



# X12N Electronic Submitter Guide

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And  
Batch 835 Electronic Remittance Advice

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## Introduction:

The purpose of this document is to provide Trading Partners/Direct Submitters with Inbound/Outbound X12N-837/835 submission requirements specific for CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst) and CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. (CareFirst BlueChoice). This document has been created as a supplement to the ANSI ASC X12N 837 Institutional and Professional Health Care Claim Implementation Guides and to the CareFirst Companion Guide. It is intended only to address the technical requirements to achieve our undertaking of assisting the provider/vendor community with HIPAA compliant electronic claim submissions. It does not address the submission of Encounters or Dental claims.

We expect all registered Trading Partners to deliver claims to CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice in valid ANSI ASC X12N formats utilizing the HIPAA standard 4010A1 Implementation Guides. CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice acknowledge that the Trading Partner will perform both data format and content translations to achieve this end. In addition, CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice will send the electronic remittance to the Trading Partner in ANSI ASC X12N 835 format.

All contractual issues, including billing/pricing and Service Level Agreements, will be handled outside of this document.

## Summary of Electronic Billing Guidelines

The following guide provides information to assist with effective electronic claim submission to CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst) and CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. (CareFirst BlueChoice). Our processing systems require specific adjudication rules for certain types of claims. The information below includes these adjudication rules and other helpful information for Maryland and National Capital Area (NCA) products.

### Electronic Inhibitors

Listed below are types of claims that we suggest not be submitted electronically, as additional information may be required to expedite processing.

- **MD and NCA Institutional-** Coordination of benefits claims
- **MD Institutional-**
  - Psychiatric halfway house claims
  - Rehabilitation facility claims
- **NCA Professional-** Coordination of benefits claims
- **MD Professional-**
  - Coordination of benefits claims
  - Claims reporting modifiers 21, 22, 62, 66 & 78

### *Do not electronically submit claims requiring attachments*

We suggest that claims requiring attachments not be submitted electronically. Please see the chart below to see what attachments are required for which area.

| Professional and Institutional Claims   | Required Attachments  | Maryland | NCA                                  |
|---|---|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Coordination of benefits  | Other carrier EOB statements  | YES      | YES                                  |
| Subrogation   | Letters to determine if coordination is required  | YES      | Upon Request                         |
| Professional Claims   | Required Attachments  | Maryland | NCA                                  |
| Those billed with modifiers 21, 22, 62, 66 & 78                                   | Doctor's notes, Doctor's orders, Sleep study reports, etc.                                    | YES      | Submit required notes electronically |
| Specialized surgery or complicated procedure                                      | Medical necessity statement, itemized bills, operative notes, or other additional information | YES      | Upon Request                         |
| Institutional Claims  | Required Attachments  | Maryland | NCA                                  |
| Ambulatory Surgery Center claims billed with Revenue code 270 (surgical supplies) | Surgical supply invoice   | YES      | NO                                   |

*Disclaimer: Accepting claims for certain services does not guarantee payment. You must verify member eligibility and benefits prior to rendering services.*

**Note=** Notes are accepted on electronic institutional claims

**N/A** = type of service is not billed on the type of claim.

**YES** = Service is allowed to be billed electronically for that type of claim

**NO** = Service should not be billed electronically for that type of claim

\*NASCO – National Accounts Service and Claims Operations

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**Professional and Institutional Services Accepted Electronically for Maryland and NCA Indemnity, Federal Employee Program and National Accounts (NASCO\*)**

