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AIM Specialty Health phone number update

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In April 2022, AIM Specialty Health® (AIM)® launched new phone numbers for prior authorization requests for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Effective August 15, 2022, the old phone number for AIM will no longer be available for requests. Please use these new numbers to submit AIM prior authorization requests.

State	AIM phone number effective April 1, 2022
Indiana	(833) 775-1952
Kentucky	(833) 419-1357
Missouri	(833) 305-1807
Ohio	(833) 404-1678
Wisconsin	(833) 342-1253

The best way to reach AIM is to use the ProviderPortalSM for:

- Self-service
- Available 24/7
- Customizable with physician information
- Easy to use and allows real-time determinations

The ProviderPortal is a fast and efficient way to start a case. It also allows your team to:

- Check order status and view order history
- Print/save PDF of order summary
- Use multiple staff members to enter/view the practice's orders
- Increase payment certainty
- Reference desk training and tutorials, including clinical criteria and CPT lists

Your first step is to register your practice in ProviderPortal. If you are not already registered, go to providerportal.com to register.

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Update: outpatient prepay itemized bill review program*

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As a reminder, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield's current Outpatient Prepay Itemized Bill Review Program reviews outpatient claims more than \$100,000 billed at a percent of charge prior to reimbursement to ensure items and services included on the claim are reimbursable. We are expanding the prepay program launched in 2021 requiring an itemized bill review for all outpatient services as follows:

- Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2022, we will add host claims and ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) in scope.

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Timely updates help keep our provider directories current

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Submitting your updates promptly helps ensure we have the most current online provider directory information available to members. We ask that you review your information regularly and let us know as soon as possible if any of your information we show in our online directory has changed.

If updates are needed, you can use our online [Provider Maintenance Form](#). Using this form, you can update:

- Add/change an address location
- Name change
- Tax ID changes
- Provider leaving a group or a single location
- Phone/fax number changes
- Closing a practice location

Once you submit the Provider Maintenance Form, you will receive an email acknowledging that we received your request. See the [Provider Maintenance Form](#) for complete instructions.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), effective January 1, 2022, contains a provision that requires online provider directory information be reviewed and updated (if needed) at least every 90 days. Help us keep our online provider directories current.

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Add supporting documents directly to your claims with the new Claims Status Send Attachments feature

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Digital claims attachments expedite claims processing and payment. That's why we have been hard at work making the digital attachment process easier, more intuitive and streamlined. Now you can add attachments directly to your claim by using the new **Send Attachments** feature from the **Claims Status application** on [Availity.com](#).

Submitting attachments electronically:

- Reduces costs associated with manual submission.

- Reduces errors associated with matching the claim when attachments are submitted manually.
- Reduces delays in payments.
- Saves time because there is no need to copy, fax, or mail.
- Reduces the exchange of unnecessary member information and personal health information.

Didn't submit your attachment with your claim? No problem!

If you submitted your claim through EDI using the 837, and the PWK segment contains the Attachment Control Number, there are three options for submitting attachments:

1. Through the Attachments Dashboard Inbox:

- From [availity.com](https://www.availity.com) select the Claims & Payments tab to access Attachments – New and your Attachments Dashboard Inbox

1. Through the 275 attachment:

- Important: You must populate the PWK segment on the 837 with your document control number to ensure the claim can match to the attachment

1. Through the Availity.com application:

- From Availity.com, select the Claims & Payments tab to access Claims Status to locate your claim. When you have found your claim, use the Send Attachments button.

If you submitted your claim through the Availity Essentials application:

1. Simply submit your attachment with your claim

2. If you need to add additional attachments, to add a forgotten attachment, or for claims adjustments:

- From Availity.com, select the Claims & Payments tab and access Claims Status to locate your claim. When you have found your claim, use the Send Attachments button.

Learn more about the Send Attachment feature

In collaboration with Availity Essentials, we will hold a series of educational webinars that include a deep dive into EDI attachment submissions, as well as the new Claims Status workflow.

Sign up for a live webinar today:

- [August 9, 2022, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Eastern time](#)
- [August 10, 2022, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time](#)

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Performance enhancements to the authorization application on Availity Essentials

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Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield appreciates the feedback you shared about the Availity Essentials* multi-payer authorization application. The insight you provided about your user experience has enabled enhancements that we hope will further improve your experience:

- **Easier to track your authorization requests.** Case numbers are being returned following your authorization submission, making it easier to track your authorization requests.
- **Expanded procedure code options.** You can now submit your procedure codes by visits and hours, in addition to days and units.
- **Error code improvements.** Recognizing that error codes can be difficult to understand, we have rewritten them to be more clear, concise, and actionable.
- **Enhancements to the admissions dropdown menu.** For outpatient submissions, an enhancement to the level of service improves turnaround time for case decision. For inpatient and outpatient submissions, urgent requests receive a confirmation message.

