The Unofficial Guide to Doula Onboarding

BILLING - CODING - ADMINISTRATIVE





Welcome!

Welcome to Buckeye Health Plan and thank you for being part of our Doula care network. We are excited to begin this important work for birthing parents and infants across our state.

The purpose of this training is to provide information to support your claims, billing and reimbursement needs.

Our goal is to provide an overview of the process and the tools to lead you to success.

Doula Training Topics 2025

- 1. Key Concepts and Common Questions
- 2. Claim Submission Process
- 3. Tools and Resources

Common Questions

- What is a Claim?
- What is a "Clean Claim"?
- How long does the claim process take?
- How often should I submit my claims to Buckeye?
- What is "Timely Filing"?
- What functions can I perform on the Secure Provider Portal? (What are the advantages?)
- How do I use Buckeye's Secure Provider Portal to submit and manage my Claims?







What is a Claim?

- A Claim is a request for Reimbursement.
- It may be submitted:
 - Electronic
 - Paper
 - Secure Portal Entry
- A Claim may be Paid or Denied or Partially Paid.
 For each Claim processed, the Doula will receive a Remittance Advice (RA). This may be delivered electronically or by mail.



What is a "Clean Claim"?



- A Clean Claim in medical billing is a claim that is free from errors and includes the necessary information to be processed.
- Claims with errors or lacking critical information may be denied or rejected.





How long does the process take?



- Clean Claims are processed within thirty (30) days of receipt.
- Submitting claims through the Provider Portal allows for efficient tracking of the process and payments.
- See the Provider Manual on our website at:
 Buckeye/Provider/Provider Resources/Manuals, Forms and Resources





How often should I submit claims?



- Buckeye encourages providers to submit claims regularly and as soon as possible after the service is complete.
- Best practices can include Same Day or Weekly or Bi-Weekly Submissions.





What is "Timely Filing"?

 Timely Filing refers to the requirement to submit a claim within a specific timeframe.



- Providers will have 365 days to timely file a claim, including any timely filing exceptions, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code rule 5160-1-19.
- Failing to meet the timeframe may result in claim denials or rejections.
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What functions can I perform on the Provider Portal?

 Buckeye Health Plan's Secure Provider Portal includes functionality in all the following areas:



- Member Eligibility Verification
- Viewing and Submitting Claims
- Claim and Payment Status and Tracking
- Communicate with Buckeye via Secure Messaging
- Submitting Corrected Claims





Claim Submission Methods

- Secure Provider Portal
- Buckeye Provider Portal Manual

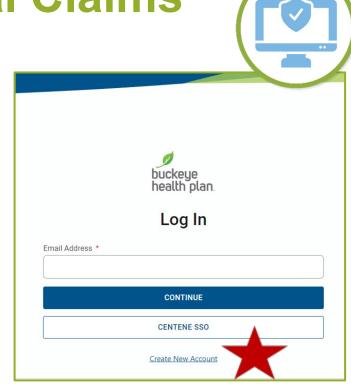






Secure Provider Portal Claims

- Buckeye Health Plan encourages claim submission via our Secure Provider Portal.
- The Portal allows the Doula to verify eligibility, submit and track claims, as well as track payments and communicate securely with the Plan.
- New User? Create New Account
 Register for Buckeye Provider Portal



Secure Provider Portal Claims

Provider Login

Secure Provider Portal Login

If you are a contracted Buckeye Health Plan provider, you can register now. If you are a non-contracted provider, you will be able to register after you submit your first claim.

Once you have created an account, you can use the Buckeye Health Plan provider portal to:

- Verify member eligibility
- Manage claims
- Manage authorizations
- View patient list

Login/Register

LOGIN/REGISTER

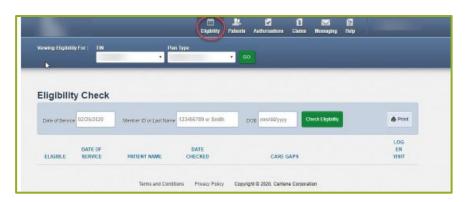




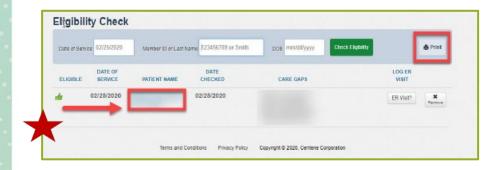
- 1) Click Login/Register
- Select Provider and clickSubmit
- Enter your Username
 (Email) and click Continue