| <b>Professional and Institutional Services</b> | <b>Professional Electronic</b> | <b>Institutional Electronic</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Surgery (Incl. Oral)                           | YES                            | YES                             |
| ASC (Except when billing revenue code 270)     | YES                            | YES                             |
| Litho  | YES                            | YES                             |
| ESRD (Freestanding)                            | YES                            | YES                             |
| Donor Surgery                                  | YES                            | YES                             |
| Physician Assistant at Surgery                 | YES                            | YES                             |
| Elective Abortion                              | YES                            | YES                             |
| Maternity                                      | YES                            | YES                             |
| Birth Center                                   | YES                            | YES                             |
| Anesthesia                                     | YES                            | YES                             |
| Emergency Medical Care (Incl. Accident)        | YES                            | YES                             |
| Pre-Admission Testing                          | YES                            | YES                             |
| Professional Component                         | YES                            | N/A                             |
| Diagnostic Radiation, Nuc. Med. & Ultrasound   | YES                            | YES                             |
| Concurrent Care                                | YES                            | N/A                             |
| Well Baby Care/Visit                           | YES                            | YES                             |
| Diagnostic Machine Test                        | YES                            | YES                             |
| Psychiatric Care                               | YES                            | YES                             |
| Second Opinion Program                         | YES                            | N/A                             |
| Alcohol Rehabilitation                         | YES                            | YES                             |
| Consultations                                  | YES                            | YES                             |
| Drug Rehabilitation                            | YES                            | YES                             |
| Medical Care - I/P & O/P Medical               | YES                            | YES                             |
| Chemotherapy                                   | YES                            | YES                             |
| Physical Therapy                               | YES                            | YES                             |
| Radiation Therapy                              | YES                            | YES                             |
| Occupational Therapy                           | YES                            | YES                             |
| Speech Therapy                                 | YES                            | YES                             |
| Respiratory Therapy                            | YES                            | YES                             |
| Therapeutic Services                           | YES                            | YES                             |
| Diagnostic Path/Lab                            | YES                            | YES                             |
| Whole Blood                                    | N/A                            | YES                             |
| Hospice Care                                   | N/A                            | YES                             |
| Ambulance                                      | YES                            | YES                             |
| Phys. Access.- Purchase (Ortho/Prosthetic)     | YES                            | YES                             |
| Phys. Access.- Rental (Ortho/Prosthetic)       | YES                            | YES                             |
| DME  | YES                            | YES                             |
| Pharmacy (Vendor processing)                   | N/A                            | N/A                             |
| Routine Vision Care (Examination ONLY)         | YES                            | N/A                             |
| Home Health Care Service                       | YES                            | YES                             |
| Visiting Nurse Services                        | YES                            | YES                             |
| Private Duty Nursing                           | YES                            | YES                             |
| Skilled Nursing Facilities                     | YES                            | YES                             |
| Hearing Care                                   | YES                            | YES                             |
| Medicare Submitted Secondary Claims            | YES                            | YES                             |

## 837 Claim File Requirements

### Claims Collection from Providers through a Billing Agent or Clearinghouse

1. At this time, CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice do not expect changes to claims collection methods from providers if the provider is utilizing a Billing Agent or Clearinghouse to submit claims.
2. If a provider does not have the capability to send valid X12N formats, CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice acknowledge that Trading Partners will accept non-X12N formats and translate the formats into a valid X12N file for submission to CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice. The translation of the transaction and code sets by the Trading Partner must follow defaults and code set translation guidelines described in this Submitter Guide.
3. The Trading Partner will run a compliance check of all claims prior to sending to CareFirst and/or CareFirst BlueChoice.

### Naming Conventions

1. For Secure File Transfer (SFT) the naming convention of the file should be “*Trading Partner name or Trading Partner ID-837(I or P)-yyymmdd-unique identifier.ZIP*”. (Such as: Carefirst-837P-051031-0000001.ZIP)
2. For FTP/VPN the naming convention of the file should be “*Date & timestamp-Trading Partner ID-837.ZIP.OK*” (Such as: 051031081233-999999999-837.ZIP.OK)

### Batch Conventions

1. CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice require separate payer ID numbers to be submitted for each X12N 837 transaction: MD Professional (00690), MD Institutional (00190), NCA Professional (00580), NCA Institutional (00080).
2. CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice will generate a 997 acknowledgement transaction for each claim file received from a Trading Partner.
3. CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice will generate daily proprietary file acknowledgements. Two files will be generated per day: One (1) for MD & NCA Institutional and one (1) for MD & NCA Professional. (See **Appendix B** – Proprietary Acknowledgement File.)

