**Essential Documents for Filing a Mediclaim** 

1. Understand the Policy

- Check Coverage: Ensure that the treatment or hospitalization is covered under your policy. Look for exclusions (e.g., pre-existing conditions, specific treatments, waiting periods).
- Know the Limits: Be aware of sub-limits on room rent, specific treatments, or daily hospital charges.
- Network Hospitals: Check whether the hospital is in the insurance company's network for cashless claims.
- 2. Maintain Proper Documentation
  - Hospital Records: Collect all medical records, including admission reports, discharge summaries, prescriptions, and test reports.
  - Original Bills: Keep all hospital and pharmacy bills with detailed breakups.
  - Payment Proof: Save receipts for payments made to the hospital or pharmacy.
  - ID Proof: Provide identification documents as required.
- 3. Inform the Insurer on Time
  - Planned Hospitalization: Notify the insurer in advance (usually 48-72 hours) for planned treatments.
  - Emergency Treatment: Inform the insurer immediately after admission (within 24 hours).

4. Fill Forms Carefully

- Insurance Claim Form: Fill out the form completely and accurately. Any discrepancies can delay or reject the claim.
- Authorization Letters: Submit signed consent for medical record access if required.

## 5. Check the Cashless Process

• If you're availing cashless treatment:



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- $\circ$   $\;$  Get the pre-authorization form from the hospital and submit it to the insurer.
- Ensure all required fields are filled by the hospital staff correctly.
- 6. Keep Copies of All Documents
  - Always retain copies of every document submitted to the insurer for your records.

#### 7. Provide Clear Communication

- Write a clear cover letter explaining the claim, mentioning:
  - Patient's details (name, policy number).
  - Nature of the illness or injury.
  - Dates of hospitalization.
- Avoid ambiguous or misleading information.

#### 8. Stay Updated on the Claim Process

- Track the Status: Regularly follow up with the insurer or TPA (Third Party Administrator) to check the status of your claim.
- Respond Promptly: If additional documents or clarifications are requested, provide them promptly.

#### 9. Avoid Fraudulent Claims

• Never submit fake bills, manipulated records, or incorrect information. Insurers thoroughly investigate claims, and fraud can lead to denial and legal consequences.

#### **10. Seek Help if Needed**

- If the claim is delayed or denied unfairly, contact the insurance company's grievance redressal team.
- If unresolved, you can approach the Insurance Ombudsman for further assistance.



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## 1. Policy Documents

- Copy of the **health insurance policy** (or policy number).
- Details of the insured person (policyholder's name, policy number, coverage details).

## 2. Claim Form

- **Duly filled and signed claim form** provided by the insurance company.
- Ensure all sections are filled accurately to avoid delays.

## 3. Hospitalization Records

- **Admission/Discharge Summary**: Details of the reason for hospitalization, treatment provided, and duration of stay.
- **Doctor's Consultation Notes**: Medical history and diagnosis notes from the treating doctor.

## 4. Medical Reports

- Investigation reports (e.g., X-rays, blood tests, MRI, CT scans).
- Pathology and diagnostic reports.
- Prescriptions for tests or treatments.

## 5. Original Bills and Receipts

- **Hospital Bills**: Itemized and stamped hospital bills showing charges for treatment, room rent, medicines, etc.
- Pharmacy Bills: Copies of bills for medicines purchased (attach prescriptions).
- **Payment Receipts**: Proof of payments made to the hospital or pharmacy.

# 6. Identity Proof

- Valid photo ID of the patient (e.g., Aadhaar card, PAN card, passport, voter ID).
- 7. Bank Details
  - Copy of the patient or policyholder's **canceled cheque** or **bank passbook** for reimbursement claims.
- 8. Employer Documents (if applicable)



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- If the policy is provided by your employer, include a letter or ID proving your employment.
- 9. Pre-Authorization Form (for cashless claims)
  - This form is provided by the hospital and submitted to the insurance company or TPA for approval.

## 10. Treatment Certificate

• A letter or certificate from the treating doctor summarizing the treatment details and duration.

## **11. Previous Medical Records**

• If the claim is for a pre-existing condition, provide older reports, prescriptions, or records as required.

## 12. Other Relevant Documents

- FIR or police report (for accident-related claims).
- Death certificate (in case of a claim for the insured's demise).