Member Eligibility – Buckeye Provider Portal



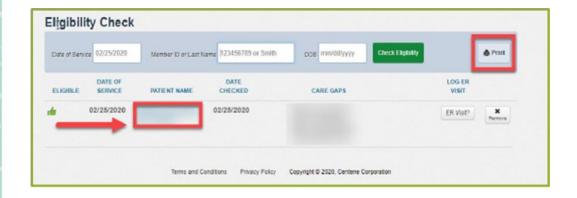
- Enter Date of Service
- Member ID or Last Name
- Date of Birth



• **Down =** Ineligible



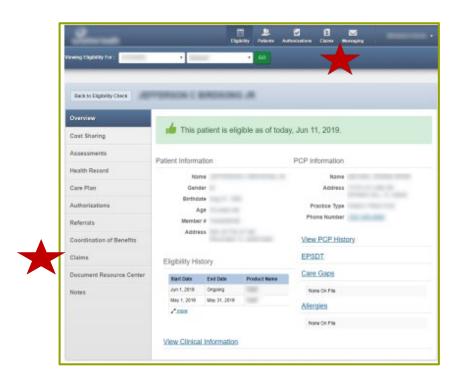
Claim Submission – Buckeye Provider Portal



From Eligibility Check, click the Patient Name Navigating to the Member Record and Overview Screen



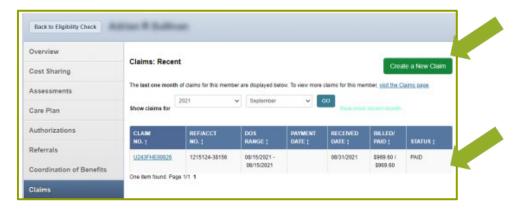
Claim Submission – Buckeye Provider Portal



- From the Member Record
 Overview screen
- 2. Select Claims



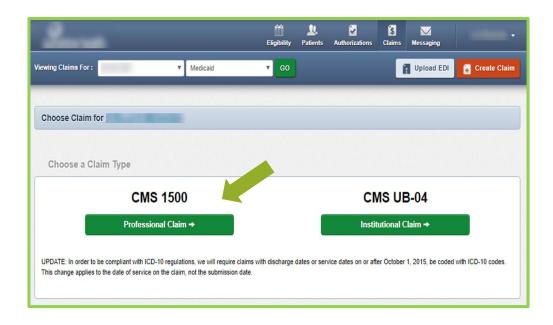
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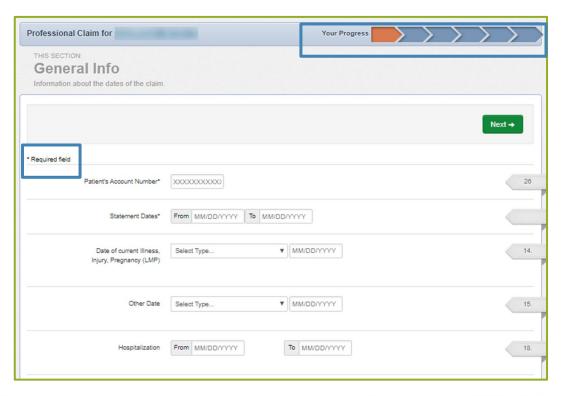
The Claims screens will display recent claims and Status and an option to Create a New Claim



Create a Claim - Claim Type Selection

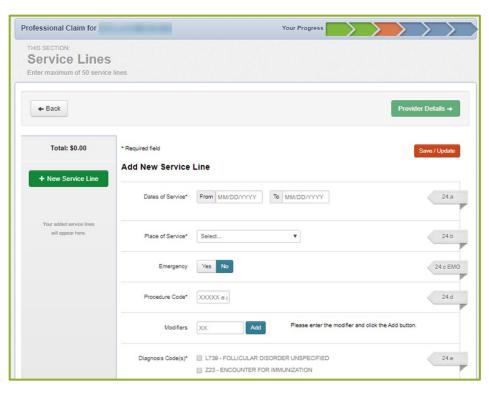


The Claims screen will display Provider Viewing Claim For and Member name in Choose Claim for Verify Member Select CMS 1500



