For the listening benefit of webinar attendees, we have muted all lines and will be starting our presentation shortly.

- This helps prevent background noise (e.g., unmuted phones or phones put on hold) during the webinar.
- This also means we are unable to hear you during the webinar.
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- Open the Q&A feature at the bottom of your screen, type your question related to today's training webinar and hit "enter."
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LOUISIANA BLUE

Credentialing, Contracting, Recredentialing & Data Management

March 2025

Welcome

- Today's presentation will take you on a journey through the **credentialing** and **recredentialing** processes.
- We will also explain the network **contracting** process.
- We will show you how to update and **manage the data** Louisiana Blue has on your provider record.

The Basics

Credentialing Is Required for Network Participation.

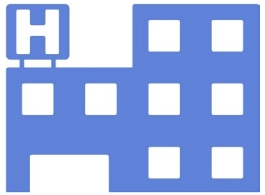
- Louisiana Blue credentials all practitioners and facilities that participate in our networks.
- We partner with **symplrCVO** to conduct credentialing verification processes for our commercial and Blue adVantage networks.

The Basics

We credential **professional**

&

facility providers



Credentialing is Required for Network Participation.

- Since 1996, Louisiana Blue fully credentials providers who apply for network participation.
- Our credentialing program is accredited by the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC).
- Providers must meet certain criteria as regulated by our accreditation body and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association.

The Basics

There are two types of Louisiana Blue provider records a provider can obtain:

Network-participating provider record

Contract on File and Provider **IS** credentialed

Non-participating provider record

(for filing claims only)

No Contract and Provider **IS NOT** credentialed

Participating vs. Non-participating Providers

What is a Participating Provider?

- Provider who has entered into a contractual agreement with Louisiana Blue to provide covered services to our members.
- Payments are based on the provider's schedule of allowable charges.
- Provider may bill the member for any deductible, coinsurance, copayment and/or non-covered service. Provider agrees not to collect any amount over the allowable charge from the member.
- Payment goes directly to the participating provider.
- Participating providers see increased Louisiana Blue patient volume since members receive higher benefits when using network providers.
- Only participating providers are listed in our online provider directory featured on our corporate website (**www.lablue.com**).

Participating vs. Non-participating Providers

What is a Non-participating Provider?

- Provider who has chosen not to sign a network agreement with Louisiana Blue.
- We establish a non-participating rate for covered services rendered by non-participating providers.
- The provider may balance bill the member for all amounts not paid by Louisiana Blue with the exception of services covered under the No Surprises Act.
- In most situations, Louisiana Blue payments for claims to a non-participating provider are sent directly to the member.
- Some members may have no benefits for services provided by non-participating providers without obtaining prior approval.
- Non-participating providers are **NOT** listed in our online provider directory.

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Applying for Credentialing

Professional Provider Network Availability

The following professional provider types must meet certain criteria to participate in our networks:

- Acupuncturists
- Applied Behavioral Analysts (ABA)
- Audiologist
- Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)
- Certified Registered Nurse First Assistants (CRNFA)
- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)
- Doctor of Chiropractic (DC)
- Doctor of Osteopathic (DO)
- Doctor of Medicine (MD)
- Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)
- Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)
- Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry (DMD)
- Hearing Aid Dealer
- Licensed Addictive Counselor (LAC)
- Licensed Midwife
- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- Occupational Therapist (OT)
- Optometrist (OD)
- Physician Assistant (PA)
- Psychologist (PhD)
- Physical Therapist (PT)
- Registered Dietician & Nutritionist (RD)
- Registered Nurse First Assistants (RNFA)
- Speech-Language Pathologist & Audiologist (SLP)

View the *Credentialing Criteria* for these professional provider types at **www.lablue.com/providers** >Network Enrollment >Join Our Networks >Professional Providers >Credentialing Process.

Facility Network Availability

The following facility types must meet certain criteria to participate in our networks:

- Ambulance Service
- Ambulatory Surgical Center
- Birthing Centers
- Cardiac Cath Lab (Outpatient)
- Diagnostic Services (including CMS Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities)
- Dialysis Facility
- DME Supplier
- Emergency Medicine Physician Groups
- Home Health Agency
- Home Infusion
- Hospice
- Hospitals
- IOP/PHP Psych/CDU
- Laboratory
- Lithotripsy/Orthotripsy
- Nursing Home
- Radiation Center
- Residential Treatment
- Retail Health Clinic
- Skilled Nursing Facility
- Sleep Lab/Center
- Specialty Pharmacy
- Urgent Care Clinic

View the *Credentialing Criteria* for these facility types at **www.lablue.com/providers** >Network Enrollment >Join Our Networks > Facilities and Hospitals >Credentialing Process.

Hospital Based Providers

A hospital/facility-based provider includes:

- Providers who **only** see patients as a result of their being admitted or directed to the hospital.
- Providers who **only** read test results or perform services in a facility, for which a member cannot directly make an appointment.
- Medical staff.

- The classification as a hospital-based provider applies for the hospital location only and NOT for any other practice locations outside the hospital.
- Hospital-based providers can be allowed to participate in our networks without credentialing requirements. We do not list those providers in the directory and allow the hospital's credentialing to stand.
- A provider is **NOT considered hospital-based** if they have patients referred directly to them from another physician or organization or if the member can make an appointment with the physician.

Telehealth Only Providers

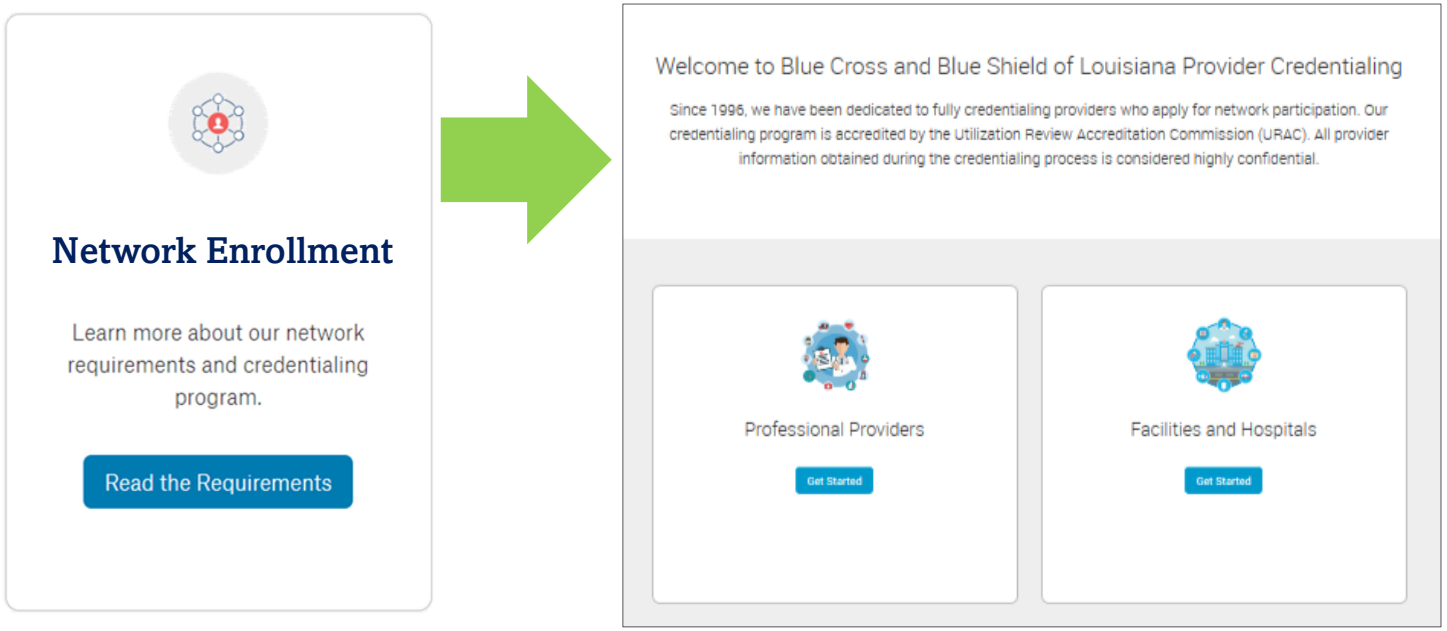
Our credentialing policy includes guidance for the provision of telehealth services to our members **WHEN**:

- **Louisiana-based, in-network provider**
  - Must be in process of or have completed credentialing/contracting to participate in our network.
  - Must be employed or affiliated with a physical practice located in Louisiana.
    - Behavioral health telehealth-only providers are not required to be employed or affiliated with a physical practice located in Louisiana but **must be located and licensed in Louisiana**.
- **Out-of-state provider with Louisiana-based practice**
  - Must be employed or affiliated with a Louisiana-based group or entity.
  - Must have a Louisiana State license as required for their specialty.
  - If not licensed in the state of Louisiana, then a Telehealth Permit issued by the Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) is required (includes the condition of maintaining affiliation with a Louisiana based practice or entity).
- **Out-of-state provider without Louisiana-based practice affiliations**
  - Must be credentialed/contracted with another Blue Plan.
  - Can be individually credentialed/contracted or part of a group or entity that is credentialed/contracted with the out-of-state Blue Plan.
  - Claims filing is based on the providers physical location when rendering the telehealth service.
- **National telehealth solution/vendor**
  - A national telehealth solution contracts directly with Louisiana Blue to offer our members telehealth services accessible in the home plan region and outside of it to ensure access while members are out of their home plan area.

The Paperwork

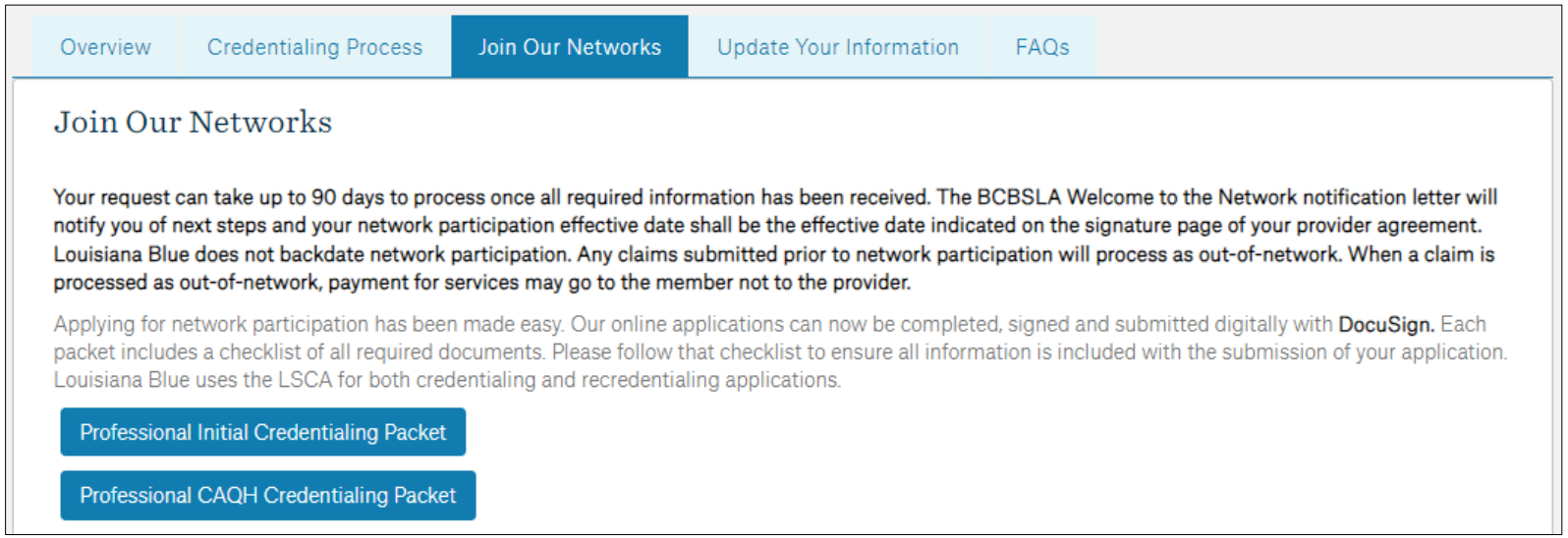
You **MUST** complete and submit documentation to start the process for credentialing **OR** to obtain a provider record.

Applications are available online at **www.lablue.com/providers**.



Choose **Network Enrollment**, then **Join Our Networks** page then, select **Professional Providers** or **Facilities and Hospitals** to find credentialing packets.

The Paperwork for Professional Providers

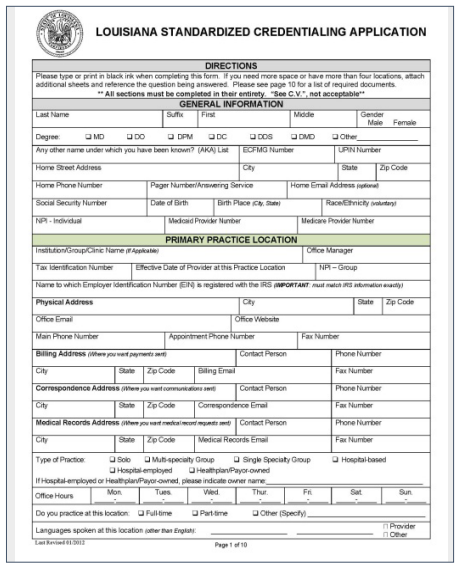


The Professional (initial) credentialing packets includes a checklist of all required documents.

- To **join our networks through a new contract**, or **joining an existing group**, complete the checklist under “I wish to PARTICIPATE in Louisiana Blue’s network(s).”
- If you **want a provider record only for filing claims**, complete the checklist under “I wish to obtain a Louisiana Blue record only as a NON-PARTICIPATING provider.”

The Paperwork for Professional Providers

Louisiana Blue uses the **Louisiana Standardized Credentialing Application** (LSCA) or the **CAQH Application** for initial credentialing.



LOUISIANA STANDARDIZED CREDENTIALING APPLICATION

DIRECTIONS

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** All sections must be completed in their entirety. "See C.V.", not acceptable**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Last Name | Suffix | First | Middle | Gender Male Female

Degree: ❑ MD ❑ DO ❑ DPM ❑ DC ❑ DDS ❑ DMD ❑ Other

Any other name under which you have been known? (AKA) List | ECFMG Number | UPIN Number

Home Street Address | City | State | Zip Code

Home Phone Number | Pager Number/Answering Service | Home Email Address (optional)

Social Security Number | Date of Birth | Birth Place (City, State) | Race/Ethnicity (voluntary)

NPI - Individual | Medicaid Provider Number | Medicare Provider Number

PRIMARY PRACTICE LOCATION

Institution/Group/Clinic Name (If Applicable) | Office Manager

Tax Identification Number | Effective Date of Provider at this Practice Location | NPI – Group

Name to which Employer Identification Number (EIN) is registered with the IRS (IMPORTANT: must match IRS information exactly)

Physical Address | City | State | Zip Code

Office Email | Office Website

Main Phone Number | Appointment Phone Number | Fax Number

Billing Address (Where you want payments sent) | Contact Person | Phone Number

City | State | Zip Code | Billing Email | Fax Number

Correspondence Address (Where you want communications sent) | Contact Person | Phone Number

City | State | Zip Code | Correspondence Email | Fax Number

Medical Records Address (Where you want medical record requests sent) | Contact Person | Phone Number

City | State | Zip Code | Medical Records Email | Fax Number

Type of Practice: ❑ Solo ❑ Multi-specialty Group ❑ Single Specialty Group ❑ Hospital-based
❑ Hospital-employed ❑ Healthplan/Payor-owned
If Hospital-employed or Healthplan/Payor-owned, please indicate owner name:

Office Hours | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun.

