Blue Cross Blue Shield Provider Settlement: Assistance available ahead of July 29, 2025 claim deadline

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What Physicians Need to Know

The class action lawsuit brought by providers against individual Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association has been settled. "Provider" is defined as any person or entity that provides healthcare services in the U.S., including but not limited to a physician, group practice, or facility. A \$2.8 billion settlement fund has been established to pay claims. Eligible providers have until **July 29, 2025** to submit a claim. Go to <u>bcbsprovidersettlement.com</u> for detailed information on eligibility and claims. See <u>FAQ</u> 11 on the settlement website for how to file a claim.

Claim Filing Assistance

PAMED has entered into an agreement with Macmoor Capital for Macmoor to assist PAMED members with claims submission. Macmoor Capital helps with navigating the claims process for healthcare-related class action settlements. In return for its services, Macmoor retains 25% of any paid claim. PAMED receives a portion of that 25%. There is no up-front cost, and no other charge for Macmoor's services.

If you are interested in learning more about Macmoor's services, you can call them at (786)410-9817. If you wish to utilize Macmoor for assistance, you can initiate the process via https://tinyurl.com/bcbsclaimsPA.

Background

The class action lawsuit, *In re: Blue Cross Blue Shield Antitrust Litigation*, addresses Provider Plaintiffs' claim that the Settling Defendants violated antitrust laws by illegally dividing the United States into "Service Areas" and agreeing not to compete in those areas. Provider Plaintiffs also claim that the Defendants fixed prices for services provided. The class action is pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. U.S. District Judge R. David Proctor is overseeing it. Both sides want to avoid the risk and cost of further litigation and have agreed to the Settlement. The Plaintiffs and their attorneys think the Settlement is best for the Settlement Class.

This Settlement Class includes all Providers in the U.S. (except Excluded Providers <u>FAQ 5</u>, who are not part of the Settlement Class) who currently provide or provided healthcare services, equipment or supplies to any patient who was insured by, or was a Member of or a beneficiary of, any plan administered by any Settling Individual Blue Plan from **July 24, 2008 to October 4, 2024**. Class Members who submit a valid approved claim will receive a payment from the Net Settlement Fund if the Settlement is approved.