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Update in BCBS Settlement: Claims Portal Active & Key Dates Announced

March 19, 2021, marked the commencement of notice in the Blue Cross Blue Shield litigation settlement. Accordingly, the Claims Administrator has opened their website's [claims-filing portal](#). Class members, including both businesses and individuals, may file a claim on the user-friendly claims portal using the unique ID provided to them in their settlement notice (this notice has, or will, be sent by email or postcard to the class member). Class members who have not yet received notice may still start the claims process on the website using alternative information.

Settlement claims must be filed by class members online or via mail by **November 5, 2021** (online submission deadline and postmarked date for mail-in claims). Claims may be submitted online on the portal mentioned above or by mail to:

Blue Cross Blue Shield Settlement
c/o JND Legal Administration
PO Box 91390
Seattle, WA 98111

As mentioned in a previous [article](#), there is a default allocation between the employer and individual members regarding the settlement payout based on contribution percentages. This default allocation may be appealed by submitting relevant data or records showing a higher contribution percentage (explained in claims filing portal). For this claims option, where other documentation is not available and where appropriate, sufficient documentation may include an attestation signed under penalty of perjury.

Additional instructions for submitting claims are on the claim form (a pdf version of the form is available [here](#)), which is otherwise accessible using the claims portal. Other information to assist in completing the claim forms and about the settlement in general is available on the [settlement website](#).

Additionally, other key settlement dates have been finalized and are as follows:

Notice Commencement Date: March 19, 2021

Objection Deadline: July 28, 2021 (Postmarked)

Exclusion ("Opt Out") Deadline (Damages Class Only):
July 28, 2021 (Postmarked)

Settlement Fairness Hearing: October 20, 2021

Claims Filing Deadline (Damages Class Only):
November 5, 2021 (Postmarked or Submitted Online)

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