Do you practice at this location: ❑ Full-time ❑ Part-time ❑ Other (Specify)

Languages spoken at this location (other than English): ☐ Provider ☐ Other

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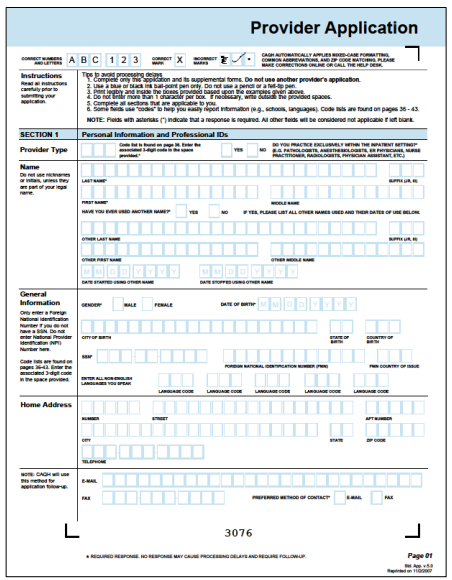

Provider Application

CORRECT NUMBERS AND LETTERS: A B C 1 2 3 | CORRECT MARK: X | INCORRECT MARKS: ☒ ✓ •

CAQH AUTOMATICALLY APPLIES MIXED-CASE FORMATTING, COMMON ABBREVIATIONS, AND ZIP CODE MATCHING. PLEASE MAKE CORRECTIONS ONLINE OR CALL THE HELP DESK.

Instructions
Read all instructions carefully prior to submitting your application.

Tips to avoid processing delays:
1. Type or print clearly. Complete and its supplemental forms. Do not use another provider's application.
2. Use a blue or black ink ball-point pen only. Do not use a pencil or a felt-tip pen.
3. Print legibly and inside the boxes provided based upon the examples given above.
4. Do not enter more than 1 character per box. If necessary, write outside the provided spaces.
5. Complete all sections that are applicable to you.
6. Some fields use "codes" to help you easily report information (e.g., schools, languages). Code lists are found on pages 36 - 43.

NOTE: Fields with asterisks (*) indicate that a response is required. All other fields will be considered not applicable if left blank.

SECTION 1 Personal Information and Professional IDs

Provider Type | Code list is found on page 36. Enter the appropriate 2-digit code in the space provided.* | YES | NO | DO YOU PRACTICE EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE INPATIENT SETTING? (I.E. PATHOLOGISTS, ANESTHESIOLOGISTS, ER PHYSICIANS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, RADIOLOGISTS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, ETC.)

Name
Do not use nicknames or initials, unless they are part of your legal name.

LAST NAME* | SUFFIX (JR, III)
FIRST NAME* | HAVE YOU EVER USED ANOTHER NAME?* YES NO | MIDDLE NAME | IF YES, PLEASE LIST ALL OTHER NAMES USED AND THEIR DATES OF USE BELOW.
OTHER LAST NAME | SUFFIX (JR, III)
OTHER FIRST NAME | OTHER MIDDLE NAME
DATE STARTED USING OTHER NAME | DATE STOPPED USING OTHER NAME

General Information
Only enter a Foreign National Identification Number if you do not have a SSN. Do not enter National Provider Identification (NPI) Number here.

Code lists are found on pages 36-43. Enter the associated 3-digit code in the space provided.

GENDER* MALE FEMALE | DATE OF BIRTH* | CITY OF BIRTH | STATE OF BIRTH | COUNTRY OF BIRTH
SSN* | FOREIGN NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FNN) | FNN COUNTRY OF ISSUE
ENTER ALL NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGES YOU SPEAK: LANGUAGE CODE | LANGUAGE CODE | LANGUAGE CODE | LANGUAGE CODE | LANGUAGE CODE

Home Address
NUMBER | STREET | APT NUMBER
CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE
TELEPHONE

NOTE: CAQH will use this method for application follow-up.
E-MAIL
FAX | PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACT* E-MAIL FAX

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* REQUIRED RESPONSE. NO RESPONSE MAY CAUSE PROCESSING DELAYS AND REQUIRE FOLLOW-UP.

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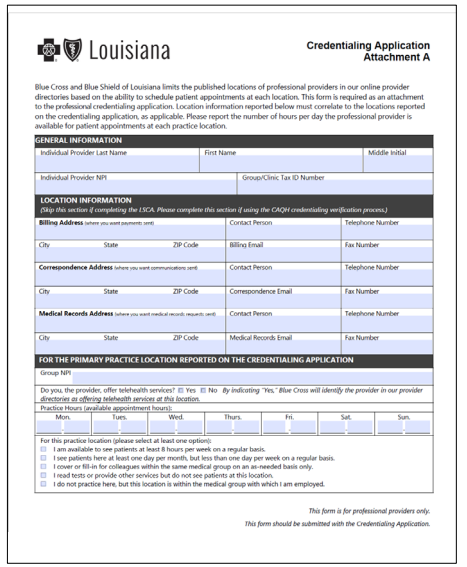
The **Credentialing Application Attachment A** is to report the hours per day the professional provider is available for patient appointments at each practice location.

- Location information reported must correlate to the locations reported on the LSCA, as applicable.
- This form is also used to report telehealth services.



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Credentialing Application Attachment A

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana limits the published locations of professional providers in our online provider directories based on the ability to schedule patient appointments at each location. This form is required as an attachment to the professional credentialing application. Location information reported below must correlate to the locations reported on the credentialing application, as applicable. Please report the number of hours per day the professional provider is available for patient appointments at each practice location.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Individual Provider Last Name | First Name | Middle Initial

Individual Provider NPI | Group/Clinic Tax ID Number

LOCATION INFORMATION
(Skip this section if completing the LSCA. Please complete this section if using the CAQH credentialing verification process.)

Billing Address (where you want payments sent) | Contact Person | Telephone Number
City | State | ZIP Code | Billing Email | Fax Number

Correspondence Address (where you want communications sent) | Contact Person | Telephone Number
City | State | ZIP Code | Correspondence Email | Fax Number

Medical Records Address (where you want medical records requests sent) | Contact Person | Telephone Number
City | State | ZIP Code | Medical Records Email | Fax Number

FOR THE PRIMARY PRACTICE LOCATION REPORTED ON THE CREDENTIALING APPLICATION

Group NPI

Do you, the provider, offer telehealth services? ☐ Yes ☐ No *By indicating "Yes," Blue Cross will identify the provider in our provider directories as offering telehealth services at this location.*

Practice Hours (available appointment hours):

Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun.

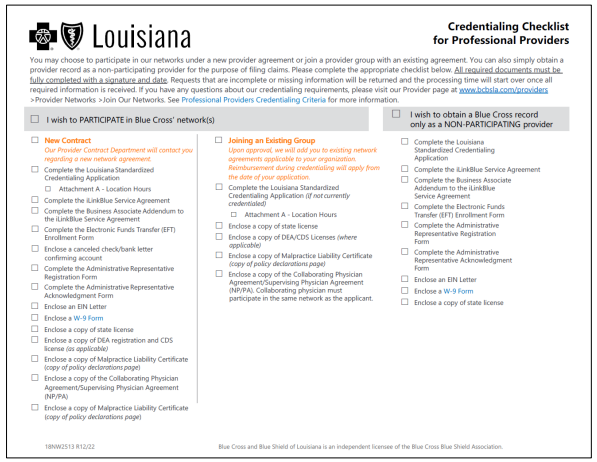
For this practice location (please select at least one option):
☐ I am available to see patients at least 8 hours per week on a regular basis.
☐ I see patients here at least one day per month, but less than one day per week on a regular basis.
☐ I cover or fill-in for colleagues within the same medical group on an as-needed basis only.
☐ I read tests or provide other services but do not see patients at this location.
☐ I do not practice here, but this location is within the medical group with which I am employed.

This form is for professional providers only.
This form should be submitted with the Credentialing Application.

To be listed in the directory, provider must be available to schedule patient appointments **a minimum of 8 hours per week** at the location listed.

The Paperwork for Professional Providers

Professional Initial Credentialing Packet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Credentialing Checklist for Professional Providers

You may choose to participate in our networks under a new provider agreement or join a provider group with an existing agreement. You can also simply obtain a provider record as a non-participating provider for the purpose of filing claims. Please complete the appropriate checklist below. All required documents must be fully completed with a signature and date. Requests that are incomplete or missing information will be returned and the processing time will start over once all required information is received. If you have any questions about our credentialing requirements, please visit our Provider page at www.bcbsla.com/providers >Provider Networks >Join Our Networks. See Professional Providers Credentialing Criteria for more information.

☐ I wish to PARTICIPATE in Blue Cross' network(s)

☐ I wish to obtain a Blue Cross record only as a NON-PARTICIPATING provider

☐ New Contract
Our Provider Contract Department will contact you regarding a new network agreement.
☐ Complete the Louisiana Standardized Credentialing Application
☐ Attachment A - Location Hours
☐ Complete the iLinkBlue Service Agreement
☐ Complete the Business Associate Addendum to the iLinkBlue Service Agreement
☐ Complete the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Enrollment Form
☐ Enclose a canceled check/bank letter confirming account
☐ Complete the Administrative Representative Registration Form
☐ Complete the Administrative Representative Acknowledgment Form
☐ Enclose an EIN Letter
☐ Enclose a W-9 Form
☐ Enclose a copy of state license
☐ Enclose a copy of DEA registration and CDS license *(as applicable)*
☐ Enclose a copy of Malpractice Liability Certificate *(copy of policy declarations page)*
☐ Enclose a copy of the Collaborating Physician Agreement/Supervising Physician Agreement (NP/PA)
☐ Enclose a copy of Malpractice Liability Certificate *(copy of policy declarations page)*

☐ Joining an Existing Group
Upon approval, we will add you to existing network agreements applicable to your organization. Reimbursement during credentialing will apply from the date of your application.
☐ Complete the Louisiana Standardized Credentialing Application *(if not currently credentialed)*
☐ Attachment A - Location Hours
☐ Enclose a copy of state license
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☐ Enclose a copy of the Collaborating Physician Agreement/Supervising Physician Agreement (NP/PA). Collaborating physician must participate in the same network as the applicant.

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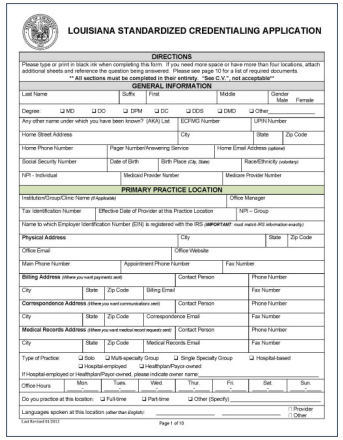
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Last Name | Suffix | First | Middle | Gender Male Female

Degree: ☐ MD ☐ DO ☐ DPM ☐ DC ☐ DDS ☐ DMD ☐ Other

Any other name under which you have been known? (AKA) List | ECFMG Number | UPIN Number

Home Street Address | City | State | Zip Code

Home Phone Number | Pager Number/Answering Service | Home Email Address (optional)

Social Security Number | Date of Birth | Birth Place (City, State) | Race/Ethnicity (voluntary)

NPI - Individual | Medicaid Provider Number | Medicare Provider Number

PRIMARY PRACTICE LOCATION

Institution/Group/Clinic Name (If Applicable) | Office Manager

Tax Identification Number | Effective Date of Provider at this Practice Location | NPI – Group

Name to which Employer Identification Number (EIN) is registered with the IRS (IMPORTANT: must match IRS information exactly)

Physical Address | City | State | Zip Code

Office Email | Office Website

Main Phone Number | Appointment Phone Number | Fax Number

Billing Address (Where you want payments sent) | Contact Person | Phone Number

City | State | Zip Code | Billing Email | Fax Number

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City | State | Zip Code | Correspondence Email | Fax Number

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City | State | Zip Code | Medical Records Email | Fax Number

Type of Practice: ☐ Solo ☐ Multi-specialty Group ☐ Single Specialty Group ☐ Hospital-based ☐ Hospital-employed ☐ Healthplan/Payor-owned

If Hospital-employed or Healthplan/Payor-owned, please indicate owner name:

Office Hours | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun.

Do you practice at this location: ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time ☐ Other (Specify)

Languages spoken at this location (other than English): ☐ Provider ☐ Other

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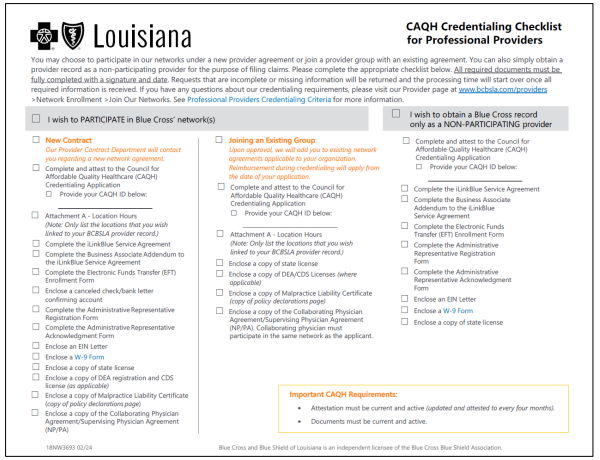
- Complete checklist
- Submit all the indicated documents.
- Incomplete credentialing packets (missing information or submitted incorrectly) may be returned. A letter is sent advising of the missing information and how to resubmit.

Professional CAQH Credentialing Packet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☐ I wish to obtain a Blue Cross record only as a NON-PARTICIPATING provider

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Our Provider Contract Department will contact you regarding a new network agreement.
☐ Complete and attest to the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) Credentialing Application
☐ Provide your CAQH ID below:
☐ Attachment A - Location Hours
(Note: Only list the locations that you wish linked to your BCBSLA provider record.)
☐ Complete the iLinkBlue Service Agreement
☐ Complete the Business Associate Addendum to the iLinkBlue Service Agreement
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☐ Complete the Administrative Representative Registration Form
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☐ Joining an Existing Group
Upon approval, we will add you to existing network agreements applicable to your organization. Reimbursement during credentialing will apply from the date of your application.
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(Note: Only list the locations that you wish linked to your BCBSLA provider record.)
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☐ Enclose an EIN Letter
☐ Enclose a W-9 Form
☐ Enclose a copy of state license

Important CAQH Requirements:
- Attestation must be current and active *(updated and attested to every four months).*
- Documents must be current and active.

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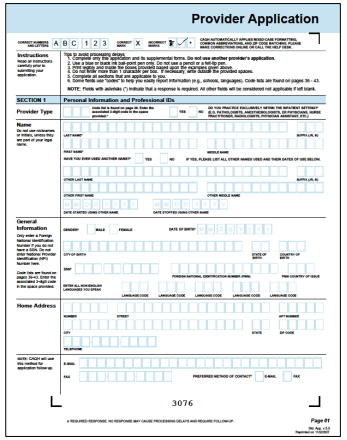
Provider Application

SECTION 1 Personal Information and Professional IDs

Provider Type

Name

General Information

Home Address

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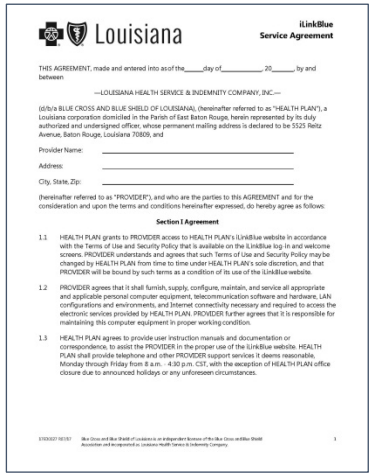
- Complete checklist
- Provide your CAQH ID

The Paperwork for Professional Providers

The **iLinkBlue Application Packet** is part of our credentialing packet and must be completed.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iLinkBlue Service Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into as of the_____day of_____, 20_____, by and between

—LOUISIANA HEALTH SERVICE & INDEMNITY COMPANY, INC.—

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Provider Name: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

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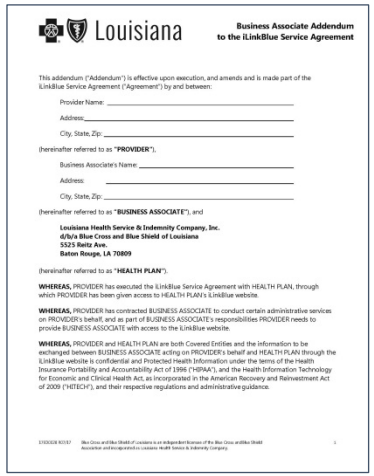
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City, State, Zip: _____

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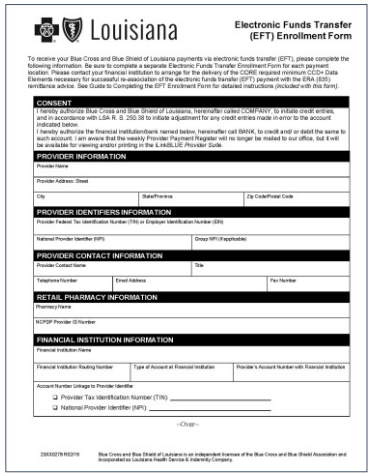
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Provider Contact Name | Title

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Financial Institution Name

Financial Institution Routing Number | Type of Account at Financial Institution | Provider's Account Number with Financial Institution

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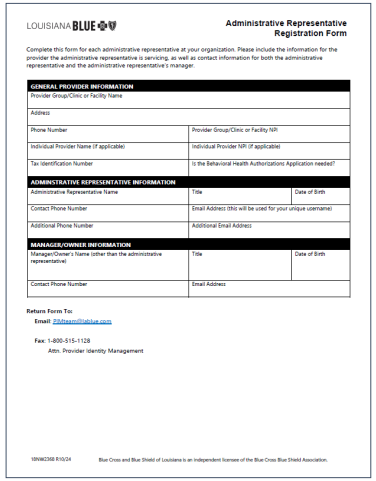
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Individual Provider Name (if applicable) | Individual Provider NPI (if applicable)

Tax Identification Number | Is the Behavioral Health Authorizations Application needed?

