a claim type that cannot be disputed online, the link will say, "file a dispute by mail."
- If you know the claim number, you can also file a dispute online directly from *Claim issues & disputes*, after log in.
- 6. See the <u>Submit claim disputes online and view status</u> <u>tutorial</u> for the remaining steps, with screenshots, for how to submit an online dispute.



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- **Tips:** Do not use the online dispute functionality to <u>attach documents to a finalized claim</u>. If you do so, Blue Shield must void your submission, and you will need to resubmit correctly.
  - To insure you file a dispute correctly, see Learn more about the dispute process.

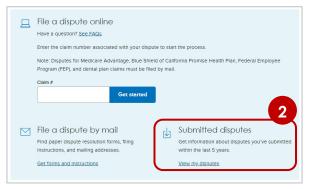


# View my disputes: Search disputes and access determination letters

**Background:** The Submitted disputes link is available from the Claim issues & disputes section after log in. It contains all disputes submitted online or by mail.

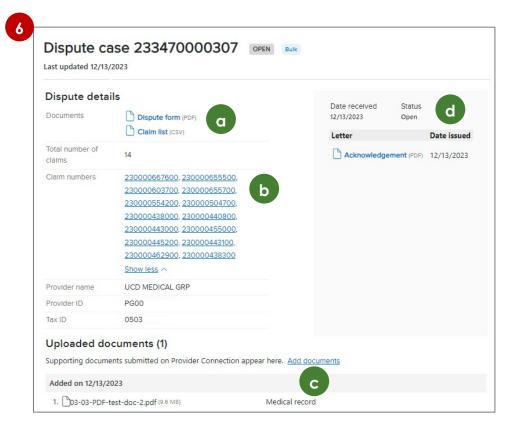
- 1. Click **Claim issues & disputes** from the *Claims* section's drop-down menu after log in.
- 2. Scroll to the blue box and click **View my disputes**.
- 3. Enter data related to the dispute(s) in one or more fields and click **Show results**.
- 4. Results display under the light blue header.
- 5. Click the dispute case number to access dispute case details including letters.





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- 6. The *Dispute case details* screen displays all information and documentation connected to the dispute case number you selected.
  - a. Dispute form and claim list (if bulk submission).
  - b. Claim numbers included in the dispute submission.
  - Supporting document uploaded by you with option to add additional documents to an open dispute.
  - d. Correspondence and determination.



**Background:** Blue Shield Promise resources that do not require log in are integrated throughout Provider Connection. They are also available from the <u>Blue Shield Promise Provider Portal</u>. The links below will take you to content on Provider Connection, and in some cases, to content on the <u>Blue Shield Promise Provider Portal</u>.

For Blue Shield providers
Behavioral health resources
Benefit summaries
BlueCard Program*
<u>Claims policies &amp; guidelines</u>
Clinical policies and guidelines
Professional fee schedule search *
Drug formularies
Forms
Member ID card samples
Patient care resources
Provider manuals
Richman injectables policy
Spine surgery/pain management prior auth and Radiology and imaging prior auth

National Imaging Associates (NIA) <u>RadMD Sign in</u>

For Blue Shield Promise providers
Benefit summaries
Behavioral Health Services
Clinical policies and procedures
Complex Case Management
Drug formularies
Forms
Health education resources
Medi-Cal Provider Incentive Program
Member ID card samples
Patient care resources
Provider manuals
Quality improvement

\* Log in required.

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