

Claim Status – Getting Started

Claim Status can be used to instantly obtain the status of you claims from the payer's adjudication system. If you submit claims through ConnectCenter, you may already know that ConnectCenter offers several tools for tracking the status of your claims as it processes through, first, the Change Healthcare and then the payer systems. Once the payer has received your claim, these tools will receive updated status from the payer only when the payer chooses to send a report or remit relating to your claim. The real-time claim status transaction gives you a way to ask a payer who has received your claim what the status of that claim might be.

Note, that claim status inquiries will work even if you did not submit your original claim through Change Healthcare. However, if your claim was submitted through ConnectCenter, be sure not to miss the great claim status short-cut available by starting from that claim. Skip to the section at the end of this document titled "Claims Submitted Through ConnectCenter" for details.

To begin finding your claim's status, first select **Claim Status** from the **Claims** menu. A minimum set of data elements are required. Required fields are marked with either a red asterisk (*) or a red outline around the field.

Steps to view a claim's status:

Step 1 - Open the Claim Status Request Screen

Step 2 – Select the Provider

Step 3 - Identify the Payer or Plan

Step 4 - Enter Claim Information

<u>Step 5 - Claim Status Response</u>

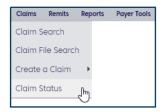
Pro Tip: Instead of starting from the Claim Status menu as described in steps 1-3 below, start by performing a member eligibility inquiry for the patient for whom you billed this claim. Once you've retrieved the member's benefits, look for the button labeled "Use Member For" and the dropdown list that will say "Select Transaction." Change the transaction to Claim Status and click the button. Steps 1-3 (described below) will be completed automatically allowing you to start on Step 4!



Expert Tip: If you or a colleague may have checked the member's eligibility in the past (such as at the time you sent the claim), choose "Search Eligibility History" from the Verification menu. You should be able to easily find the previously submitted member benefit inquiry so that you can initiate your claim status transaction from there, rather than needing to run it again. From the saved eligibility response, set the Use Member For transaction type to Claim Status and click User Member For button. Steps 1-3 (described below) will be completed automatically allowing you to start on Step 4!

Step 1 – Open the Claim Status Request Screen

On the Claims menu, select Claim Status.



Step 2 - Select a Provider

There are several shortcuts for completing the provider step. If your claim status requests are typically submitted on behalf of just one provider or a relatively small number of providers, use **Admin**, **Provider Management** to create a list of those frequently used providers. (See **Getting Started with Provider Administration** for additional explanation.) You may also find that provider information you entered in the Sign-Up application when creating your account, is already available in Provider Management.



Once your frequently used providers have been listed in Provider Management, you will be able to use the Find Provider button to open the list of saved providers. Click the radio button in the Select column, on the left, next to the provider you wish to use.





Better yet, Find Provider users can set a default provider by clicking "Find Provider" and then choosing the radio button found next to the desired provider in the Default column, on the right side of the table.



Notes:

- 1. After opening Find Provider to choose the default provider, you must also select a provider (using the radio button on the other side of the table) to close the provider list and return to the Eligibility request.
- 2. In cases where multiple users are setup in the same submitter account, the provider list is shared but the preference as to which provider will be a default is not shared.
- 3. ConnectCenter tracks three separate types of default providers. The default provider set here will also be used in eligibility and authorization/referral screens. The other two types of default providers (billing and rendering) are used only with claim creation. Although any given provider can be set as a default for more than just one of these default settings, selecting a provider as default for one type will not impact the default value of the other two types.

For those who determine that Find Provider is either unavailable or not suitable, an alternate short-cut involves the provider's NPI. When you set ID Type to NPI and enter the NPI into the ID field, ConnectCenter will attempt to retrieve the matching provider record from NPPES. If found, the remainder of the required provider fields will be completed automatically.

For atypical providers lacking an NPI or any other case where both the NPPES inquiry and the Find Provider options are not helpful, the final solution is to manually key in Provider ID Type, Provider ID, and Provider Name.

Following the **Billing Provider** section is the **Rendering Provider** section. This section can be skipped if the rendering provider and billing provider are the same. In cases where they differ, both the Find Provider look-up and the NPPES lookup will be available to assist in completing Rendering Provider fields.



Step 3 – Identify the Payer or Plan

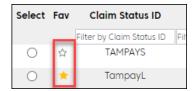
Find Payer Button



The Find Payer button allows you to search for a plan using a variety of search criteria. If you leave all criteria empty, a complete list of the available payers supporting claim status will be returned. Locate the payer from the results list. When you select the desired payer using the radio button in the select column, you will be returned to the Claim Status page and the Payer Name field auto-populates.

My Favorites

One quick method of picking the payer is to select the payer from the My Favorites drop-down list. All payers you designated as favorites will display in this list. If you have not defined any payers as favorites, the list will be blank.



To create a Favorite for future use, you will need to go to Payer Search, under the Payer Tools menu. Search for the payer you need. From the results list, click the star next to payers you would like to have included as Favorites.