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Return Form To:
Email: PRAteam@lablue.com

Fax: 1-800-515-1128
Attn. Provider Identity Management

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iLinkBlue is our secure online provider tool. It is your source for eligibility, benefits, claims filing, claims research, payment queries, authorization requests and more.

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The Paperwork for Facilities

Overview | Credentialing Process | **Join Our Network** | Update Your Information | Frequently Asked Questions

Join Our Network

Your request can take up to 90 days to process once all required information has been received. The BCBSLA Welcome to the Network notification letter will notify you of next steps and your network participation effective date shall be the effective date indicated on the signature page of your provider agreement. BCBSLA does not backdate network participation. Any claims submitted prior to network participation will process as out-of-network. When a claim is processed as out-of-network, payment for services may go to the member not to the provider.

Applying for network participation has been made easy. Our online Facility Initial Credentialing packet can now be completed, signed and submitted digitally with **DocuSign.** Each packet includes a checklist of all required documents. Please follow that checklist to ensure all information is included with the submission of your application.

Facility Initial Credentialing Packet

Some of the required credentialing supporting documentation for Facilities and Hospitals includes:

- Health Delivery Organization (HDO) Form
- HDO Attachment, as applicable
- State License
- Malpractice Liability Certificate (copy of declarations page)

Network facilities and hospitals are reverified every three years from their last credentialing acceptance date. Blue Cross sends reverification packets directly to facilities and hospitals based on the correspondence information on file.

The Facility Initial Credentialing Packet includes a checklist of all required documents needed for credentialing.

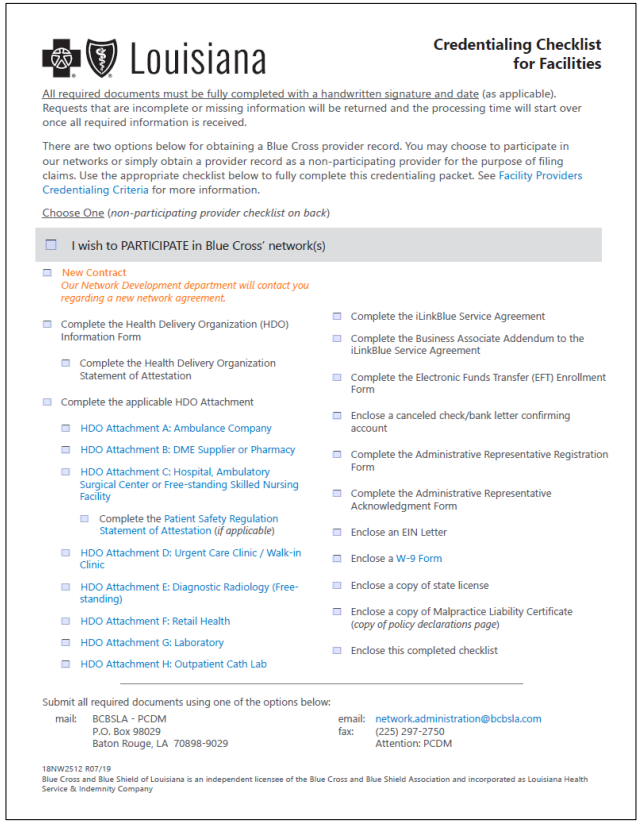
The Paperwork for Facilities

Facility Initial Credentialing Packet

The **Checklist** must be completed.

- Submit all indicated documents.
- Incomplete credentialing packets (missing information or submitted incorrectly) may be returned. A letter is sent advising of the missing information and how to resubmit.

This Packet is in **DocuSign®** to be completed, signed and submitted digitally.



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Credentialing Checklist for Facilities

All required documents must be fully completed with a handwritten signature and date (as applicable). Requests that are incomplete or missing information will be returned and the processing time will start over once all required information is received.

There are two options below for obtaining a Blue Cross provider record. You may choose to participate in our networks or simply obtain a provider record as a non-participating provider for the purpose of filing claims. Use the appropriate checklist below to fully complete this credentialing packet. See Facility Providers Credentialing Criteria for more information.

Choose One (*non-participating provider checklist on back*)

☐ I wish to PARTICIPATE in Blue Cross' network(s)

☐ New Contract
Our Network Development department will contact you regarding a new network agreement.

☐ Complete the Health Delivery Organization (HDO) Information Form

☐ Complete the Health Delivery Organization Statement of Attestation

☐ Complete the applicable HDO Attachment

☐ HDO Attachment A: Ambulance Company

☐ HDO Attachment B: DME Supplier or Pharmacy

☐ HDO Attachment C: Hospital, Ambulatory Surgical Center or Free-standing Skilled Nursing Facility

☐ Complete the Patient Safety Regulation Statement of Attestation (*if applicable*)

☐ HDO Attachment D: Urgent Care Clinic / Walk-in Clinic

☐ HDO Attachment E: Diagnostic Radiology (Free-standing)

☐ HDO Attachment F: Retail Health

☐ HDO Attachment G: Laboratory

☐ HDO Attachment H: Outpatient Cath Lab

☐ Complete the iLinkBlue Service Agreement

☐ Complete the Business Associate Addendum to the iLinkBlue Service Agreement

☐ Complete the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Enrollment Form

☐ Enclose a canceled check/bank letter confirming account

☐ Complete the Administrative Representative Registration Form

☐ Complete the Administrative Representative Acknowledgment Form

☐ Enclose an EIN Letter

☐ Enclose a W-9 Form

☐ Enclose a copy of state license

☐ Enclose a copy of Malpractice Liability Certificate (*copy of policy declarations page*)

☐ Enclose this completed checklist

Submit all required documents using one of the options below:

mail: BCBSLA - PCDM
P.O. Box 98029
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9029

email: network.administration@bcbsla.com
fax: (225) 297-2750
Attention: PCDM

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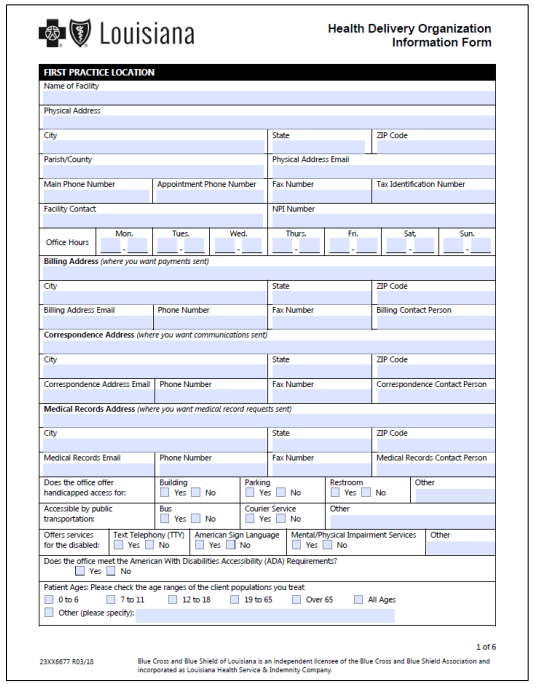
The Paperwork for Facilities

Louisiana Blue uses the **Facility Credentialing Application** for initial credentialing.



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Health Delivery Organization Information Form

FIRST PRACTICE LOCATION

Name of Facility

Physical Address

City | State | ZIP Code

Parish/County | Physical Address Email

Main Phone Number | Appointment Phone Number | Fax Number | Tax Identification Number

Facility Contact | NPI Number

Office Hours | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun.

Billing Address *(where you want payments sent)*

City | State | ZIP Code

Billing Address Email | Phone Number | Fax Number | Billing Contact Person

Correspondence Address *(where you want communications sent)*

City | State | ZIP Code

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Medical Records Address *(where you want medical record requests sent)*

City | State | ZIP Code

Medical Records Email | Phone Number | Fax Number | Medical Records Contact Person

Does the office offer handicapped access for: | Building ☐ Yes ☐ No | Parking ☐ Yes ☐ No | Restroom ☐ Yes ☐ No | Other

Accessible by public transportation: | Bus ☐ Yes ☐ No | Courier Service ☐ Yes ☐ No | Other

Offers services for the disabled: | Text Telephony (TTY) ☐ Yes ☐ No | American Sign Language ☐ Yes ☐ No | Mental/Physical Impairment Services ☐ Yes ☐ No | Other

Does the office meet the American With Disabilities Accessibility (ADA) Requirements? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Patient Ages: Please check the age ranges of the client populations you treat:
☐ 0 to 6 ☐ 7 to 11 ☐ 12 to 18 ☐ 19 to 65 ☐ Over 65 ☐ All Ages
☐ Other (please specify):

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There are attachment forms included with the main credentialing form. Facilities should complete only those that apply.

- Attachment A – Ambulance
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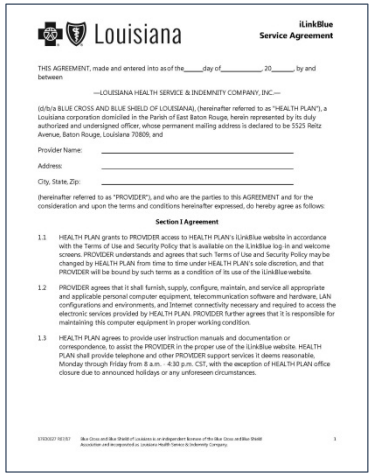
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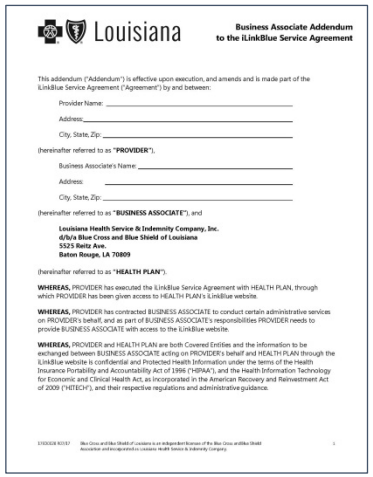
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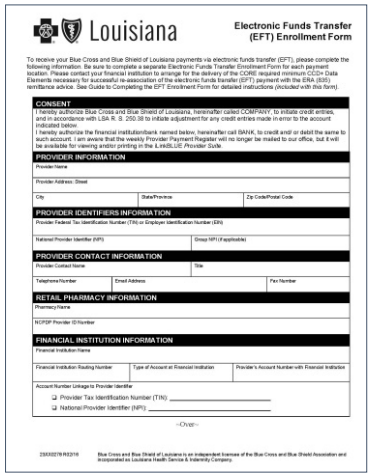
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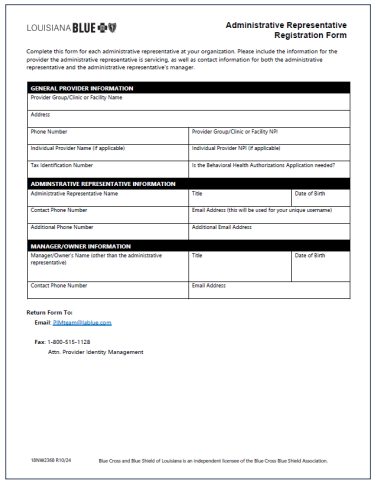
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LOUISIANA BLUE

Let’s Get Credentialed

The Credentialing Process

- The credentialing committee approves credentialing twice per month.
- Providers will remain non-participating in our networks until a signed agreement is received by our contracting department.
- Network providers are recredentialed every three years from their last credentialing acceptance date.

To inquire about the status of your initial credentialing application, you may send an email to **PCDMstatus@lablue.com**.

Verifying Your Information

We partner with **symplrCVO**, to assist with the primary source verification of our credentialing and recredentialing applications.

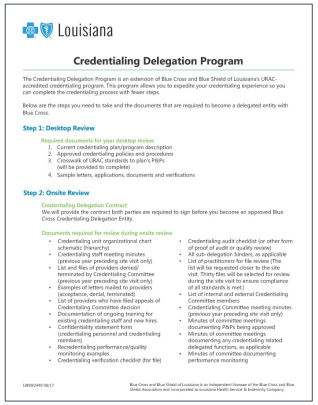
Professional providers in the credentialing and recredentialing process may be directly contacted by symplrCVO to verify application details and supporting documentation. This does not apply to facilities.

symplrCVO will make three attempts to contact the provider. If unsuccessful, the credentialing process is stopped, and the application is rejected. For providers in the recredentialing process, network participation may be terminated.

If you have questions about this process, you may email our Provider Relations Department at **provider.relations@lablue.com**.

Credentialing Delegation Program

- It is an extension of our accredited credentialing program and is available to groups **with 50 or more practitioners**.
- An approved delegation entity essentially credentials its own providers and sends the information to Louisiana Blue to create their provider records.
- This program allows you to expedite your credentialing experience so you can complete the Louisiana Blue credentialing process with fewer steps.
- After a provider group is approved as a delegation entity, it will not be necessary to submit provider applications to be set up in the Louisiana Blue system.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Credentialing Delegation Program

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Below are the steps you need to take and the documents that are required to become a delegated entity with Blue Cross.

Step 1: Desktop Review

Required documents for your desktop review

1. Current credentialing plan/program description
2. Approved credentialing policies and procedures
3. Crosswalk of URAC standards to plan's P&Ps (will be provided to complete)
4. Sample letters, applications, documents and verifications

Step 2: Onsite Review

Credentialing Delegation Contract

We will provide the contract both parties are required to sign before you become an approved Blue Cross Credentialing Delegation Entity.

Documents required for review during onsite review

- Credentialing unit organizational chart schematic (hierarchy)
- Credentialing staff meeting minutes (previous year preceding site visit only)
- List and files of providers denied, terminated or placed on probation by Committee (previous year preceding site visit only)
- Examples of letters mailed to providers (acceptance, denial, termination)
- List of providers who have filed appeals of Credentialing Committee decision
- Documentation of ongoing training for existing credentialing staff and new hires
- Confidentiality statement form (credentialing personnel and credentialing members)
- Recredentialing performance/quality monitoring examples
- Credentialing verification checklist (for file)
- Credentialing audit checklist (or other form of proof of audit or quality review)
- All sub-delegation binders, as applicable
- List of practitioners for file review (The list will be requested closer to the site visit. This is to ensure a current list review during the site visit to ensure compliance of all standards is met.)
- List of internal and external Credentialing Committee members
- Credentialing Committee meeting minutes (previous year preceding site visit only)
- Minutes of committee meetings documenting P&Ps being approved
- Minutes of committee meetings documenting any credentialing related delegated functions, as applicable
- Minutes of committee documenting performance monitoring

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If you have any questions about the Credentialing Delegation Program, please email **credentialing.delegation@lablue.com**.

The Credentialing Delegation Program guide explains the steps network provider groups must take, and the documents required to become a delegated entity. It is sent to providers requesting to join the program.

Reimbursement During Credentialing

Reimbursement During Credentialing applies to all professional provider types, when criteria are met.

Reimbursement During Credentialing will be granted to all professional providers **joining an existing contracted provider group**. That contracted group must have the **same provider type contract** on file with Louisiana Blue. This allows for in-network reimbursement on submitted claims during the credentialing process. Once the application has passed the pre-screening process, reimbursement during credentialing is backdated one month prior to the date of application receipt, or the clinic start date, whichever is more recent.

