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Patient ID Finder is an online application that allows providers to obtain a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) patient insurance ID number and group number by entering patient-specific data elements, making it easier to obtain the needed patient information for your records.

This application is available for commercial, Federal Employee Program® (FEP®), marketplace health plans, Medicare Advantage, and Texas Medicaid members.

#### **Important Information:**

The Patient ID Finder *does not* reflect the patient's eligibility or benefits. Refer to the <u>Eligibility and Benefits User Guide</u> for assistance with obtaining real-time eligibility and benefits via Availity.

Not yet registered with Availity? Visit Availity and complete the online registration today, at no cost.

### 1) Getting Started

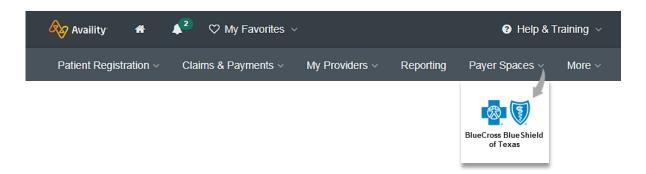
- Go to Availity
- Select Availity Portal Login
- Enter User ID and Password
- Select Log in

Note: Only registered Availity users can access Patient ID Finder.



# 2) Accessing Patient ID Finder

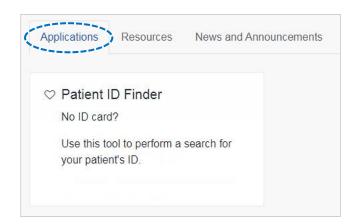
- Select Payer Spaces from the navigation menu
- Select Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas



## 2) Accessing Patient ID Finder (continued)

- In the BCBSTX Payer Spaces section, select the Applications tab
- Next, select Patient ID Finder

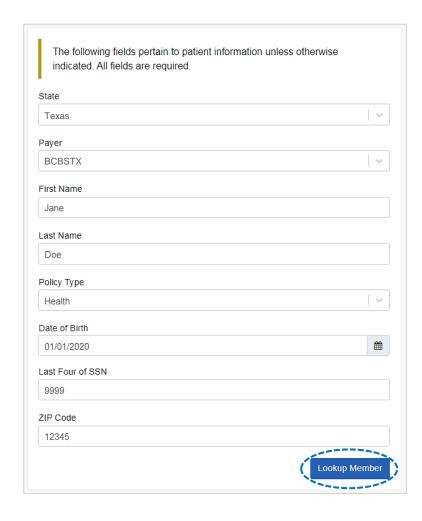
**Note:** Contact your Availity administrator if the **Patient ID Finder** is not listed in **Applications**.



### 3) Searching for a Patient ID

Complete the following fields:

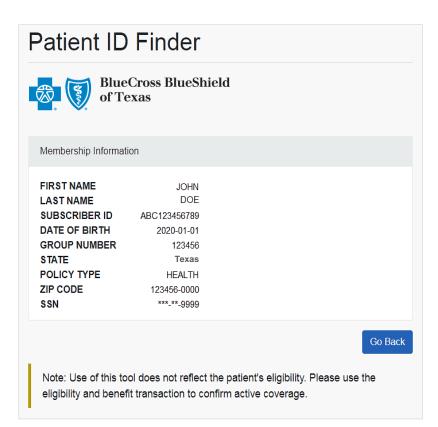
- Select State
  - select the state where the patient's insurance policy resides
- Select Payer
  - choose BCBSTX for commercial patients
  - choose BCBSTX Medicare
     Advantage/Medicaid for government
     program patients
- ► Enter patient First Name
- Enter patient Last Name
- Select Policy Type
- Enter Date of Birth
- Enter Last Four of SSN not required for Medicare Advantage/Medicaid patients
- Enter ZIP Code
- Select Lookup Member



#### 3) Search Results

Search results return the following BCBSTX membership information:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Subscriber ID
- Date of Birth
- Group Number
- State
- Policy Type
- Zip Code
- SSN not applicable for Medicare Advantage/Medicaid patients



#### Quick Tip:

→ As a reminder, refer to the <u>Eligibility and Benefits user guide</u> for assistance with obtaining real-time eligibility and benefits via Availity.

Have questions or need additional education? Email the Provider Education Consultants.

Be sure to include your name, direct contact information & Tax ID or billing NPI.

Checking eligibility and/or benefit information is not a guarantee of payment. Benefits will be determined once a claim is received and will be based upon, among other things, the member's eligibility and the terms of the member's certificate of coverage applicable on the date services were rendered. If you have any questions, please call the number on the member's ID card.

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