Payer Name Search

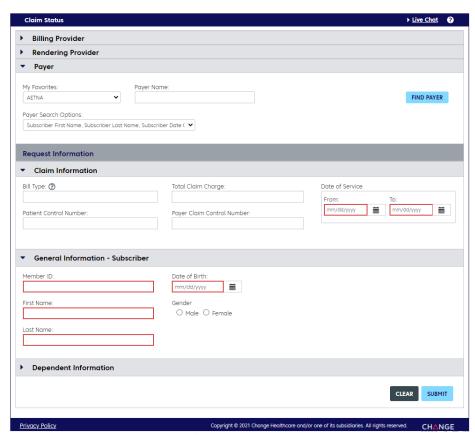
The final option may be the easiest. Simply begin typing the plan name in the Payer Name field. ConnectCenter will display a list of matching names. As you add characters to the name, the list will be refined to match your entry. Click any name given in the pop-up list to select a payer.



Payer Search Options

After selecting a payer, the Payer Search Options field allow you to choose whether you are looking for a claim where the patient is a subscriber or one for a dependent. For some plans, Claim Status supports only the subscriber search. In that case, the single available option will be selected by default, and you will be free to ignore the Payer Search Option field.

However, if the plan allows for the submission of a claim where the patient is a dependent,



then the second option in the Payer Search Options field will be needed to retrieve dependent claims.

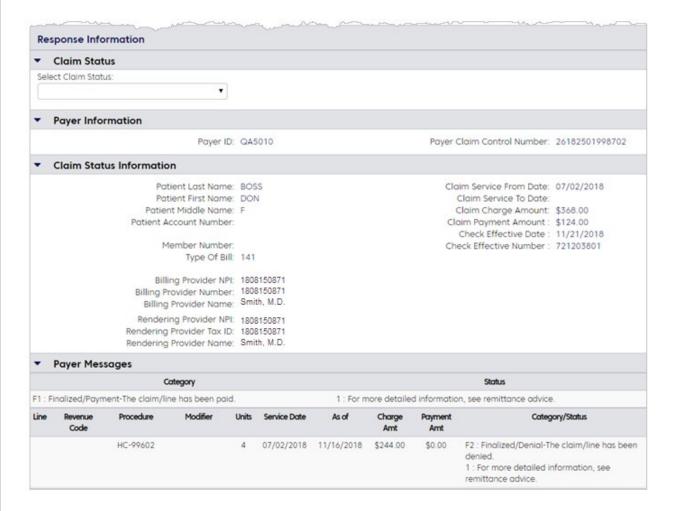
Step 4 - Enter Claim Information

In this section red outlines are used to denote required fields. Entries in the claim information fields are expected to exactly match what you included on the claim you are trying to retrieve. Most of these fields are self-explanatory. The most confusing field is probably **Bill Type** is used to capture the 3-character code for the place of service as provided on an institutional claim. Use the Ω icon to access a legend of supported codes. If you are searching for a professional claim, you should omit this field.

Once you've finished entering criteria, use the **Submit** button to send the request.



Step 5 – Claim Status Response



Claim Status

The Claim Status section of the response is used only in the case where a payer returns multiple matching claims in response to your search. If this happens, a list of the returned claims will be displayed under the "Claim Status" header so that you can choose which claim to review.

Payer Information

This sub-section contains just a few details reflecting the identity of the payer (which you probably know) and the payer's identifier for the claim currently being displayed (which can sometimes be very important when seeking support for a claim). If you



need to correct and resubmit a claim, the payer's claim ID is often required on the corrected claim.

Claim Status Information

This section will display summary claim information such as member demographics, billing provider, rendering provider, claim dates and charges.

If available, **Claim Payment Amount**, **Check Date** and **Check Number** can be found in this section (right column).

Payer Messages

Claim level status messages are presented at the top of the Payer Messages section. Claim status messages will be followed by a service line table. Each line will include procedure code, service dates, charges, and adjudication status. If adjudication is complete, the payment amount appropriate to each service line will also be available.

Claims Submitted through ConnectCenter

Use Claims, Claim Search to begin the process of searching for a claim previously submitted in ConnectCenter. The most common search fields are provided on the initial Claim Search page. If you click **ADVANCED FIELDS** less common claim search fields will be made available.

From the claim search results, you can check the payer's status for the claim in real-time simply by clicking the **Claim Status** icon.



This icon will be displayed for any claim that has been submitted to the payer but has not yet reached a state of final adjudication. After clicking the Claim Status icon, the response will be displayed just as described in Step 5, above.

In addition, the status of the claim will be used to update the current status of the claim. A summary of the claim status response will also be recorded in the **Claim History** section of the claim form, on the **Summary** tab, for future reference.

In addition to Claim Search, ConnectCenter provides several additional tools that will



allow you to retrieve a specific claim. These tools include:

- Claim Health Vitals
- Worklist
- Reports, Change Healthcare Report Search

Each of these tools group claims with similar status in a fashion that allows you to drill from the category to a list of claims, and then from the list to an individual claim.

After using any of these tools to access a claim, look for the Claim Status button, as shown above.

Clicking Claim Status will cause the payer's status to be displayed as described in Step 5, above.