This provision does not apply for solo practitioners.

Providers should not file/submit claims until receiving a provider number letter from our PCDM Department notifying you of the Reimbursement During Credentialing effective date.

If you have any questions about the Reimbursement During Credentialing Process, send an email to **PCDMstatus@lablue.com**.

Expedited Processing

Expedited processing applies to a limited group of professional providers only. In most cases, this applies to practitioners with admitting privileges or admitting arrangements.

Louisiana law allows professional providers a 30-day expedited application processing. To be eligible for expedited processing, providers must meet the following criteria:

- Providers who are:
  - Already credentialed with Louisiana Blue and are joining a new group, or
  - Are not yet credentialed but are joining a provider group that already has an executed group agreement on file with Louisiana Blue for the same provider type.

Example: An NP applying for network participation must be joining a provider group that already has an executed allied health agreement on file with Louisiana Blue.

- Physicians must have admitting privileges to a network hospital or an approved exception.
- When applicable, provider must list their admitting privileges information in the hospital affiliations section on the appropriate credentialing application.
- Louisiana Blue credentialing policy allows certain eligible providers to have an arrangement with a hospitalist group to admit their patients in lieu of their own hospital privileges. A copy of the arrangement must be submitted with the credentialing application.
- Agree to hold our members harmless for payments above the allowable amount.

Sample Letter

{Date}

Dear Louisiana Blue:

In accordance with the Louisiana law extending certain requirements for credentialing of healthcare providers, please accept this written request for expedited processing for ***{provider's name}*** as a new provider at ***{provider's group name}*** at our group contract rate and with in-network benefits. ***{Provider's group name}*** agrees that all contract provisions, including holding covered members harmless for charges beyond the Louisiana Blue allowable amount, and the member's cost share amount (deductible, coinsurance and/or copayment, as applicable) will apply to the new provider.

{Signature of the provider}

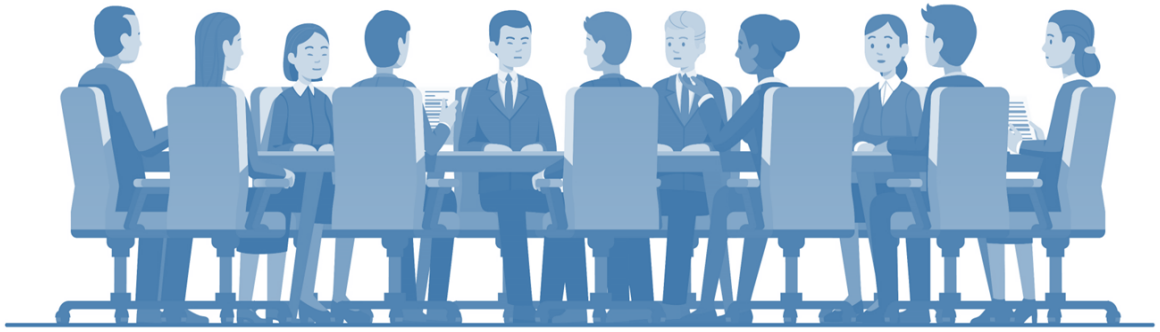
Expedited Processing

To request expedited processing, include the following with the initial credentialing application:

- Letter asking Louisiana Blue to invoke the expedited process.
- The letter must:
  1. Include your agreement to hold our members harmless for payments above the allowable amount.
  2. Identify the provider group name.
  3. Be on company letterhead and signed by the provider or an authorized representative. An electronic signature is acceptable.
- When applicable, a signed admitting privileges agreement to a network hospital.

The Credentialing Committee

- Has the final authority to make decisions regarding provider participation.
- Provides guidance and suggestions for the credentialing process.
- Is made up of a diverse group of network providers from across the state with no other management role at Louisiana Blue.
- Includes multiple Louisiana Blue employees from Medical Management and Network Development & Contracting Departments.



Effective Dates

For non-participating providers (requesting a provider record only), Louisiana Blue allows an effective date up to two years back for providers who want a provider record only for filing claims.

For participating providers, Louisiana Blue cannot retroactively allow network participation prior to a provider's credentialing date. Our accrediting organization strictly prohibits it. Effective dates are based on:

Delegation Program Providers	New Providers Not Credentialed	Providers Already Credentialed
The effective date for delegated providers is based on approval of the Credentialing Delegation spreadsheet by our Medical Director.	If you are eligible for reimbursement during credentialing (joining an existing contracted group), then it is one month prior to the date of receipt of application or the clinic start date, whichever is more recent. **OR** If you are not eligible for reimbursement during credentialing, then it is the approved date by the Credentialing Committee **AND** the execution of your network agreement.	If the requested effective date on the Provider Update Request Form (Existing Providers Joining a New Provider Group) is within 90 days of the calendar date, then it will be that date, but not before the group's effective date. If the requested effective date on the Provider Update Request Form (Existing Providers Joining a New Provider Group) is greater than 90 days of the calendar date, then it will be 90 days from the day the information was received, but not before the group's effective date.

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Signing the Contract

Network Agreement (the final paperwork)

Once the credentialing process is completed, the next step in the process is to ensure the provider has a signed network agreement.

Our Provider Contracting representatives will work with the provider for the appropriate networks available for participation. Providers remain non-participating in our networks until a signed agreement is received by our Contracting Department.

The signed network agreement will include the effective date of network participation, which will be the date of approval from the Credentialing Committee.

If you have any questions about the contracting process, send an email to **provider.contracting@lablue.com**.

Network Agreement (the final paperwork)

Professional providers who are new to the network may not always be required to sign a contract.

A new agreement **IS REQUIRED** for:

- Newly credentialed solo practitioners.
- Newly credentialed providers joining a group not currently participating with Louisiana Blue.
- Newly credentialed providers joining a participating group that does not have an agreement on file for the provider type:
  - Example 1: a nurse practitioner (NP) joins a participating physician group (only has a physician agreement on file). The group must sign an allied agreement to cover the NP.
  - Example 2: a physician joins a participating allied group (only has an allied agreement on file). The group must sign a physician agreement.
- Existing network providers asking to join a different network.
- Some participating providers, groups or facilities changing Tax ID number (TIN).

Network Agreement (the final paperwork)

Professional providers who are new to the network may not always be required to sign a contract.

A new agreement **IS NOT REQUIRED** when:

- A newly credentialed physician and/or allied provider joins a participating group that already has the applicable physician and/or allied agreement on file.
- A newly credentialed physician and/or allied provider is joining a participating group through the Louisiana Blue Delegated Credentialing Agreement program, **and** that group has the applicable physician and/or allied agreement on file.

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Staying in the Network

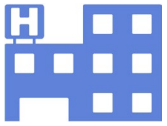
Recredentialing

The Credentialing Committee reviews all recredentialing applications.

Network providers must be approved through our **recredentialing** process **every three years** (or within 1 year in some cases) from the last credentialing acceptance date. Louisiana Blue is partnered with symplrCVO to recredential our network providers. Louisiana Blue sends* recredentialing applications to providers approximately 6 months prior to their recredentialing due date. Instructions are included on how to return completed forms. Louisiana Blue or symplrCVO will complete the verification process.

Required applications:

Professional providers: Louisiana Standardized Credentialing Application (LSCA) **or** CAQH Application



Facilities: Facility Credentialing Application and any applicable application attachments

If you have questions during the process, you may email **recredentialing@lablue.com** or call (318) 807-4755.

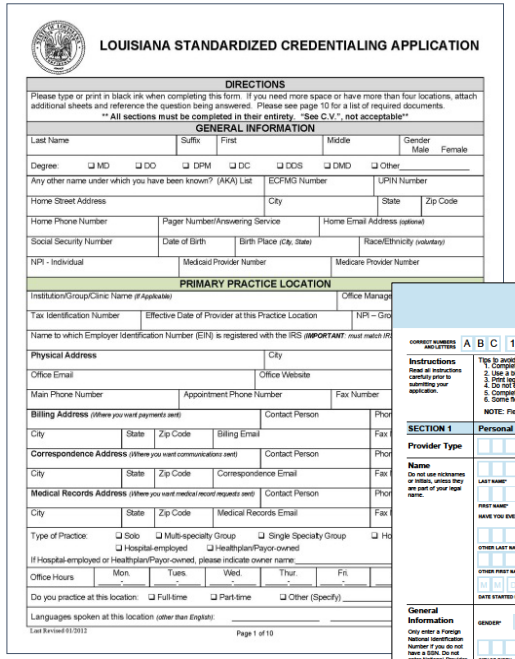
**The provider's correspondence record information is used when sending recredentialing applications.*

Recredentialing

Professional

Providers due for recredentialing are sent an email (correspondence email on file) six months prior to recredentialing due date.
The email provides:

- A link to the LSCA, if using CAQH you can provide your CAQH ID
- A checklist of required supporting documentation
- Instructions on how to complete and return the application


LOUISIANA STANDARDIZED CREDENTIALING APPLICATION

DIRECTIONS

Please type or print in black ink when completing this form. If you need more space or have more than four locations, attach additional sheets and reference the question being answered. Please see page 10 for a list of required documents.

** All sections must be completed in their entirety. "See C.V.", not acceptable**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Last Name | Suffix | First | Middle | Gender Male Female

Degree: ❑ MD ❑ DO ❑ DPM ❑ DC ❑ DDS ❑ DMD ❑ Other

Any other name under which you have been known? (AKA) List | ECFMG Number | UPIN Number

Home Street Address | City | State | Zip Code

Home Phone Number | Pager Number/Answering Service | Home Email Address (optional)

Social Security Number | Date of Birth | Birth Place (City, State) | Race/Ethnicity (voluntary)

NPI - Individual | Medicaid Provider Number | Medicare Provider Number

PRIMARY PRACTICE LOCATION

Institution/Group/Clinic Name (If Applicable) | Office Manage

Tax Identification Number | Effective Date of Provider at this Practice Location | NPI – Gro

Name to which Employer Identification Number (EIN) is registered with the IRS (IMPORTANT: must match IR

Physical Address | City

Office Email | Office Website

Main Phone Number | Appointment Phone Number | Fax Number

Billing Address (Where you want payments sent) | Contact Person | Pho

City | State | Zip Code | Billing Email | Fax

Correspondence Address (Where you want communications sent) | Contact Person | Pho

City | State | Zip Code | Correspondence Email | Fax

Medical Records Address (Where you want medical record requests sent) | Contact Person | Pho

City | State | Zip Code | Medical Records Email | Fax

Type of Practice: ❑ Solo ❑ Multi-specialty Group ❑ Single Specialty Group ❑ Ho
❑ Hospital-employed ❑ Healthplan/Payor-owned

If Hospital-employed or Healthplan/Payor-owned, please indicate owner name:

Office Hours | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri.

Do you practice at this location: ❑ Full-time ❑ Part-time ❑ Other (Specify)

Languages spoken at this location (other than English):

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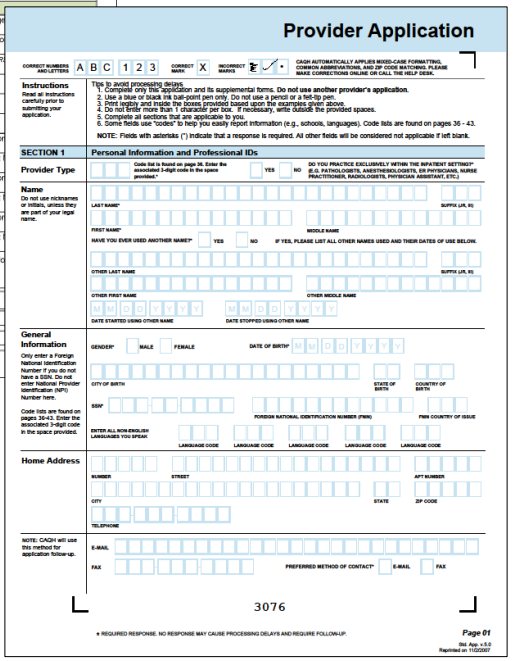
OR


Provider Application

CORRECT NUMBERS AND LETTERS A B C 1 2 3 CORRECT MARK X INCORRECT MARKS

CAQH AUTOMATICALLY APPLIES MIXED-CASE FORMATTING, COMMON ABBREVIATIONS, AND ZIP CODE MATCHING. PLEASE MAKE CORRECTIONS ONLINE OR CALL THE HELP DESK.

Instructions

Read all instructions carefully prior to submitting your application.

Tips to avoid processing delays

1. Complete only this application and its supplemental forms. Do not use another provider's application.
2. Use a blue or black ink ball-point pen only. Do not use a pencil or a felt-tip pen.
3. Print legibly and inside the boxes provided based upon the examples given above.
4. Do not enter more than 1 character per box. If necessary, write outside the provided spaces.
5. Complete all sections that are applicable to you.
6. Some fields use "codes" to help you easily report information (e.g., schools, languages). Code lists are found on pages 36 - 43.

NOTE: Fields with asterisks (*) indicate that a response is required. All other fields will be considered not applicable if left blank.

SECTION 1 Personal Information and Professional IDs

Provider Type

Code list is found on page 36. Enter the associated 3-digit code in the space provided.* YES NO DO YOU PRACTICE EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE INPATIENT SETTING?* (E.G. PATHOLOGISTS, ANESTHESIOLOGISTS, ER PHYSICIANS, NURSE PRACTITIONER, RADIOLOGISTS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, ETC.)

Name

Do not use nicknames or initials, unless they are part of your legal name.

LAST NAME* SUFFIX (JR, III)

FIRST NAME* MIDDLE NAME

HAVE YOU EVER USED ANOTHER NAME?* YES NO IF YES, PLEASE LIST ALL OTHER NAMES USED AND THEIR DATES OF USE BELOW.

OTHER LAST NAME SUFFIX (JR, III)

OTHER FIRST NAME OTHER MIDDLE NAME

DATE STARTED USING OTHER NAME DATE STOPPED USING OTHER NAME

General Information

Only enter a Foreign National Identification Number if you do not have a SSN. Do not enter National Provider Identification (NPI) Number here.

Code lists are found on pages 36-43. Enter the associated 3-digit code in the space provided.

GENDER* MALE FEMALE DATE OF BIRTH* D D M M Y Y Y Y

CITY OF BIRTH STATE OF BIRTH COUNTRY OF BIRTH

SSN# FOREIGN NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FNIN) FNIN COUNTRY OF ISSUE

ENTER ALL NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGES YOU SPEAK LANGUAGE CODE LANGUAGE CODE LANGUAGE CODE LANGUAGE CODE LANGUAGE CODE

Home Address

NUMBER STREET APT NUMBER

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE

NOTE: CAQH will use this method for application follow-up.

E-MAIL

FAX PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACT* E-MAIL FAX

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* REQUIRED RESPONSE. NO RESPONSE MAY CAUSE PROCESSING DELAYS AND REQUIRE FOLLOW-UP.