- **Update to Add Attachment feature.** We have added a reminder notification that enables you to double check that the attachments are connected to the correct member for the correct authorization.

Become an Availity Essentials user today

If you aren't registered to use Availity Essentials, signing up is easy and 100% secure. There is no cost for our providers to register or to use any of the digital applications. Start by logging onto [availity.com](https://www.availity.com) and selecting the **Register** icon at the top of the home screen.

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Introducing the Provider Learning Hub

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Now open for learning!

Access to training for Availity Essentials can be helpful when trying to master applications like claims attachments, authorizations and eligibility and benefits. The [Provider Learning Hub](#) on [Anthem.com](https://www.anthem.com) is not only a new way to access training, it also offers a new learning experience.

Short, easy to follow training videos with supporting resources are available on the Provider Learning Hub – no username and password required. Access it at your convenience and share your learnings with others on your teams. Handy filtering options enable you to quickly find what you are looking for including an option to save trainings to a Favorites folder for easy access later. You will register for the Provider Learning Hub once. On future visits your preferences are populated, eliminating the need for any additional logon information.

Get started today

Access the Provider Learning Hub using this [link](#) or from Anthem.com under *Important Announcements* on the home page.

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Telehealth visits can impact after-hospitalization follow-up care for mental illness

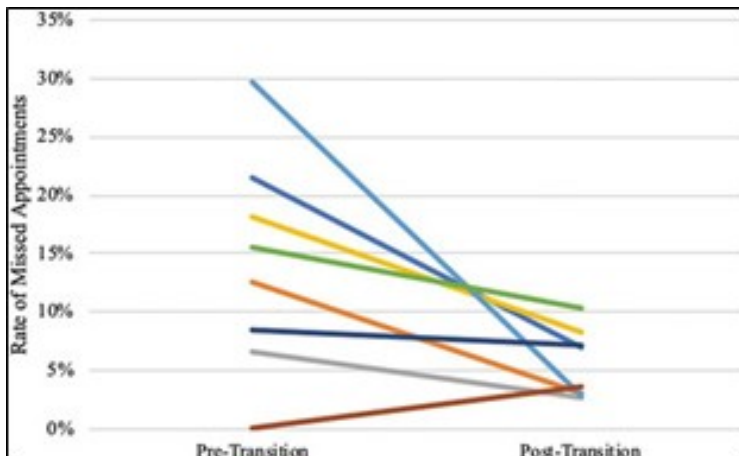
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Reductions in missed appointments are significant.

Telehealth visits are having a significant impact on missed appointments according to a study published in [Counselling Psychology Quarterly](#). Prior to transitioning to telehealth, clinicians in the study “Psychotherapy at a public hospital in the time of COVID-19: telehealth and implications for practice,¹” experienced a 14.25% missed appointment rate. After transitioning to telehealth, the missed appointment rate fell to 5.63%.

Rate of missed appointments before and after transitioning to telehealth

The graph below illustrates the changes in the average rate of missed appointments (cancellations and no-show) for each of the eight clinicians in the study between the periods before and after the transition to telehealth.



<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09515070.2020.1777390>

“While there are a number of limitations to consider regarding this data, which is further discussed in the study, the statistically significant reduction in missed appointments pre-and-post digital transition is striking,” cited in the study report.

Telehealth and telephone visits with members after a behavioral health inpatient stay meet HEDIS® criteria for the measure: Follow-up after Hospitalization for Mental Illness (FUH). With transportation being one of the barriers to after hospitalization follow-up, telehealth visits could be an ideal solution.²

The FUH HEDIS measure evaluates:

- Members (6 years and older) who were hospitalized for treatment of selected mental illness diagnoses and who had a follow-up visit with a mental health practitioner.

Two areas of importance for this HEDIS measure are:

1. The percentage of behavioral health inpatient discharges for which the member received follow-up within seven days after discharge
2. The percentage of behavioral health inpatient discharges for which the member received follow-up within 30 days after discharge.

These two consecutive follow-up appointments are paramount to positive outcomes as well as meeting this HEDIS measure. Telehealth visits can greatly increase the likelihood of keeping follow-up appointments leading to reduced numbers of rehospitalization and more favorable outcomes for these patients. To learn more about the [FUH HEDIS measure](#), visit the [National Committee for Quality Assurance \(NCQA\) website](#).

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¹[Counselling Psychology Quarterly](#). Psychotherapy at a public hospital in the time of COVID-19: telehealth and implications for practice. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09515070.2020.1777390>

2Traveling towards disease: transportation barriers to health care access.
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4265215/#:~:text=Transportation%20barriers%20are%20often%20cited,and%20thus%20poorer%20health%20outcomes.>

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Specialty pharmacy updates - August 2022*

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Specialty pharmacy updates for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) are listed below.

