



This communication outlines how HNAS will help support our client's compliance with Transparency of Coverage for clients that are accessing the Highmark network

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.

Beginning July 1, Highmark will publish the MRFs for the plans we administer and maintain. These files will be published on mrfdata.hmhs.com.

This [link mrfdata.hmhs.com](https://mrfdata.hmhs.com), which you should 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).

HNAS will also post the link on HNAS.com

Please consider publishing the website access to your company's public site or redirect inquiries to HNAS.com or mrfdata.hmhs.com to fulfill the group health plans requirement.

Should you have any questions please feel free to direct them to your Client Manager.