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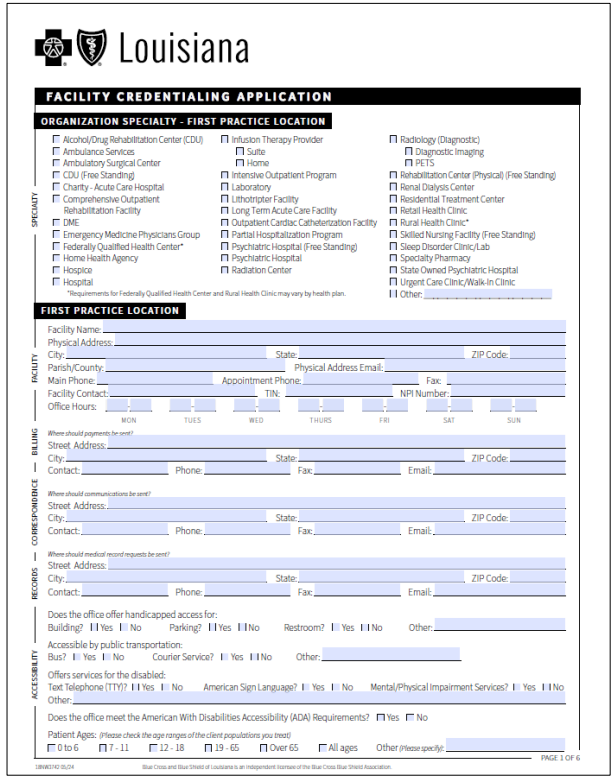
Recredentialing

Facility

Facilities due for recredentialing are sent an email (correspondence email on file) six months prior to recredentialing due date.
The email provides:

- A link to the Facility Credentialing Application
- A checklist of required supporting documentation
- Instructions on how to complete and return the application



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FACILITY CREDENTIALING APPLICATION

ORGANIZATION SPECIALTY - FIRST PRACTICE LOCATION

SPECIALTY

- Alcohol/Drug Rehabilitation Center (CDU)
- Ambulance Services
- Ambulatory Surgical Center
- CDU (Free Standing)
- Charity - Acute Care Hospital
- Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
- DME
- Emergency Medicine Physicians Group
- Federally Qualified Health Center*
- Home Health Agency
- Hospice
- Hospital
- Infusion Therapy Provider
  - Suite
  - Home
- Intensive Outpatient Program
- Laboratory
- Lithotripter Facility
- Long Term Acute Care Facility
- Outpatient Cardiac Catheterization Facility
- Partial Hospitalization Program
- Psychiatric Hospital (Free Standing)
- Psychiatric Hospital
- Radiation Center
- Radiology (Diagnostic)
  - Diagnostic Imaging
  - PETS
- Rehabilitation Center (Physical) (Free Standing)
- Renal Dialysis Center
- Residential Treatment Center
- Retail Health Clinic
- Rural Health Clinic*
- Skilled Nursing Facility (Free Standing)
- Sleep Disorder Clinic/Lab
- Specialty Pharmacy
- State Owned Psychiatric Hospital
- Urgent Care Clinic/Walk-In Clinic
- Other:

*Requirements for Federally Qualified Health Center and Rural Health Clinic may vary by health plan.

FIRST PRACTICE LOCATION

FACILITY

Facility Name:
Physical Address:
City: State: ZIP Code:
Parish/County: Physical Address Email:
Main Phone: Appointment Phone: Fax:
Facility Contact: TIN: NPI Number:
Office Hours: MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT SUN

BILLING

Where should payments be sent?
Street Address:
City: State: ZIP Code:
Contact: Phone: Fax: Email:

CORRESPONDENCE

Where should communications be sent?
Street Address:
City: State: ZIP Code:
Contact: Phone: Fax: Email:

RECORDS

Where should medical record requests be sent?
Street Address:
City: State: ZIP Code:
Contact: Phone: Fax: Email:

ACCESSIBILITY

Does the office offer handicapped access for:
Building? Yes No Parking? Yes No Restroom? Yes No Other:
Accessible by public transportation:
Bus? Yes No Courier Service? Yes No Other:
Offers services for the disabled:
Text Telephone (TTY)? Yes No American Sign Language? Yes No Mental/Physical Impairment Services? Yes No
Other:
Does the office meet the American With Disabilities Accessibility (ADA) Requirements? Yes No
Patient Ages: *(Please check the age ranges of the client populations you treat)*
0 to 6 7 - 11 12 - 18 19 - 65 Over 65 All ages Other *(Please specify)*:

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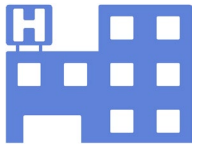
Supporting Documents Needed for Recredentialing

Professional

- Completed credentialing form
- Completed Attachment A - Location Hours
- Copy of state license
- Copy of DEA registration and CDS license *(as applicable)*
- Copy of Malpractice Liability Certificate (*copy of policy declarations page*)
- A copy of the Collaborative Physician Agreement/Supervising Physician Agreement for NPs and PAs



Facility

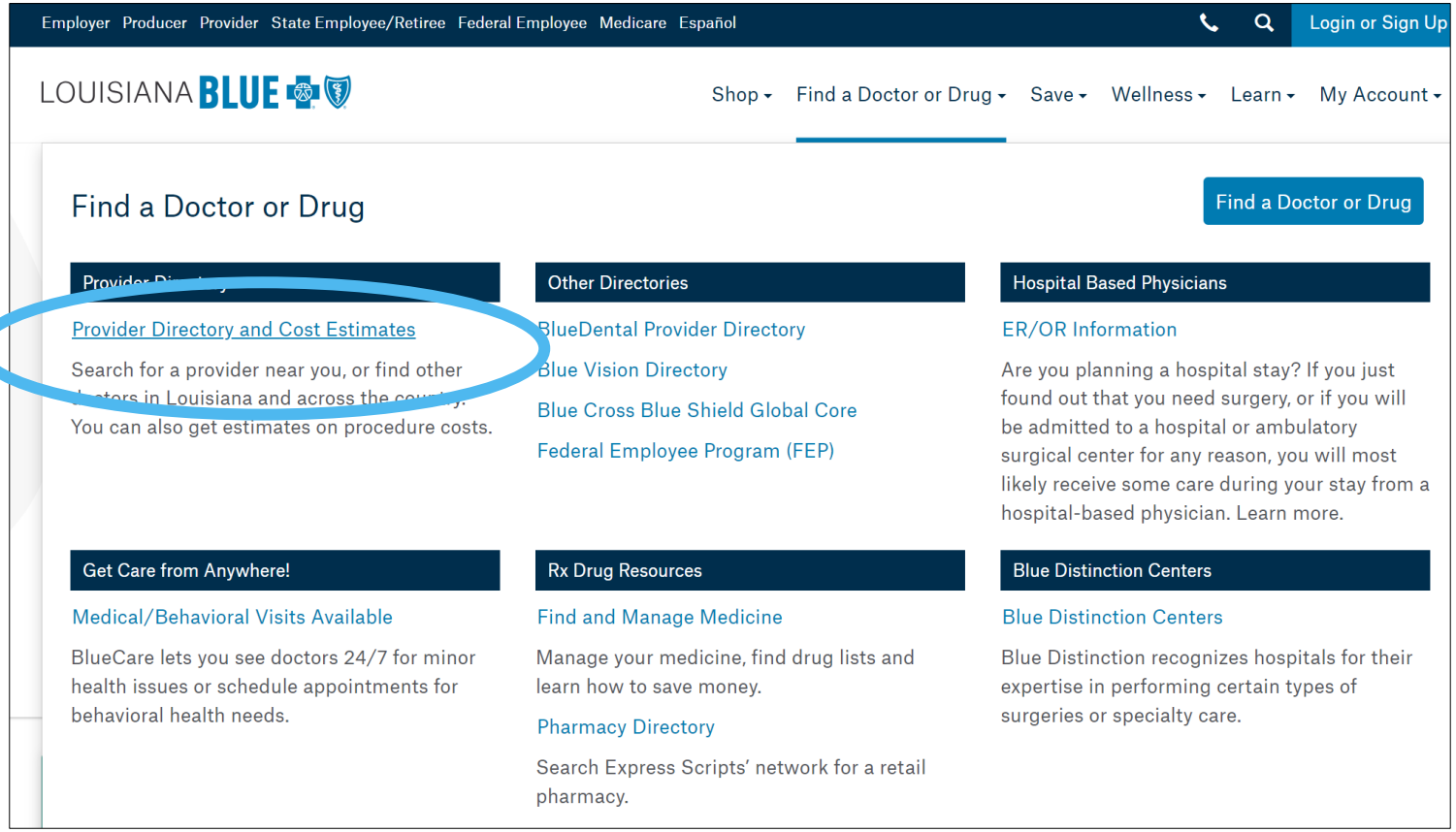
- Completed credentialing form
- Completed attachment(s), as applicable
- Copy of state license
- Copy of W-9
- Copy of Malpractice Liability Certificate (copy of policy declarations page)
- Occupational License Tax or Operational License (as applicable)

LOUISIANA BLUE

How Members Find You

Online Provider Directories

Louisiana Blue offers many networks. All providers do not participate in all networks. In order to maximize benefits for your patients, you need to know which networks you participate in. This information can be found online at **www.lablue.com** >Find a Doctor or Drug >Provider Directory and Cost Estimates.



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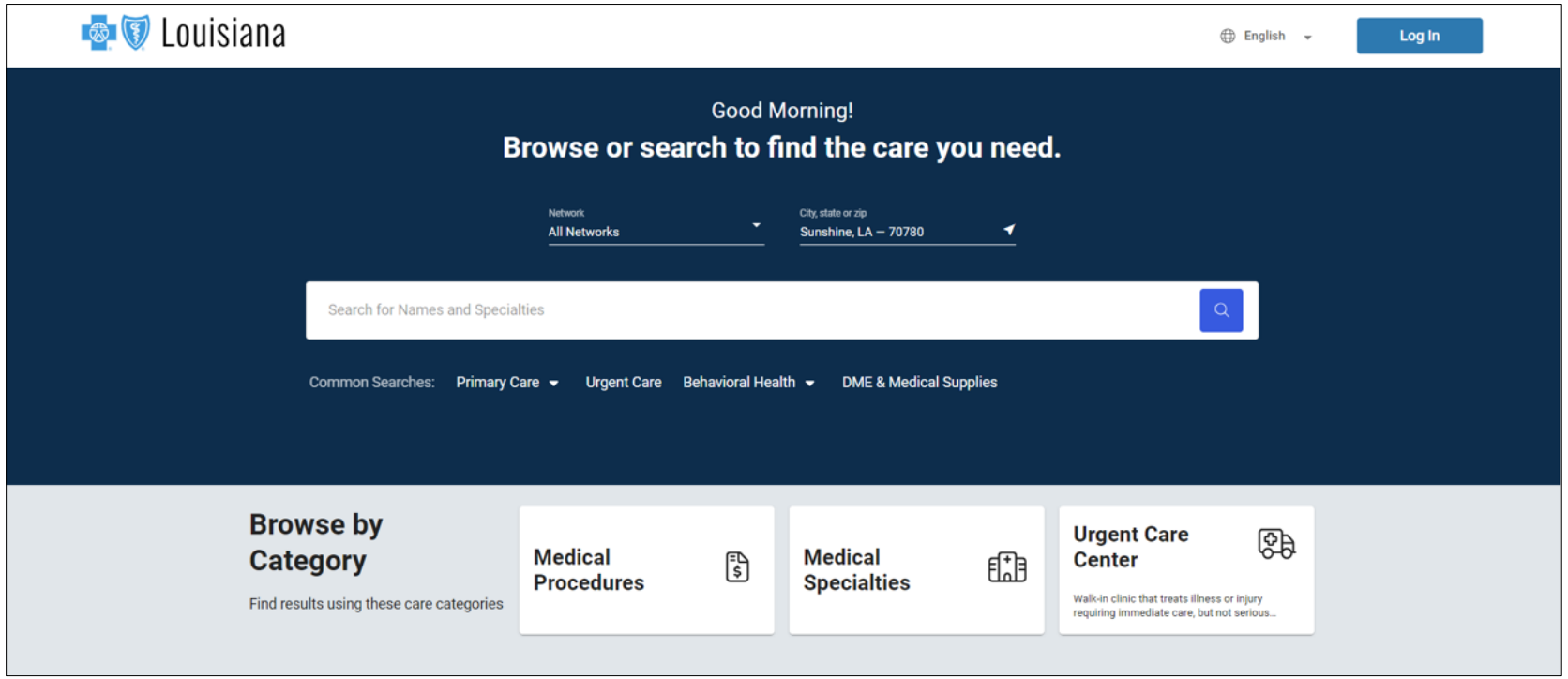
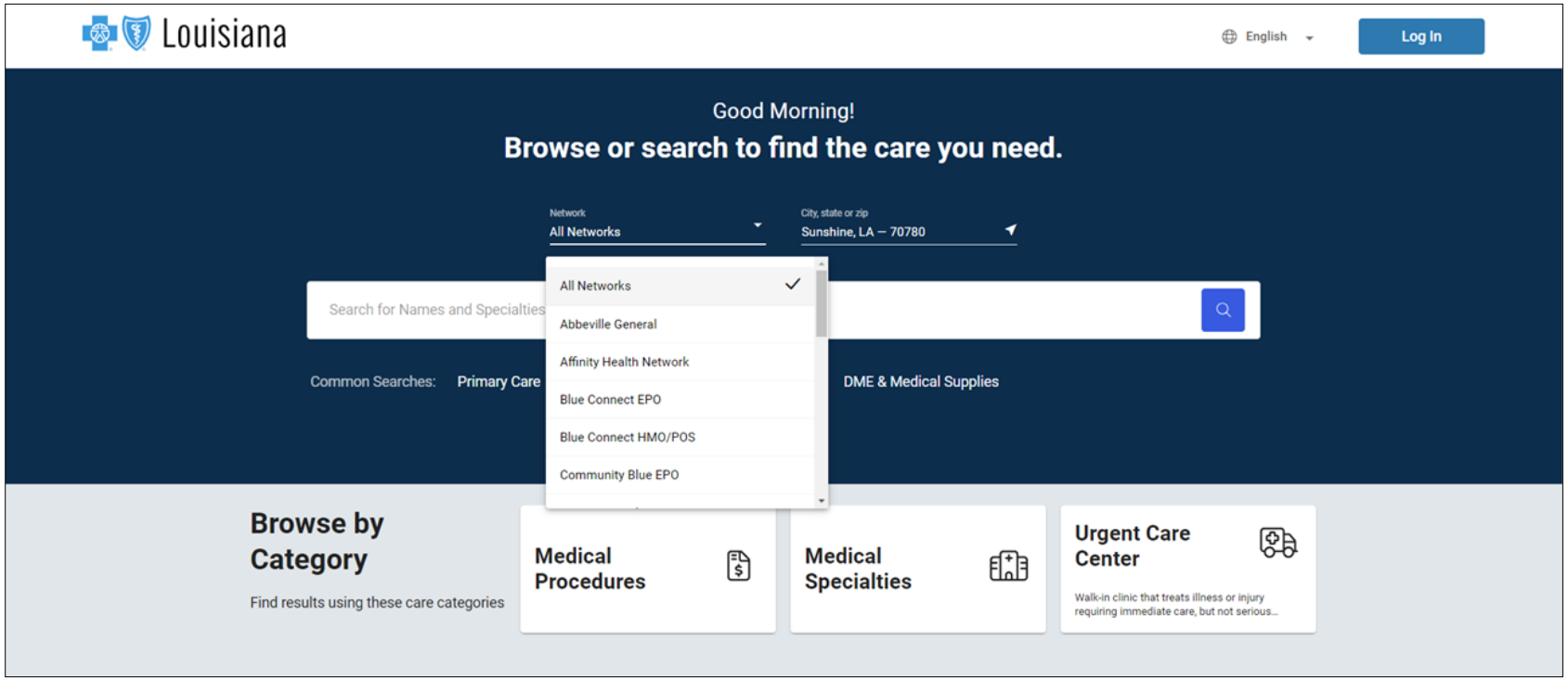
Online Provider Directories

- You can search for a provider by name or specialty.
- To refine your search, select a **Network** and/or enter your location in the **city, state or ZIP** field. You can skip this by logging in to your account, so that your network and location are automatically selected.