Anthem's medical specialty drug review team manages prior authorization clinical review of **non-oncology** use of specialty pharmacy drugs. Review of specialty pharmacy drugs for **oncology** use is managed by AIM Specialty Health[®] (AIM), a separate company.

Important to note

Currently, your patients may be receiving these medications without prior authorization.

Effective November 1, 2022, you may be required to request prior authorization review for your patients' continued use of these medications.

By including National Drug Code (NDC) on your claim, you will help expedite claim processing of drugs billed with a Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) code.

Prior authorization updates

Effective for dates of service on and after November 1, 2022, the following specialty pharmacy codes from current or new clinical criteria documents will be included in our prior authorization review process.

Access our [Clinical Criteria](#) to view the complete information for these prior authorization updates.

Clinical Criteria	Drug	HCPCS or CPT Code(s)
ING-CC-0072	Alymsys (bevacizumab-maly)	C9399, J3490, J3590
ING-CC-0107*	Alymsys (bevacizumab-maly)	C9399, J3490, J3590, J9999
ING-CC-0216*	Opdualag (nivolumab and relatlimab-rmbw)	C9399, J3490, J3590, J9999
ING-CC-0118*	Pluvicto (lutetium lu 177 vipivotide tetraxetan)	A9699
ING-CC-0002*	Releuko (filgrastim-ayow)	C9096

* Oncology use is managed by AIM.

Prior authorization requests for certain medications may require additional documentation to determine medical necessity.

Step therapy updates

Effective for dates of service on and after November 1, 2022, the following specialty pharmacy codes from current or new clinical criteria documents will be included in our existing specialty pharmacy medical step therapy review process.

Access our [Clinical Criteria](#) to view the complete information for these step therapy updates.

Clinical Criteria	Status	Drug	HCPCS or CPT Code(s)
ING-CC-0107*	Non-preferred	Alymsys	C9399, J3490, J3590, J9999
ING-CC-0002*	Non-preferred	Releuko	C9096

*Oncology use is managed by AIM.

Courtesy notice

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2022, updated step therapy criteria for immunoglobulins found in clinical criteria document **ING-CC-0003** will be implemented. The preferred product list is being expanded. Please refer to clinical criteria document for details.

Quantity limit updates

Effective for dates of service on and after November 1, 2022, the following specialty pharmacy codes from current or new clinical criteria documents will be included in our quantity limit review process.

Access our [Clinical Criteria](#) to view the complete information for these quantity limit updates.

Clinical Criteria	Drug	HCPCS or CPT Code(s)
ING-CC-0072	Alymsys (bevacizumab-maly)	C9399, J3490, J3590

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Visit the [Drug Lists page](#) at [anthem.com](#) for more information on:

- Copayment/coinsurance requirements and their applicable drug classes.
- Drug lists and changes.
- Prior authorization criteria.
- Procedures for generic substitution.
- Therapeutic interchange.
- Step therapy or other management methods subject to prescribing decisions.
- Any other requirements, restrictions, or limitations that apply to using certain drugs.

The Commercial and Exchange drug lists are posted to the website quarterly on the first day of the month in January, April, July, and October.

To locate Exchange Select Formulary and pharmacy information, scroll down to Select Drug Lists. This drug list is also reviewed and updated regularly as needed.

FEP Pharmacy updates and other pharmacy related information may be accessed at [fepblue.org](#) > Pharmacy Benefits.

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Keep up with Medicare News - August 2022

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Please continue to read news and updates at anthem.com/medicareprovider for the latest Medicare Advantage information, including:

- [MCG care guidelines 26th edition](#)

Upgraded data management system launches August 2022

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This communication applies to the Commercial and Medicare Advantage programs from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) in Ohio.

In August 2022, Anthem will replace the current data management system with a new and significantly improved platform which integrates with Availity.*

The upgrade will increase data accuracy, transparency, and timeliness, creating an enhanced provider experience. Robust support features will improve our ability to match submitted claims, resulting in more accurate pricing and processing.

You will be able to:

- Digitally submit demographic data to one location.
- Maintain, update, and verify demographic data using a single website.
- Receive clear on-screen alerts and guidance as you maintain your data.

- Obtain access to a simplified quick verification process that will allow you to complete required verifications online, eliminating the need to fax, email, or use separate online forms.
- Receive periodic reminders to help you keep your information current.

Enroll in Availity to take advantage of these features

If you already are enrolled in Availity, your data will automatically flow into the new system—including any updates you make in the future.

If you are not enrolled in Availity, go to [availity.com](https://www.availity.com) and select the orange Register button. Availity is a secure provider website where you can enjoy the convenience of digital transactions, including prior authorization and claims submission, as well as benefit and eligibility look-up.

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