



## employer **ALERT**

Blue Shield of California is working in good faith to implement requirements of the Machine-Readable Files (MRF) provision of the [Transparency in Coverage Final Rule \(TCFR\)](#) for July 1, 2022. This federal mandate requires health plans to make publicly available provider contracted in-network rates and out-of-network allowed amounts in machine readable format.

Our files will be hosted through an external vendor and available through this link:

- [Blue Shield of California – Machine Readable Files](#)

This link is already live and Blue Shield is working to populate data files for the July 1 compliance date.

Self-funded plan sponsors will need to post this link on their own website for compliance purposes. It is up to you to determine where on your site to publish this link, but it must be publicly available (no login or other requirements needed to access the files). Suggested language for the website is available below, to be used at your discretion. The data will be refreshed monthly, in accordance with the mandate, however the URL will remain static, so no additional actions are required once the link is published.

Our [Background/FAQ document for the Consolidated Appropriations Act / Transparency in Coverage Final Rule](#) has additional information on this topic.

### **Suggested web copy for self-funded groups:**

#### ***Machine Readable Files – Transparency in Coverage***

*The information available through the link below is provided in good faith to comply with the Machine-Readable Files (MRF) provision of the Transparency in Coverage Final Rule (TCFR). These files are extensive collections of data to be ingested and read by machines and are not intended for member use.*

[Access files](#)

To learn more about the TCFR and the MRF provision, refer to this [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services page](#).

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