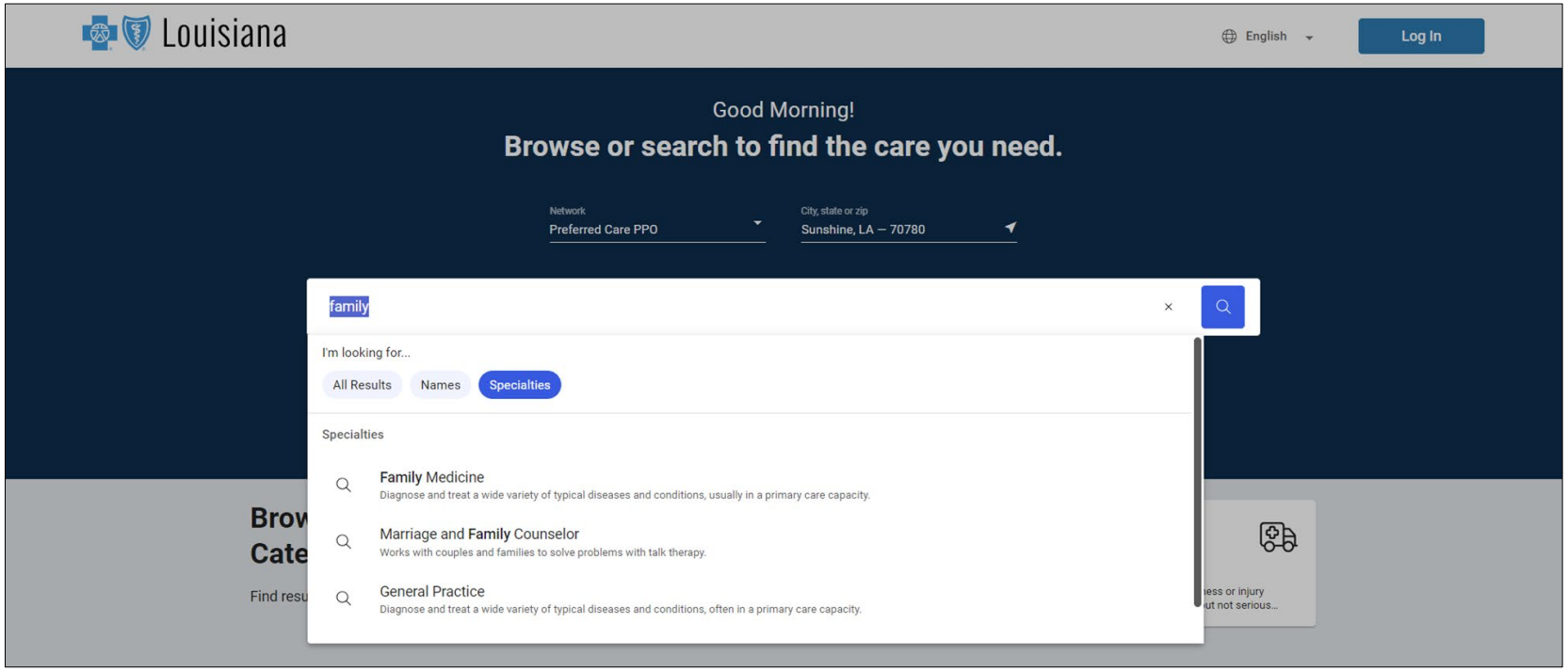
Online Provider Directories

- To find a provider in a particular network, select a network from the **Network** dropdown menu.
- The networks are listed in alphabetical order, or you can search "All Networks."
- If you log in to your account, you can skip this step because your network and location will be automatically selected.



Online Provider Directories

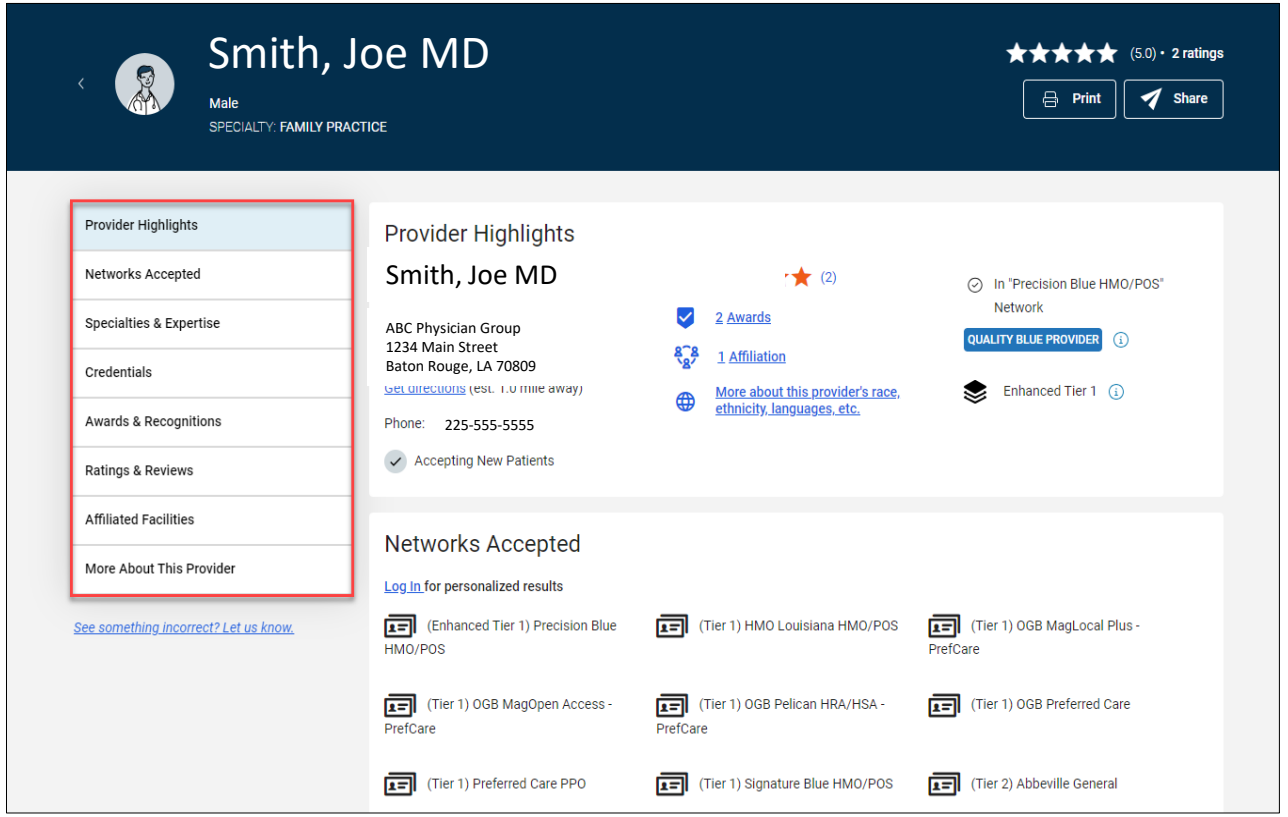
- To search by medical specialty, type in a specialty or term in the search bar box, and then click the result for which you're searching in the dropdown menu.
- If you do not see the specialty you need in the dropdown menu, then click the blue magnifying glass button to the far right of the search bar to get more search results.



Online Provider Directories

Each provider has a page with links:

- Provider Highlights
- Networks Accepted
- Specialties & Expertise
- Credentials
- Awards & Recognitions
- Ratings & Reviews
- Affiliated Facilities
- More About This Provider



Online Provider Directories

Keeping your information up to date with us is extremely important to help our members find you.

We publish demographic information in our online provider directory. The directory is available on our website at **www.lablue.com**.

- Addresses (location information)*
- Phone numbers
- Accepting new patients
- Providers working at certain locations
- Information about telehealth services (telehealth/virtual-only providers are identified as such and address is not displayed)

For professional providers to be listed in our directories, they must be available to schedule patients' appointments a **minimum of 8 hours per week** at the location listed.

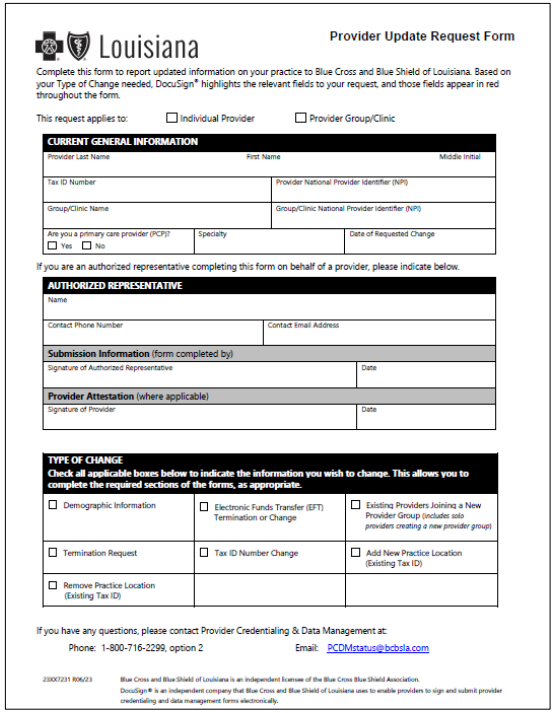
*Limit of 10 locations per provider per TIN.

It is the contractual responsibility of all participating providers to notify Louisiana Blue when they leave a group or location, as well as to keep all other information current. To report changes in your information, use the **Provider Update Request Form**. Our Provider Credentialing & Data Management Department will work with you to help ensure your information is current and accurate.

Updating Your Information

It is important that we always have your most current information!

Our **Provider Update Request Form** accommodates all your change requests, which are handled directly by our Provider Data Management team.



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Provider Update Request Form

Complete this form to report updated information on your practice to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana. Based on your Type of Change needed, DocuSign® highlights the relevant fields to your request, and those fields appear in red throughout the form.

This request applies to: ☐ Individual Provider ☐ Provider Group/Clinic

CURRENT GENERAL INFORMATION

Provider Last Name | First Name | Middle Initial

Tax ID Number | Provider National Provider Identifier (NPI)

Group/Clinic Name | Group/Clinic National Provider Identifier (NPI)

Are you a primary care provider (PCP)? ☐ Yes ☐ No | Specialty | Date of Requested Change

If you are an authorized representative completing this form on behalf of a provider, please indicate below.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Name

Contact Phone Number | Contact Email Address

Submission Information (form completed by)

Signature of Authorized Representative | Date

Provider Attestation (where applicable)

Signature of Provider | Date

TYPE OF CHANGE

Check all applicable boxes below to indicate the information you wish to change. This allows you to complete the required sections of the forms, as appropriate.

☐ Demographic Information	☐ Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Termination or Change	☐ Existing Providers Joining a New Provider Group (*includes solo providers creating a new provider group*)
☐ Termination Request	☐ Tax ID Number Change	☐ Add New Practice Location (Existing Tax ID)
☐ Remove Practice Location (Existing Tax ID)		

If you have any questions, please contact Provider Credentialing & Data Management at:

Phone: 1-800-716-2299, option 2 Email: PCDMstatus@bcbsla.com

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DocuSign® is an independent company that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana uses to enable providers to sign and submit provider credentialing and data management forms electronically.

This form allows you to make any of the following changes. Simply check the appropriate box(es) to indicate the type of change needed. You may select more than one option.

TYPE OF CHANGE

Check all applicable boxes below to indicate the information you wish to change. This allows you to complete the required sections of the forms, as appropriate.

☐ Demographic Information	☐ Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	☐ Existing Providers Joining a New Provider Group (*includes solo providers creating a new provider group*)
☐ Termination Request	☐ Tax ID Number Change	☐ Add New Practice Location (Existing Tax ID)
☐ Remove Practice Location (Existing Tax ID)		

The form is available online at **www.lablue.com/providers** >Resources >Forms.

Updating Your Information

It is important that we always have your most current information!

- Indicate on the Provider Request Form the type of change you are requesting.
- You will **only** need to fill out the section of this form that needs updating. Completing the entire form is not required.

TYPE OF CHANGE **Check all applicable boxes below to indicate the information you wish to change. This allows you to complete the required sections of the forms, as appropriate.**		
☐ Demographic Information	☐ Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Termination or Change	☐ Existing Providers Joining a New Provider Group (*includes solo providers creating a new provider group*)
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☐ Remove Practice Location (Existing Tax ID)		

Updating Your Information

Providers have one correspondence email listed.

It is important to keep this information up to date. This is the email address the recredentialing information is sent. This can be updated in the Demographic Information of the Provider Update Form.

TYPE OF CHANGE **Check all applicable boxes below to indicate the information you wish to change. This allows you to complete the required sections of the forms, as appropriate.**		
☐ Demographic Information	☐ Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Termination or Change	☐ Existing Providers Joining a New Provider Group (*includes solo providers creating a new provider group*)
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☐ Remove Practice Location (Existing Tax ID)		

Updating Your Information

It is important that we always have your most current information!

Our **Provider Update Request Form** accommodates these change requests:

- **Provider Information** allows you to update your address, phone, fax, email address, hours of operation and more.
- **EFT Termination or Change** option is to update your EFT information.
- **Existing Providers Joining a New Provider Group** is used to link an individual provider to an existing provider group or clinic.
- **Terminate Network Participation** is to request termination from one or more of our networks.
- **Tax ID Number Change** is to report a change in your Tax ID number.
- **Add a New Practice Location** is for when a provider is adding practice location(s) on an existing Tax ID.
- **Remove Practice Location** is for when a provider is removing a practice location(s) on an existing Tax ID.

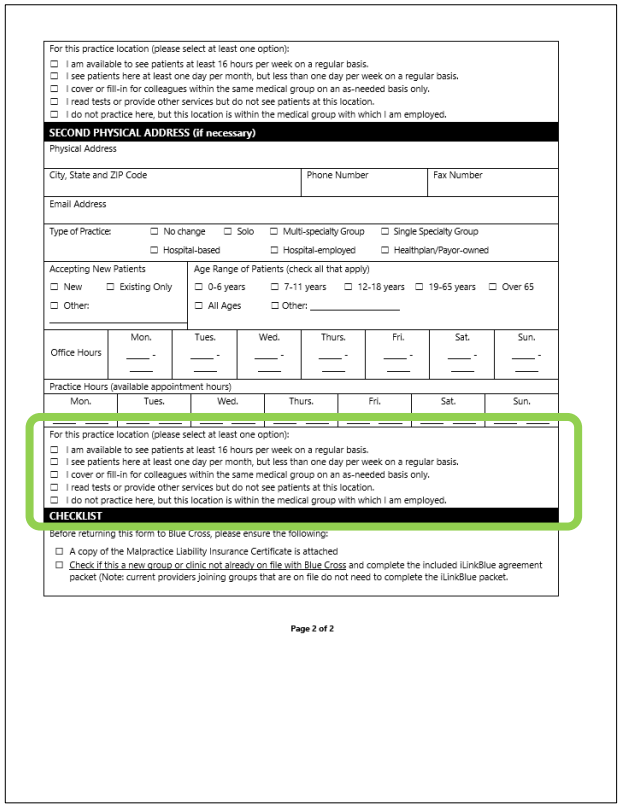
Updating Your Information

It is important that we always have your most current information!

Some change selections on the **Provider Update Request Form** include a checklist of required supporting documentation needed to complete your request.

- Complete the checklist.
- Ensure all requested items on the checklist are included or completed before submitting.

Submissions that are missing checklist items will be returned.



For this practice location (please select at least one option):
☐ I am available to see patients at least 16 hours per week on a regular basis.
☐ I see patients here at least one day per month, but less than one day per week on a regular basis.
☐ I cover or fill-in for colleagues within the same medical group on an as-needed basis only.
☐ I read tests or provide other services but do not see patients at this location.
☐ I do not practice here, but this location is within the medical group with which I am employed.

SECOND PHYSICAL ADDRESS (if necessary)

Physical Address

City, State and ZIP Code | Phone Number | Fax Number

Email Address

Type of Practice: ☐ No change ☐ Solo ☐ Multi-specialty Group ☐ Single Specialty Group ☐ Hospital-based ☐ Hospital-employed ☐ Healthplan/Payor-owned

Accepting New Patients: ☐ New ☐ Existing Only ☐ Other:

Age Range of Patients (check all that apply): ☐ 0-6 years ☐ 7-11 years ☐ 12-18 years ☐ 19-65 years ☐ Over 65 ☐ All Ages ☐ Other: _____

Office Hours	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
	___ - ___	___ - ___	___ - ___	___ - ___	___ - ___	___ - ___	___ - ___

Practice Hours (available appointment hours)

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.

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CHECKLIST

Before returning this form to Blue Cross, please ensure the following:

☐ A copy of the Malpractice Liability Insurance Certificate is attached
☐ Check if this a new group or clinic not already on file with Blue Cross and complete the included iLinkBlue agreement packet (Note: current providers joining groups that are on file do not need to complete the iLinkBlue packet.

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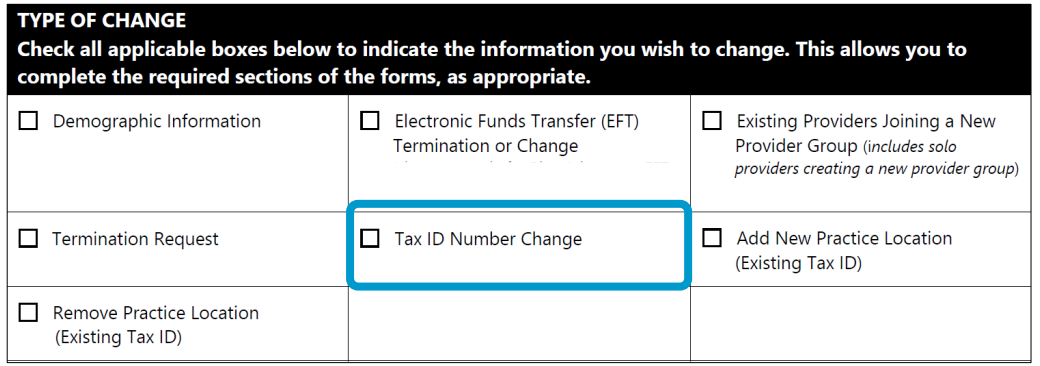
Updating Your Information

When requesting a **Tax ID Number Change**, it may be required that the provider undergo the credentialing process again.

