

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois Electronic Remittance Advice

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSI) Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) and Electronic Payment Summary (EPS) can be downloaded through the **rEDI-link Blue** telecommunication protocols. This service offered by THIN/HCSC can save providers both time and money. With a programming interface, which allows for exchange of data, Blue Cross (Institutional) and Blue Shield (Professional) payments can be posted to patient accounts automatically. Utilizing ERA eliminates manual posting of claims payments to both electronic and paper claims.

The ERA is based on a provider's payment cycle and then delivered to an electronic mailbox. To access the mailbox, a single analog telephone line, asynchronous modem and communications software is needed. FTP Internet protocol is also available. If you currently have a Submitter ID for Electronic Media Claims, (EMC), you may utilize the same Submitter ID to retrieve the ERA. If you do not have a Submitter/Receiver Id, one will be assigned.

If you are interested in this time and money saving transaction, contact your software vendor to determine if they offer this option and complete the Blue Cross Blue Shield Illinois Electronic Remittance Advice form.

Electronic Remittance Advice Version Available

Blue Cross Blue Shield (Professional & Institutional): American National Standards Institute (ANSI) X12 835 Electronic Remittance Advice version 4010A1

Activation of ERA Account

Attached is the necessary form to request activation of your ERA account. If you are a Billing Service, each of your providers must complete this form to authorize you to retrieve the data on their behalf. Please complete and return the original form via mail.

Electronic Payment Summary (EPS)

The Electronic Payment Summary (EPS) is a *print image* of the paper Provider Claim Summary (PCS). It comes in an easy-to-read text format. As a companion to the ERA, we encourage the use of the EPS. Please check this option on the attached Blue Cross Blue Shield Illinois Electronic Remittance Advice form.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

As a complement to ERA, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is also available for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois providers. EFT is the direct deposit method that allows the transfer of payments directly to a provider's designated bank account. To initiate EFT, download the EFT enrollment document from the Downloadable Documents section of THIN website. The EFT document should be submitted with a voided check or deposit ticket and must include an original signature.

If you have any questions, please contact our EDI Hotline at (877) EDI-THIN (select option 1 for Illinois).

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Indicate Submitter/Receiver ID to be used to retrieve ERA: _____

Indicate Submitter/Receiver ID to be used to retrieve EPS*: _____

Note: In order to receive EPS, you must also receive the ERA.

Indicate who will receive file: _____ Provider _____ Billing Service _____ Clearinghouse

Receiver Information: _____ New ERA setup _____ Revised ERA setup _____ Discontinue ERA
 _____ New EPS setup _____ Revised EPS setup _____ Discontinue ERA

Receiver Name: _____

Receiver Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____ Email: _____

Vendor Name /ID (if applicable): _____

Please list all provider numbers that should be included on the ERA/EPS files.

Provider Number	Provider Tax ID	Provider Number	Provider Tax ID

Please indicate Media, Format and Version.

MEDIA	FORMAT VERSION	Compression
__ rEDI-Link Mailbox	__ ANSI 4010A1 __ Electronic Payment Summary	__ Yes __ No
__ FTP (FTP Enrollment Instructions are on THIN website: www.thinedi.com)		

Provider Information:

Provider Name (Print): _____

Provider Address: _____

Provider Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you are a Billing Service or Clearinghouse receiving the ERA and payment reports on behalf of the provider, each provider must complete this form to authorize you to retrieve the data.

Please return this form to:
 Electronic Commerce Services, 25th Floor
 300 E. Randolph St
 Chicago, IL 60601