# **Special Bulletin**

### For professional and facility providers

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## Attachments Enabled When Submitting New Claims in Availity

The claim submission process in <u>Availity</u><sup>®</sup> is getting an update, **effective April 18, 2025**. When submitting a new claim via Availity, providers will be able to attach supporting documents — also called 275 transactions — saving practitioners time and effort, while accelerating the claim review and approval process for Highmark.

Currently, providers can only submit an initial claim in Availity **without** any attachments; supporting documents must be sent in a separate and later communication via **Message this Payer** in Availity or via other methods, such as fax or mail. **NOTE:** This 275 enhancement does <u>not</u> apply to batch submissions or Quick Claims.

#### How to Submit Attachments with Your Claim

You will follow the same process you do now when submitting a claim via <u>Availity</u>. Under the **Diagnosis Codes** section, go to the **Add Additional Claim Information** dropdown. Click the arrow or caret and select **Attachments**.

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Next, you will select the **Report Type Code** that identifies the information being shared. Click **Report Transmission Code of EL – Electronically Only**, and then select **Choose File**, attaching your files from your desktop.

Once you have attached your documents, you will continue through the claim submission process until you click **Submit**. You will receive a confirmation of successful claim submission.

#### Attachments for Pended Claims – Use Claim Status Inquiry

The **Claim Status Inquiry** function in Availity enables you to add attachments for pended claims. Click the **Add Attachments** button, choose the appropriate record types, and then add your attachments. The **Attachments Dashboard** is accessible under **Claims & Payments** and provides details on all attachments by your organization.

#### **Multiple Documents, Multiple Formats**

Using the new feature, providers can attach up to 10 electronic documents per claim, in a variety of formats, including Word, Excel, PDF, JPG, PNG, GIF, and TIFF. This functionality enables providers to easily send their supporting documents via the Availity portal.

#### Additional Resources

For more information on electronic claims, visit <u>this page</u> on the Provider Resource Center, where you will find information on the following claims processes:

- Submit a Claim
- Check Claim Status
- <u>Claim Inquiry</u>

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