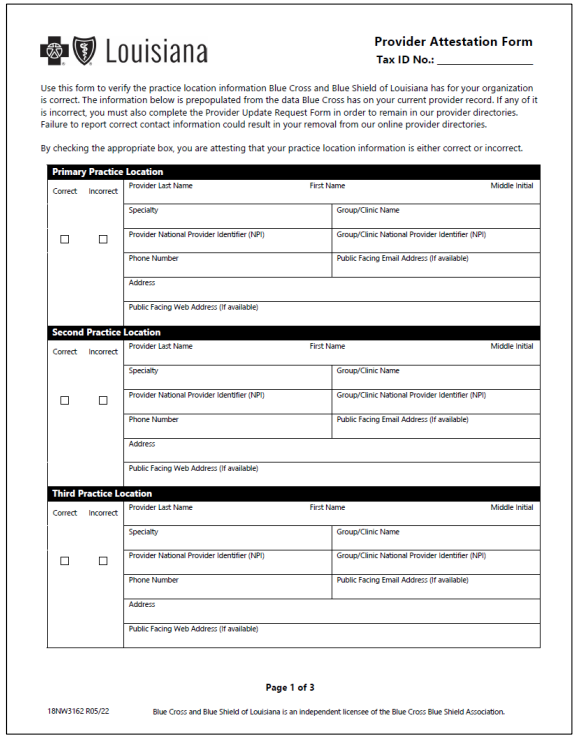
- Most **professional providers** are already credentialed and simply changing Tax ID number does not require credentialing.
- **Facilities** changing Tax ID number must be credentialed under the new number.
- Credentialing is not required for **delegated providers** changing to or joining a non-delegated group when they are already credentialed through delegated group for the same specialty.
- New contracting is required when changing to a Tax ID number that is not already set up in our system.



TYPE OF CHANGE Check all applicable boxes below to indicate the information you wish to change. This allows you to complete the required sections of the forms, as appropriate.		
☐ Demographic Information	☐ Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Termination or Change	☐ Existing Providers Joining a New Provider Group (*includes solo providers creating a new provider group*)
☐ Termination Request	☐ Tax ID Number Change	☐ Add New Practice Location (Existing Tax ID)
☐ Remove Practice Location (Existing Tax ID)		

Attesting to Your Directory Information

Provider Attestation Form



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Provider Attestation Form
Tax ID No.: _____

Use this form to verify the practice location information Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana has for your organization is correct. The information below is prepopulated from the data Blue Cross has on your current provider record. If any of it is incorrect, you must also complete the Provider Update Request Form in order to remain in our provider directories. Failure to report correct contact information could result in your removal from our online provider directories.

By checking the appropriate box, you are attesting that your practice location information is either correct or incorrect.

Primary Practice Location

Correct	Incorrect	Provider Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
		Specialty	Group/Clinic Name	
☐	☐	Provider National Provider Identifier (NPI)	Group/Clinic National Provider Identifier (NPI)	
		Phone Number	Public Facing Email Address (If available)	
		Address		
		Public Facing Web Address (If available)		

Second Practice Location

Correct	Incorrect	Provider Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
		Specialty	Group/Clinic Name	
☐	☐	Provider National Provider Identifier (NPI)	Group/Clinic National Provider Identifier (NPI)	
		Phone Number	Public Facing Email Address (If available)	
		Address		
		Public Facing Web Address (If available)		

Third Practice Location

Correct	Incorrect	Provider Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
		Specialty	Group/Clinic Name	
☐	☐	Provider National Provider Identifier (NPI)	Group/Clinic National Provider Identifier (NPI)	
		Phone Number	Public Facing Email Address (If available)	
		Address		
		Public Facing Web Address (If available)		

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Our PCDM Department sends either a **prefilled Provider Attestation Form** via DocuSign® (or a spreadsheet to larger groups) every 90 days to providers listed in our online provider directories. These providers are **required to review** their information.

✓

If the information is correct, then electronically give attestation, sign and return the form.

X

If any of the information is incorrect, please complete the Provider Update Request Form (a link is included in the attestation form). This allows us to update the information we publish in our directories.

Failure to complete this attestation of information will result in provider being removed from our online provider directories.

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Supporting Our Providers

The PCDM Department

Provider Network Setup, Credentialing, Contracting & Demographic Changes

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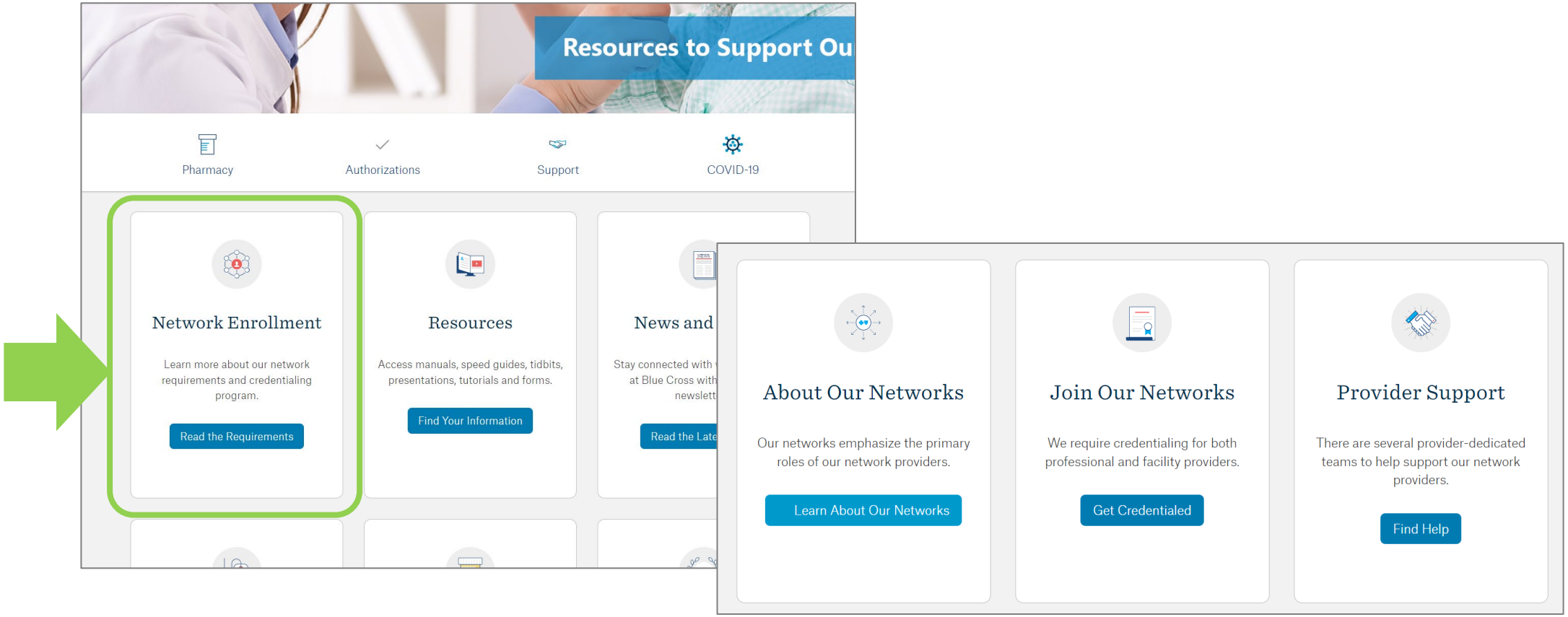
To check the status on your credentialing application or provider data update, please email **PCDMstatus@lablue.com** or call 1-800-716-2299, option 2.

The Provider Page www.lablue.com/providers

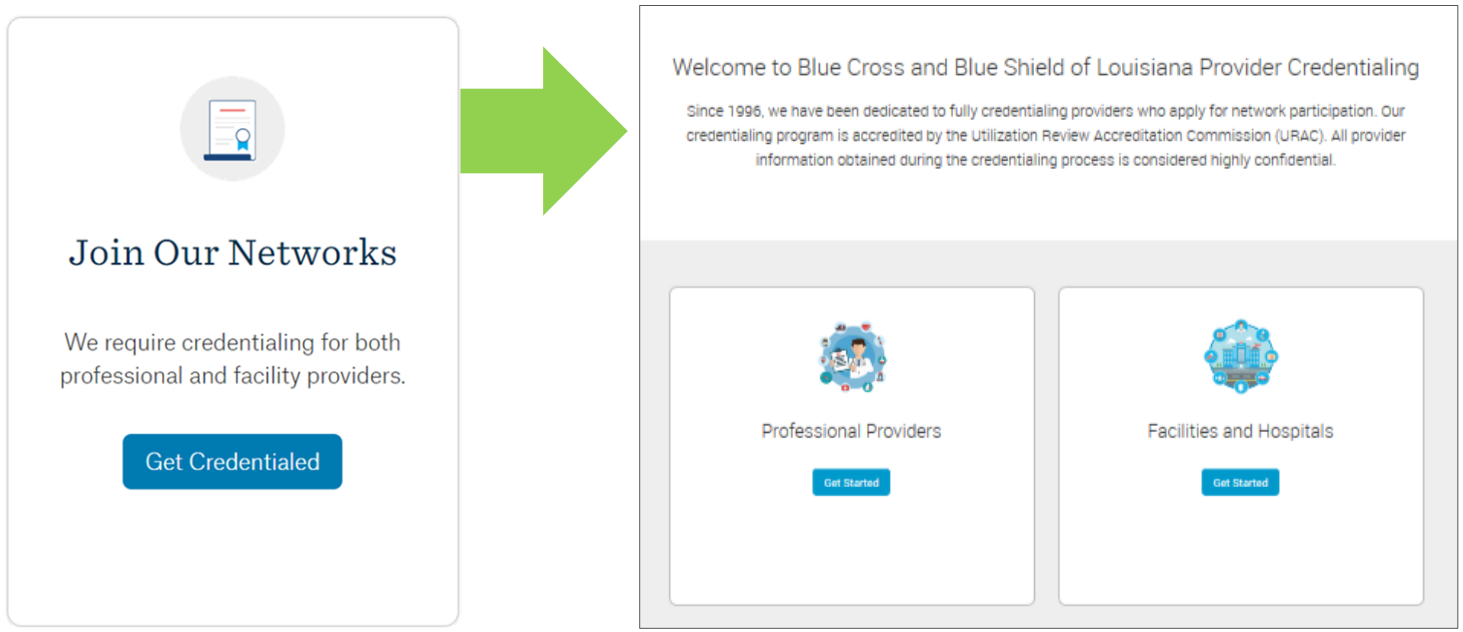


Choose **Network Enrollment** to view more information about our networks.

The Network Enrollment Page

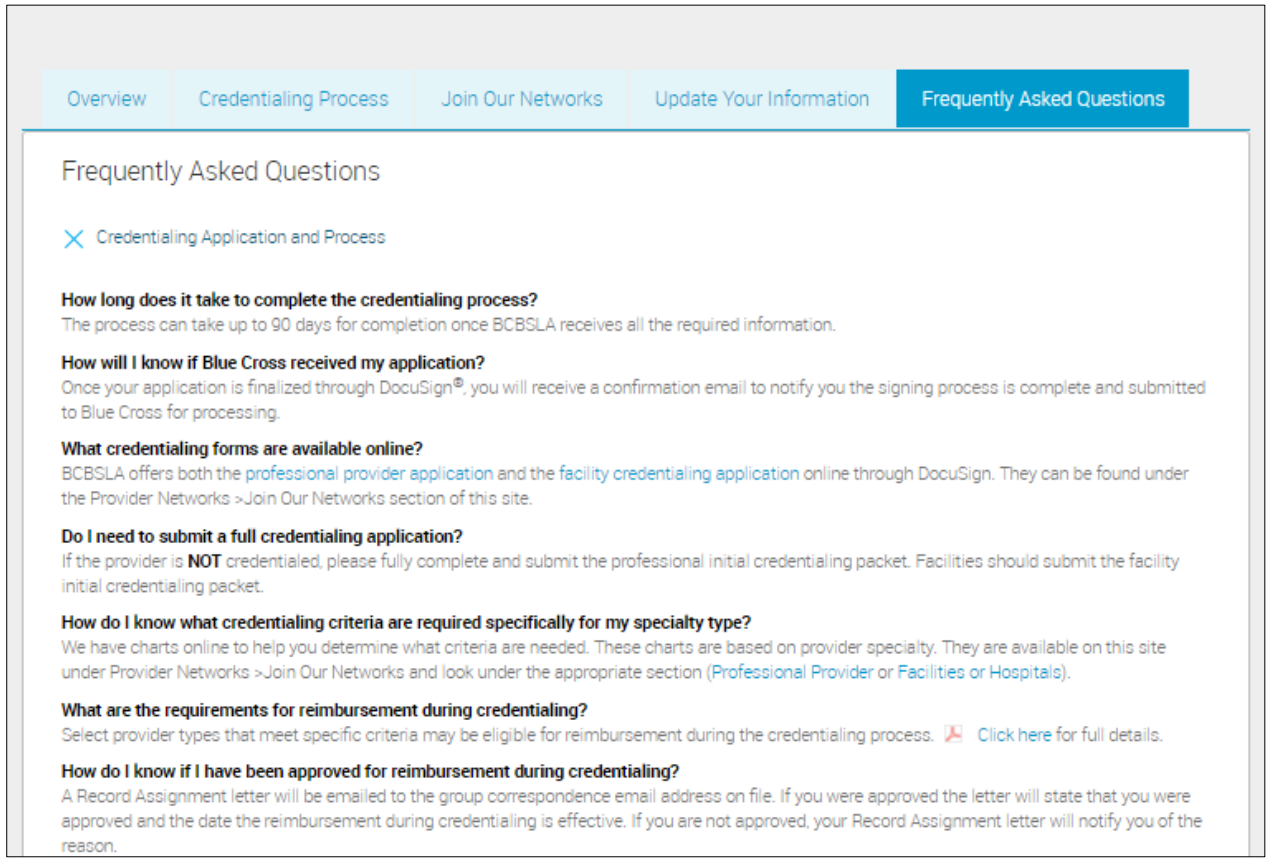
You **MUST** complete and submit documentation to start the process for credentialing **OR** to obtain a provider record.

Applications are available online at **www.lablue.com/providers**.



Choose **Network Enrollment**, then **Join Our Networks** page, then select **Professional Providers** or **Facilities and Hospitals** to find credentialing packets.

Credentialing FAQs



www.lablue.com/providers >Network Enrollment >Join Our Networks >Professional Providers/Facilities and Hospitals >Frequently Asked Questions

Questions?

At this time, we will address the questions you submitted electronically through the webinar platform.

You may email questions after the webinar to provider.relations@lablue.com.

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More Good Information

Easily complete Forms with DocuSign

Credentialing packets:

- **Professional** (initial)
- **Facility** (initial)

Forms:

- **Provider Update Request Form** – to update information such as:
  - Demographic Information – for updating contact information.
  - Existing Providers Joining a New Provider Group – if you are joining an existing provider group or clinic or adding new providers to your group.
  - Add Practice Location – to add a practice location(s).
  - Remove Practice Location – to remove a practice location(s).
  - Tax Identification Number (TIN) Change – to change your Tax ID number.
  - Terminate Network Participation – to terminate existing network participation or an entire provider record.
  - EFT Term/Change Request – to change your electronic funds transfer (EFT) information or to cancel receiving payments via this method.
- **EFT Enrollment Form** – to begin receiving payments via electronic funds transfer (EFT).

After submitting your documents through DocuSign, please do not send via email.

