

Provider Directory FHIR API

CHRISTUS Health Plan publishes its provider directory as a public FHIR API, so that members, developers and third-party applications can look up the practitioners, facilities, pharmacies and plans in our network. The API follows the HL7 Da Vinci PDex Plan-Net implementation guide, as required by the CMS Interoperability and Patient Access rule.

Getting started

Base URL	<code>https://doctors.christushealthplan.org/fhir/provider-directory</code>
Authentication	None. No token, API key or registration is required.
Format	FHIR R4 (4.0.1), <code>application/fhir+json</code>
Capability statement	<code>https://doctors.christushealthplan.org/fhir/provider-directory/metadata</code>

Any HTTP client can call the directory directly, including a browser application.

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GET https://doctors.christushealthplan.org/fhir/provider-directory/Practitioner?family=Hopper
Accept: application/fhir+json
```

What the directory contains

RESOURCE	WHAT IT IS
<code>Practitioner</code>	An individual provider: name, NPI, credentials, languages and addresses.
<code>PractitionerRole</code>	A provider at one of their locations, with their specialty and the networks they participate in there.
<code>Organization</code>	A facility or provider organization, a network, or CHRISTUS Health Plan itself.
<code>OrganizationAffiliation</code>	A facility or pharmacy at one of its locations, with the networks it participates in there.
<code>HealthcareService</code>	What a facility or pharmacy offers.
<code>Location</code>	An address, with phone numbers and map coordinates.

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InsurancePlan	A plan we offer, and the network that serves it.

Network participation is always recorded per location, on `PractitionerRole` for a provider and on `OrganizationAffiliation` for a facility or pharmacy. The pharmacy directory, including each pharmacy's type and the number of pharmacies in a network, is read from `OrganizationAffiliation`.

Full documentation

The complete reference, with every search parameter, the shape of each resource, paging, and worked examples for the pharmacy directory, is available as a PDF:

Provider Directory FHIR API Reference (PDF)

The reference carries a "Last revised" date on every page and ends with a changelog, so you can tell whether anything has changed since you last downloaded it.

Migrating from the HealthSparq directory

This API replaces the provider directory previously hosted at `christushealthplan.healthsparq.com`. If you built an integration against that directory:

- **No token is needed.** The public-token step and the `Subject-Token` header are gone. Sending the header does no harm; it is ignored.
- **The base URL has changed** to the one above, and the insured and brand codes are no longer used.
- **Paging uses `_offset` and `next` links**, not `_getpagesoffset`.
- **Record ids are new**, so re-resolve any stored records by NPI or by name and address.

The reference PDF lists every difference under "Migrating from the HealthSparq directory".

Questions

Direct questions about the API to [CONTACT EMAIL].