

Holiday Schedule Reminders (for 835 and 837 transactions)

December 2018 – December 2019

The reminders below are intended to assist providers in planning ahead for scheduling variances that may affect electronic claims (837) and/or claims payment and remittance (835) transactions in 2019.

Electronic Claim Reminders

- Our Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) gateway at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year for the submission of electronic claims (837 transactions).
- Customers will receive BCBSIL automated payer response reports within 24 hours of transmission.
- Claims transmitted to BCBSIL on Saturday, Sunday and Monday automatically are forwarded to the claims adjudication system on the next business day. This processing cycle is not impacted by corporate or banking holidays.

Electronic Payment and Remittance Reminders

- BCBSIL offices will be closed and claims will not be adjudicated on the BCBSIL Holiday Observed Dates indicated in the table below. Please note there are separate columns for BCBSIL Holiday Observed Dates for Commercial and Government Programs Claims. Government programs claims include Medicare Advantage and Illinois Medicaid.
- Legal banking holidays will add one day to the normal Electronic Funds Transfer (835 EFT) schedule. This means that the EFT payment will become available the next business day after the file is sent to the bank.
- Payment reports and Electronic Remittance Advice (835 ERA) files for claims adjudicated immediately following an observed holiday will be available for retrieval the next business day. This also affects the Electronic Payment Summary (EPS), which is delivered in conjunction with the ERA for commercial claims only. EPS files are not delivered for government programs claims.

Do you utilize a billing service and/or clearinghouse?

Please contact your vendor(s), if applicable, to determine any additional scheduling reminders they may have that may affect your electronic transaction timelines.

Holiday Name	Calendar Date	Legal Banking Holiday Observed Date	BCBSIL Holiday Observed Date for Commercial Claims*	BCBSIL Holiday Observed Date for Government Programs Claims*
2018 Christmas Holiday	Tues., 12/25/18	Tues., 12/25/18	Tues., 12/25/18	Mon., 12/24/18 and Tues., 12/25/18
New Year's Day	Tues., 1/1/19	Tues., 1/1/19	Tues., 1/1/19	Tues., 1/1/19
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Tues., 1/15/19	Mon., 1/21/19		Mon., 1/21/19
President's Day	Mon., 2/18/19	Mon., 2/18/19		
Memorial Day	Mon., 5/27/19	Mon., 5/27/19	Mon., 5/27/19	Mon., 5/27/19
Independence Day	Thurs., 7/4/19	Thurs., 7/4/19	Thurs., 7/4/19	Thurs., 7/4/19
Labor Day	Mon., 9/2/19	Mon., 9/2/19	Mon., 9/2/19	Mon., 9/2/19
Columbus Day	Sat., 10/12/19	Mon., 10/14/19		
Veteran's Day	Mon., 11/11/19	Mon., 11/11/19		
Thanksgiving	Thurs., 11/28/19	Thurs., 11/28/19	Thurs., 11/28/19 and Fri., 11/29/19	Thurs., 11/28/19 and Fri., 11/29/19
Christmas Holiday	Wed., 12/25/19	Wed., 12/25/19	Wed., 12/25/19	Tues., 12/24/19 and Wed., 12/25/19

*The BCBSIL corporate holiday schedule is subject to change.