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ENSURING PROVIDERS KNOW HOW TO IDENTIFY NEW YORK MEMBERS

Starting November 1, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York and Highmark Blue Shield of Northeastern New York members began gradually moving onto Highmark's systems. We want to ensure all providers in the Highmark network know how to identify our New York members.

There are two ways for a provider to determine whether a member has moved onto Highmark's systems or whether they are still on the "legacy" systems.



MEMBER ID CARD

If a member is on the legacy system, their ID card will either have:

- The old BlueCross BlueShield Western New York logo/BlueShield Northeastern New York logo
- The new Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York logo/Highmark Blue Shield Northeastern New York logo but the back of the ID card will be shaded blue.

Here's an example of a Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York member card for a member who is on the legacy system:





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For members who have moved onto Highmark's system, their cards will feature the new Highmark logo and both the front and the back of the ID card will be white.

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2 CHECKING IN NAVINET

Other than checking member ID cards, you can also use the Eligibility and Benefits transaction in NaviNet. If your patient search does not return any information, check BlueExchange.®