- Progress Bar
- Next to Navigate
- Number Tabs
 CMS 1500 Box
- Hover on Tabs for "Help"
- * Required Field





- Date of Service: (24a)
- Place of Services: (24b)
- **Procedure Code** (24d)
- Diagnosis Code (24e)
- Modifier (Telehealth)
- Save/Update
- New Service Line Additional DOS



- Diagnosis (24e)
- Charges (24f)
- Units (24g)
- Save/Update
- New Service Line Additional DOS



Create a Claim - Claim Type Selection



- Date of Service = 1 Date (From and To)
- Charges Enter Decimal
 Example 50.00
- Units T1032 = 1 for Each 15 Minutes (\$12.50/Unit)
- ICD-10 Code Examples

Supervision of Normal Pregnancy

CPT Z34.00 - Z34.30

CPT Z34.80 - Z34.83

CPT Z34.90 - Z34.93



Required Modifier

GT = Telehealth Only



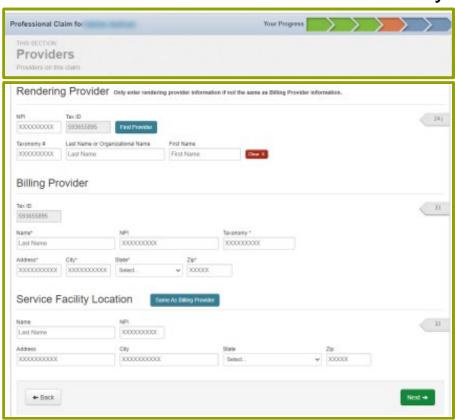
Doula Benefits, Coding and Reimbursement

- Perinatal Doula Care Benefit
 - Prenatal through 12 Months Postpartum
 - 48 15-minute Units reimbursed at \$12.50/Unit
 - Prior Authorization required for additional Perinatal Doula Services
- Delivery Benefit
 - One-time payment of \$600 Delivery Attendance
- Coding Set for Doula Services

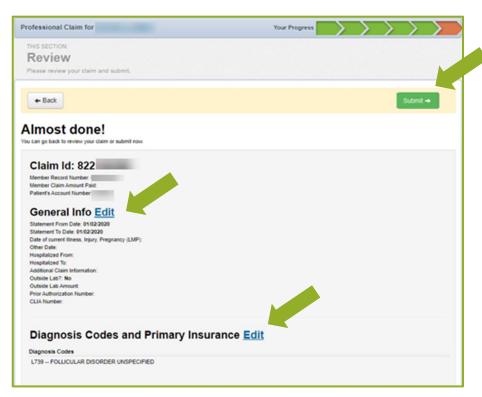
HCPS Procedure	Description	Rate	Benefit
T1032	Services Performed by Doula	\$12.50 / Unit	48 15-Minute Perinatal Units
T1033	Delivery Attendance	\$600 / Delivery Attendance	One-Time Payment Delivery







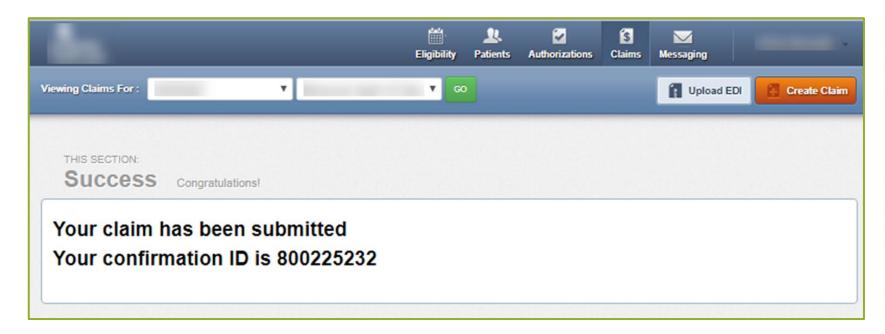
- Enter Provider Detail
- Billing Provider
- Add Rendering Provider (only if different from Billing)



