

Professional Claim Form (CMS 1500 08/05)

The National Uniform Claim Committee approved the revised version of the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (version 08/05) that accommodates the reporting of the National Provider Identifier (NPI). The recommended time line for transitioning to the revised form is February 1, 2007. However, Medicare has just extended this deadline for when they will stop accepting the old form to June 1, 2007 because of an issue with the printing of the form date.

Coventry is able to accept this new claim form now, and we strongly encourage all practices to switch to this form as soon as possible. However, we will continue to accept the old version (CMS 1500 12/90) and have no definitive date to stop accepting it.

Highlight of form changes:

1. Ability to include NPI and proprietary PIN for all physician/provider boxes – referring physician (box 17), rendering physician (box 31), facility where services were rendered (box 32) and billing (box 33).
2. Six claim detail lines have been divided horizontally to accommodate submission of NPI and proprietary identifiers. Additionally, the divided lines will also support the submission of supplemental information to support billed services (such as NDC for drug codes or anesthesia time).
3. Box 24C has been renamed from type of service, which is no longer used, to EMG (old box 24I)

Submitting NPI and Coventry Proprietary Numbers (PIN/UPIN):

Coventry is able to accept and store NPI numbers. As of March 25th, 2007, the Historical Coventry health plans will be able to use NPI numbers in the provider selection process. Providers may continue to use just their legacy identifiers (UPIN and Coventry's proprietary number), or they may begin submitting their NPI number in addition to their legacy provider id numbers.

Please refer to the following guideline for submitting NPI and legacy provider ID numbers on the new HCFA Claim Forms:

Current HCFA 1500 form:

- Rendering Provider (box 31) proprietary number is submitted in the Box 33 PIN field.

New CMS 1500 form:

- Rendering Provider (box 31) proprietary ID number should be submitted in Box 24J on the shaded part of the first claim line. The accompanying qualifier in box 24I is not used, so any value may be included. (note: Coventry will only read one rendering provider ID per claim - not different provider ids on separate claim lines)
- Rendering provider (box 31) NPI number should be submitted in box 24J on the lower, non-shaded section of the first claim line. (note: Coventry will only read one rendering provider ID per claim -- not different provider ids on separate claim lines)
- The NPI # for the Facility where services are rendered (box 32) should be submitted in box 32A on the new form.
- The Billing provider (box 33) NPI should be submitted in box 33A.
- The Billing Provider (box 33) proprietary number (if applicable) should be submitted in Box 33b.