## Machine readable files will be available July 1

TIC regulations require us to make rate data available to the public starting July 1, 2022.

## Important Transparency in Coverage Machine Readable File Information

Transparency in Coverage (TIC) regulations require health insurers and group health plans to create machine readable files (MRFs) that contain the negotiated rates for in-network providers and allowed amounts derived from historical claims for out-of-network providers and make those files publicly available. They must be made available on an open access website effective July 1, 2022.

A machine readable file is a digital representation of data or information in a file that can be imported or read by a computer system for further processing without human intervention.

These files follow the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) defined layout and are in the CMS approved format (JSON) and are not meant for a consumer-friendly search of rates, benefits, or cost sharing. *Please refer to the member resources available through* <u>anthem.com/ca</u> for this information.

Beginning July 1, Anthem will publish the MRFs for the plans we administer and maintain. These files will be published on <u>anthem.com/ca</u> and will be updated on the first day of each month.

This <u>link</u> (https://www.anthem.com/ca/machine-readable-file/search), which you can add to your public website to fulfill the group health plan posting requirement, will be activated on July 1. The link will allow you to search for your files using your Employer Identification Number (EIN), as shown below.

Find Files for an Organization	
To view machine readable files for an specific employer group, an EIN search can be performed. Upon entry of a EIN, the machine readable file	Please note that when an EIN is entered, multiple links will be displayed including:
links for the pricing for that employer will be displayed.	S Links to applicable In-Network Negotiated Rate
9-digit EIN	S Links to Out-of-Network Allowed Amounts File
Q 12-3456789 Search	Links to Out-of-Area Rate Files (rates applicable when a member uses a provider in a non-Anthem state.)

When using the search option, the page will display links to several files, including:

- Applicable In-Network Negotiated Rate Files
- Out-of-Network Allowed Amount Files
- Out-of-Area Rates (applicable when members use providers in non-Anthem states.)

## It will look similar to this:

Search results for "123-456789"
Showing 12 results 🔝 Last updated on 2021-08-27
In-Network Negotiated Rates Files
0H_PPO_POEPMEDOH34.json.gz
0H_TRD_FFOHMEDOH31.json.gz
0H_PPO_GOHRMEDMTD0.json.gz
Out-of-Network Allowed Amounts
0222-07-01_anthem-123456789_allowed-amounts.json.gz
0 2022-07-01_anthem-123456789_allowed-amounts.json.gz
0222-07-01_anthem-123456789_allowed-amounts.json.gz
Blue Cross Blue Shield Association Out of Area Rate Files
2022-07-01_AZ_03M0_in-network-rate.json.gz
2022-07-01_IL_16P0_in-network-rate.json.gz
0222-07-01_LA_22T0_in-network-rate.json.gz

Anthem is committed to delivering on meaningful transparency efforts that help consumers make informed healthcare decisions and in supporting the Transparency in Coverage regulations, as outlined by the Tri-Agencies.

For more information, please visit our <u>CAA/Transparency Resource Center</u>.