- Claim Overview Displays
- Final Review
 before Submission



Create a Claim - Submission Confirmation





Claim Status and Corrected Claims

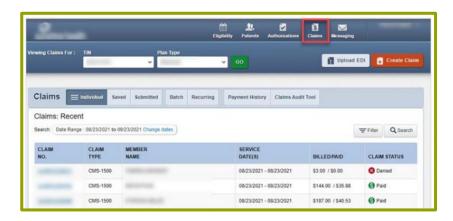
Buckeye Provider Portal Manual





Managing and Tracking Claims

Navigate to Claims and Individual Claims



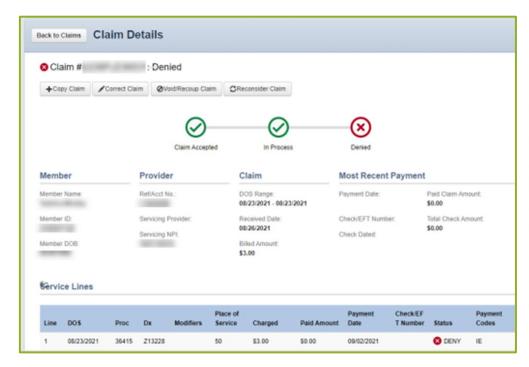
- The following claim details display:
 - Claim Number
- Member Name
- Service Dates
- Billed/Paid

Claim Status



Managing and Tracking Claims

- To view details of the individual claim
- From the Individual tab, click the blue claim number to open that claim.
- The following screens appears. You can see which services were covered or denied, view the payment amount, date and check number.



To Correct a Claim

- 1. Click the **correct claim** button.
- 2. Proceed through the Claims screens correcting the information that you may have omitted when the claim was originally submitted.
- 3. Continue clicking **Next** to move through the screens required to resubmit.
- 4. Review the claim information and click **Submit**.



Note: Claim Corrections are not available if the provider data on the first submission is different from the corrected claim submission.



Managing Claims

Claims Overview



Term	Definition	
Individual Claims:	List of manual claims submitted using the Provider Portal, Clearing House, or paper	
Saved Claims:	Saved drafts of manual claims that have errors or missing information that have not been completed	
Submitted Claims:	List of manual claims submitted using the Provider Portal only	
Batch ClaimsL	List of 837 electronic claim files uploaded from the Provider Portal to EDI. Only the last 24 months of batch files are available online.	
Upload EDI Claims:	Tool to upload 837 electronic claim files from your shared drive or other location.	
Recurring Claims:	Bulk uploaded claims template for long-term care. Complete only a few key fields. All other required service line details are auto-completed for you.	
Payment History Claims:	Provides Explanation Of Payments (EOP) documents for claims. Payment history is available up to 24 months.	
Claims Audit Tool:	Clear Claim Connection is the claims audit tool used to look up Procedure Code, Quantity, Modifiers, Date and Place of Service, and Diagnosis for a claim proactively before you submit or retroactively after you submit a claim to get coverage details.	

In addition to reviewing Individual Claims, Doulas may also search Payment History, review saved draft claims that have not be submitted.

This legend lists the definitions for each of the Claims Search Tabs



Claims: Tracking & Status Tips

- Voided Claims will not display in the portal
- When Searching the Individual Tab, the From Date must be on or before the first date of service (DOS) in the claim
- Portal users can access up to 24 months (from the current date) of claims history using the Filter buttons to change the date range
- Date range is limited to one-month (at a time)





Key Contacts

- Provider Services
 - 1-866-296-8731
- Start Smart for Your Baby (Care Managers)
 - 1-866-246-4358
 - Ask for Start Smart for Your Baby
- Your Provider Engagement Team
 - Our Provider Engagement Administrators
 - Search by County or Zip Code
- Mindy Ridgeway, MSW
 - Buckeye Health Plan Comprehensive Maternal Care
 - Melinda.ridgeway@centene.com



