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

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=Hop
per
Accept: application/fhir+json
```

What the directory contains

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

RESOURCE	WHAT IT IS
`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) | CHRISTUS Health Plan Provider Directory FHIR API

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 IM_Health_Plan_Support@christushealth.org.