### Batch Requirements - (Clearinghouse/Billing Agent Only)

1. 837I:  
Functional Group – generated per Pay-To-Provider  
The current provider batch will be the equivalent of a Transaction Set within the Functional Group. One (1) ST/SE per Pay-To-Provider, per facility code value/claim frequency code (type of bill)



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2. 837P:  
Functional Group – generated per Pay-To-Provider  
The current provider batch will be the equivalent of a Transaction Set within the Functional Group. One (1) ST/SE per Pay-To-Provider

**Batch Editing - (Clearinghouse/Billing Agent Only)**

1. To minimize rejections the Trading Partner’s will invoke claim edits using the Pre-Processing Edits contained in this document prior to sending X12N files. (See **Appendix A – Pre-Processing Edits V1.0.**)

**Claims Submission – Trading Partner submission to CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice – (Clearinghouse/Billing Agent Only)**

1. Files are limited to the following claim volumes per file.

| <b>File Type</b>  | <b>Claim Limit per File</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| MD Professional   | 40,000                      |
| MD Institutional  | No limit                    |
| NCA Professional  | No limit                    |
| NCA Institutional | No limit                    |

NOTE: If MD Professional files are larger than 40,000 claims, please contact your Vendor Relationship Manager for further instructions.

2. Trading Partner must individually zip each file submitted, without using subfolders. A zip file should contain only one (1) physical file (ISA/ISE)
3. Preferred method for claim submission is via SFT (Secure File Transfer) method. Trading Partners will be issued a logon and ID during the registration process. Once logged into the website (<https://www.carefirst.com/filexfer>), click on the “User Guide” link (upper right hand corner of the screen) to obtain a copy of the guide.
4. The Trading Partner will submit four individual claim files daily (excluding holidays) using the (ANSI ASC X12N 837 004010X096A1 or 004010X098A1) format, including compliant HIPAA code sets. These files are: MD Professional, MD Institutional, NCA Professional and NCA Institutional. If sending one of each file is not possible on a particular day, the Trading Partner is required to notify CareFirst and/or CareFirst BlueChoice via email to **edirectsubmission@carefirst.com**.
5. Trading Partners are expected to **send only one (1) file per day per file type** and should be submitted between 12 a.m. (Midnight) EST and 4:30 a.m. EST to meet current date processing. Claims received after the cut-off time will be processed the following business day.

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6. CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice observe the below listed holidays. You will be notified by your Vendor Relationship Manager if claim files will be accepted on these days or other events that may affect the current processing schedule.
- New Year's Day
  - Martin Luther King's Birthday
  - President's Day
  - Memorial Day
  - Independence Day
  - Labor Day
  - Thanksgiving
  - Day after Thanksgiving
  - Christmas Eve
  - Christmas Day

## Duplicate 837 File Detection

CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice have an automated process in place to prevent duplicates of previously submitted 837 files from entering our front-end claims system. There are several key identifiers of a duplicate file:

- Total claim count within one Interchange (ISA through IEA segments of an X12 file)
- Total service line count within one Interchange
- Total dollar amount from all claim headers within one Interchange
- Record count of internal load ready file format
- Hash Total- Internally generated number from claim data

If the file is identified as a duplicate, an Error Response will be returned to the Trading Partner's mailbox **within 1 hour** of file upload. The Trading Partner is responsible for checking their mailbox for an Error Response. There will be one Error Message for each duplicate file or validation error detected.

Messages may be combined into one Error File in the Sender's Mailbox and will be displayed along with the ISA Control Number of the file in error.

The Error Response will contain error messages advising the Trading Partner of what triggered the Duplicate Error Response and how to correct the data in order to resubmit the file.

### **Resubmitting a File**

In order to resubmit a file the Trading Partner must correct the data in error per the Error Response. The Trading Partner must notify their contact prior to uploading the file.