Easily Complete Forms with DocuSign

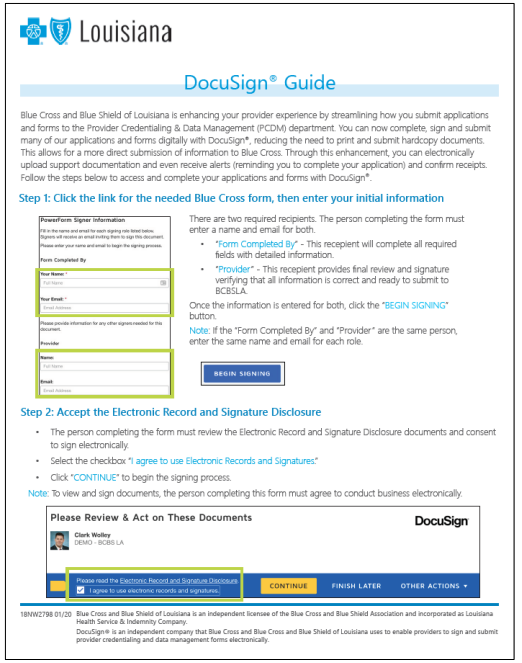
Complete, sign and submit applications and forms to the PCDM Department digitally with **DocuSign®**.

This streamlines submissions by reducing the need to print and submit hardcopy documents, allowing for a more direct submission of information to Louisiana Blue.

It allows you to electronically upload support documentation and even receive reminder alerts to complete submission and confirm receipt.

What is DocuSign?

As an innovator in e-signature technology, DocuSign helps organizations connect and automate how various documents are prepared, signed and managed.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DocuSign® Guide

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana is enhancing your provider experience by streamlining how you submit applications and forms to the Provider Credentialing & Data Management (PCDM) department. You can now complete, sign and submit many of our applications and forms digitally with DocuSign®, reducing the need to print and submit hardcopy documents. This allows for a more direct submission of information to Blue Cross. Through this enhancement, you can electronically upload support documentation and even receive alerts (reminding you to complete your application) and confirm receipts. Follow the steps below to access and complete your applications and forms with DocuSign®.

Step 1: Click the link for the needed Blue Cross form, then enter your initial information

There are two required recipients. The person completing the form must enter a name and email for both.

- "Form Completed By" - This recepient will complete all required fields with detailed information.
- "Provider" - This recepient provides final review and signature verifying that all information is correct and ready to submit to BCBSLA.

Once the information is entered for both, click the "BEGIN SIGNING" button.

Note: If the "Form Completed By" and "Provider" are the same person, enter the same name and email for each role.

BEGIN SIGNING

Step 2: Accept the Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure

- The person completing the form must review the Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure documents and consent to sign electronically.
- Select the checkbox "I agree to use Electronic Records and Signatures."
- Click "CONTINUE" to begin the signing process.

Note: To view and sign documents, the person completing this form must agree to conduct business electronically.

Please Review & Act on These Documents

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Please read the Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure

I agree to use electronic records and signatures.

CONTINUE FINISH LATER OTHER ACTIONS

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DocuSign® is an independent company that Blue Cross and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana uses to enable providers to sign and submit provider credentialing and data management forms electronically.

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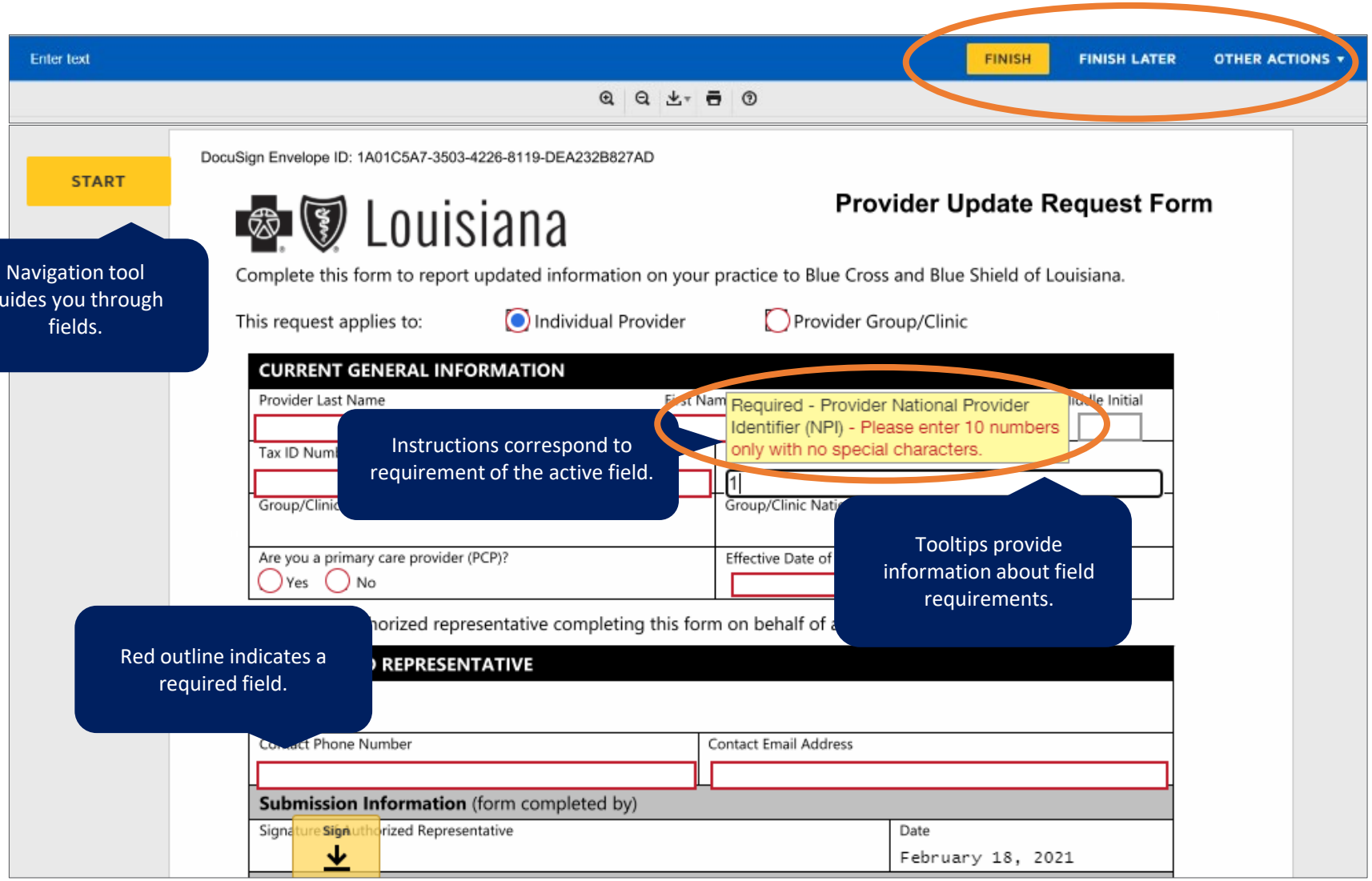


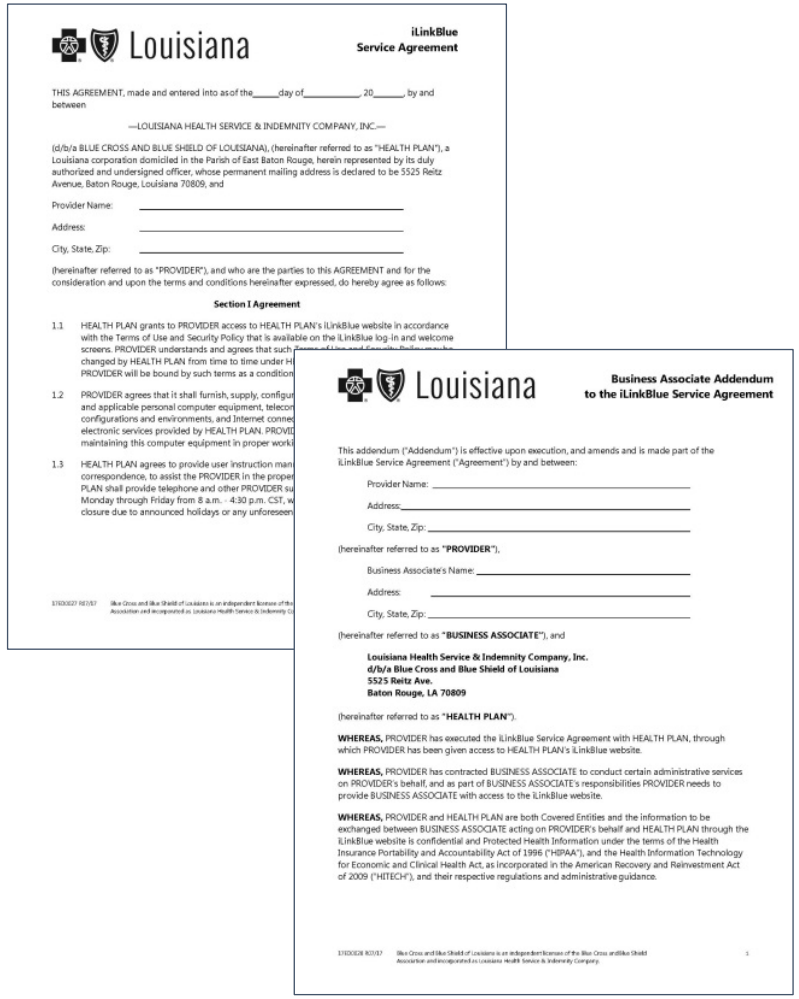
iLinkBlue Application

Included in the iLinkBlue packet:

- The **iLinkBlue Service Agreement** is a legal agreement between the provider and Louisiana Blue required for accessing iLinkBlue.

- The **Business Associate Addendum** is used to grant third-party agents such as a billing agency or management company access to iLinkBlue under the provider's iLinkBlue Service Agreement.

- It is required only if the provider uses a billing agency or management company that will need to access iLinkBlue on behalf of the provider.



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iLinkBlue Service Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into as of the_____day of_____, 20_____, by and between

—LOUISIANA HEALTH SERVICE & INDEMNITY COMPANY, INC.—

(d/b/a BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF LOUISIANA), (hereinafter referred to as "HEALTH PLAN"), a Louisiana corporation domiciled in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, herein represented by its duly authorized and undersigned officer, whose permanent mailing address is declared to be 5525 Reitz Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, and

Provider Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

(hereinafter referred to as "PROVIDER"), and who are the parties to this AGREEMENT and for the consideration and upon the terms and conditions hereinafter expressed, do hereby agree as follows:

Section I Agreement

1.1 HEALTH PLAN grants to PROVIDER access to HEALTH PLAN's iLinkBlue website in accordance with the Terms of Use and Security Policy that is available on the iLinkBlue log-in and welcome screens. PROVIDER understands and agrees that such

changed by HEALTH PLAN from time to time under H

PROVIDER will be bound by such terms as a condition

1.2 PROVIDER agrees that it shall furnish, supply, configu

and applicable personal computer equipment, telecon

configurations and environments, and Internet conne

electronic services provided by HEALTH PLAN. PROVI

maintaining this computer equipment in proper worki

1.3 HEALTH PLAN agrees to provide user instruction man

correspondence, to assist the PROVIDER in the proper

PLAN shall provide telephone and other PROVIDER su

Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST, w

closure due to announced holidays or any unforeseen

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Business Associate Addendum to the iLinkBlue Service Agreement

This addendum ("Addendum") is effective upon execution, and amends and is made part of the iLinkBlue Service Agreement ("Agreement") by and between:

Provider Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

(hereinafter referred to as "**PROVIDER**"),

Business Associate's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

(hereinafter referred to as "**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE**"), and

Louisiana Health Service & Indemnity Company, Inc.
d/b/a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana
5525 Reitz Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

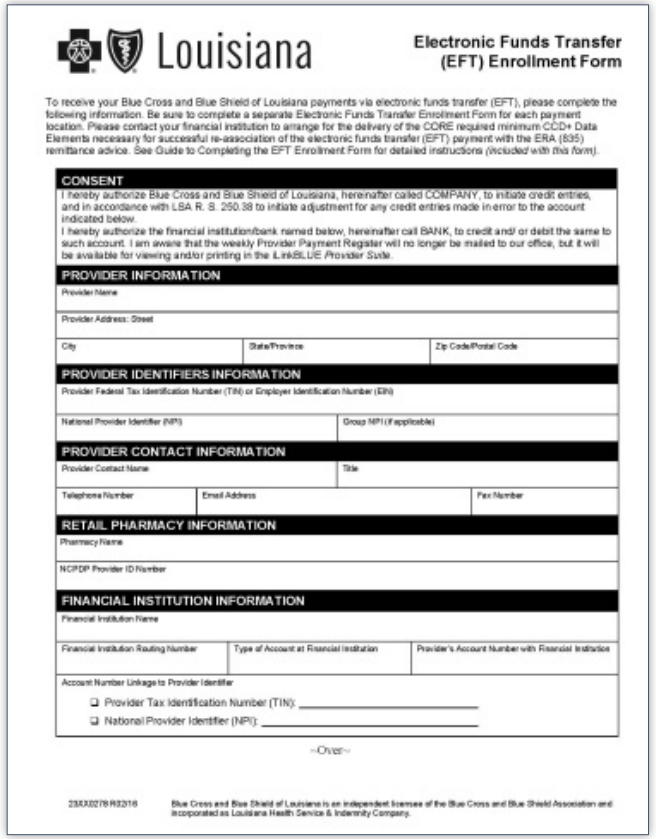
(hereinafter referred to as "**HEALTH PLAN**").

WHEREAS, PROVIDER has executed the iLinkBlue Service Agreement with HEALTH PLAN, through which PROVIDER has been given access to HEALTH PLAN's iLinkBlue website.

WHEREAS, PROVIDER has contracted BUSINESS ASSOCIATE to conduct certain administrative services on PROVIDER's behalf, and as part of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE's responsibilities PROVIDER needs to provide BUSINESS ASSOCIATE with access to the iLinkBlue website.

WHEREAS, PROVIDER and HEALTH PLAN are both Covered Entities and the information to be exchanged between BUSINESS ASSOCIATE acting on PROVIDER's behalf and HEALTH PLAN through the iLinkBlue website is confidential and Protected Health Information under the terms of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, as incorporated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("HITECH"), and their respective regulations and administrative guidance.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Enrollment Form



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Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Enrollment Form

To receive your Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana payments via electronic funds transfer (EFT), please complete the following information. Be sure to complete a separate Electronic Funds Transfer Enrollment Form for each payment location. Please contact your financial institution to arrange for the delivery of the CORE required minimum CCD+ Data Elements necessary for successful re-association of the electronic funds transfer (EFT) payment with the ERA (835) remittance advice. See Guide to Completing the EFT Enrollment Form for detailed instructions *(included with this form)*.

CONSENT

I hereby authorize Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana, hereinafter called COMPANY, to initiate credit entries, and in accordance with LSA R. S. 250.38 to initiate adjustment for any credit entries made in error to the account indicated below.
I hereby authorize the financial institution/bank named below, hereinafter call BANK, to credit and/ or debit the same to such account. I am aware that the weekly Provider Payment Register will no longer be mailed to our office, but it will be available for viewing and/or printing in the *iLinkBLUE Provider Suite*.

PROVIDER INFORMATION

Provider Name

Provider Address: Street

City | State/Province | Zip Code/Postal Code

PROVIDER IDENTIFIERS INFORMATION

Provider Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN) or Employer Identification Number (EIN)

National Provider Identifier (NPI) | Group NPI (If applicable)

PROVIDER CONTACT INFORMATION

Provider Contact Name | Title

Telephone Number | Email Address | Fax Number

RETAIL PHARMACY INFORMATION

Pharmacy Name

NCPDP Provider ID Number

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION INFORMATION

Financial Institution Name

Financial Institution Routing Number | Type of Account at Financial Institution | Provider's Account Number with Financial Institution

Account Number Linkage to Provider Identifier

- ❑ Provider Tax Identification Number (TIN): _____
- ❑ National Provider Identifier (NPI): _____

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- EFT is a free provider service where Louisiana Blue deposits your payment directly into your checking account.
- With iLinkBlue, you have access to EFT notifications and Payment Registers/ Remittance Advices (can be printed directly).
- All Louisiana Blue providers **must** be part of our EFT program, including those signed up for iLinkBlue.
- The EFT Enrollment Form includes a guide with detailed instructions on how to complete the form.

To change or update your Louisiana Blue payments via EFT, complete the **Provider Update Request Form**.