

PROVIDER BULLETIN

PROVIDER INFORMATION



January 2, 2024

New Practitioner Credentialing Requirements Beginning in 2024

Per Provider Bulletin P2R1-24 (New 2024 Practitioner Credentialing Requirements Delayed Indefinitely, dated May 1, 2024) Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota will not be implementing the new practitioner credentialing requirements (initially communicated in this Provider Bulletin P2-24, dated January 2, 2024) at this time. Providers will receive 90-day notice of the implementation date once it has been determined.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) is implementing new credentialing processes and requirements. Specifically, Blue Cross will begin a multi-year project to credential all licensed practitioners that do not exclusively practice in a credentialed facility, hospital, or other inpatient setting, according to the two schedules below.

SCHEDULE 1: Practitioners already enrolled with Blue Cross as Participating

| Licensed Practitioners <u>that don't solely practice in a hospital, credentialed facility, or other inpatient setting</u> | | |
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| Practitioner Type | Time period for requesting credentialing applications | Latest date for providers to submit requested credentialing applications |
| Audiologists | April 2024 | July 31, 2024 |
| Speech Therapists | May 2024 | August 31, 2024 |
| Occupational Therapists | June and July 2024 | October 31, 2024 |
| Dieticians | August through October 2024 | January 31, 2025 |
| Pathologists | November 2024 | February 28, 2025 |
| Radiologists | December 2024 through February 2025 | May 31, 2025 |
| Anesthesiologists (including CRNAs) | March 2025 through June 2025 | September 30, 2025 |

Providers should not submit a credentialing application until specifically requested by the Blue Cross Credentialing team.

Once credentialing is requested, Blue Cross will send up to three monthly reminders to providers that have not yet submitted the requested credentialing application(s).

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SCHEDULE 2: Practitioners NOT already enrolled with Blue Cross as Participating

| Licensed Practitioners <i>that don't solely practice in a hospital, credentialed facility, or other inpatient setting</i> | | |
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| Practitioner Type | Time period for requesting credentialing applications | Latest date for providers to submit requested credentialing applications |
| Audiologists | April 2024 | N/A for initial credentialing <i>Please allow Blue Cross up to 45 calendar days for initial credentialing applications to be processed.</i> |
| Speech Therapists | May 2024 | |
| Occupational Therapists | June 2024 | |
| Dieticians | August 2024 | |
| Pathologists | November 2024 | |
| Radiologists | December 2024 | |
| Anesthesiologists (including CRNAs) | March 2025 | |

Delegated Providers

The schedules above do not apply to credentialing delegates (i.e., providers that hold a delegated credentialing agreement with Blue Cross). Rather, Blue Cross will meet with delegates separately throughout 2025 to determine the delegate's current credentialing status for these practitioner types along with developing an agreed upon implementation schedule as applicable.

Questions?

Please contact Provider Services at **651-662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.