### **Example of Error Response:**

```
H201Scri: ERROR NOTIFICATION TO SENDER: General Hospital-Inst
H201Scri: ISA SENDER ID: 111100031
H201Scri: GS SENDER ID: 111100031
H201Scri: ISA CNTL NBR: 000631004
H201Scri: ICHNG DATE: 2004-11-05 TIME: 15.23.00
```

```
H201Scri: DUPLICATE FILE NOT ACCEPTED
ISA CNTL NBR 000631004 PREVIOUSLY RECVD 2004-11-04 AT 14.45
```

```
H201SC38: DUPLICATE FILE NOT ACCEPTED
CONTENTS MATCH PREV FILE: ISA NBR: 000610022 SENT 2004-09-16
```

## Claims Processing

In accordance with the Clean Claim requirements, CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice make every effort to identify all potential errors before actual adjudication of the claim. The steps are described in this section.

1. CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice will process the files through Common Component Application (CCA) and perform the following:
  - Unzip Files
  - Archive Files
  - HIPAA Compliance Editing through Sybase, WEDI/SNIP levels 1 through 4
  - Creation of a Functional Acknowledgement file in valid X12N format
    - a. 997 within ASC X12N 004010
    - b. 997 within ASC X12N 004010
  - Perform Transaction Routing (may cause Payer code to change)
  - Perform Data Reconciliation (provider/patient validation)
  - Perform Pre-processing Editing
  - Perform High-level claim splitting (DCN assignment)
  
2. CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice will create a Functional Acknowledgement in valid X12N format per input file. The Trading Partner will retrieve the zipped 997 from CareFirst or CareFirst BlueChoice from their SFT mailbox. File name for the 997 is "original-filename.A997.R".runid."txt.zip").
  
3. CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice will create two (2) zipped payer proprietary acknowledgements daily: One for Institutional and one for Professional. The Trading Partner will retrieve the payer acknowledgements from their SFT mailbox. File name for the Professional/Institutional proprietary acknowledgement is HACKIOUT.*Dccyymmdd-99999-9*.zip; HACKPOUT.*Dccyymmdd-99999-9*.zip. (The italicized characters are variables where *ccyymmdd* is the current system date in century, year, month, day format and *99999-9* is a randomly generated PERL process ID number, i.e., HACKPOUT.D20040429-78104-0.zip.)
  
4. The CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice processing schedule for when the 997 and the proprietary acknowledgement will be available for retrieval is as follows:

| File Type                            | Retrieval Time |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| MD Professional 997                  | Immediately    |
| MD Institutional 997                 | Immediately    |
| NCA Professional 997                 | Immediately    |
| NCA Institutional 997                | Immediately    |
| MD/NCA Professional Acknowledgement  | 4 p.m. (EST)   |
| MD/NCA Institutional Acknowledgement | 4 p.m. (EST)   |

## 837 Claim Data Requirements

### Data Translation and defaults – prior to submission - (Clearinghouse/Billing Agent Only)

- CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice have published the CareFirst X12N 004010A1 Companion Guide at <http://www.carefirst.com/Provider & Physicians/Electronic Services/EDI/EDI Manuals>
- CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice expects the Clearinghouse or Billing Agent to make every attempt to supply the data as required by HIPAA. However, if submitters do not have the capacity to send a valid X12N format, the Trading Partner will accept the current proprietary non-X12N formats from providers and translate these formats into a valid X12N format for submission. The Trading Partner will default data into fields where none is provided by the submitter on the 837 based on the data value instructions provided by CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice (Contact your Vendor Relationship Manager for the most recent versions of the Institutional and Professional Default mapping documents.)

### 837 Code Set Translation – Summary

When in receipt of a non-X12N format, the Trading Partner will translate codes sets from the legacy CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice code set to the equivalent HIPAA compliant code set based upon the precise “one-to-one” translation rules provided by CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice (See MD & NCA Conversion Tables below). It is expected that if providers are sending non-X12N formats to the Trading Partner, they most likely are utilizing proprietary or pre-HIPAA code sets. If providers do not utilize pre-HIPAA code sets, the Trading Partner will not be able to determine if the Code Set Translation should be invoked. The Trading Partner will communicate this expectation to all CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice providers.

| Field Name  | X12 Data Element Name (Loop & Segment)                              | NCA Prof 00580 | MD Prof 00690 | NCA Inst 00080 | MD Inst 00190 |
|---|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Accident Code   |   | N/A            | Included      | N/A            | N/A           |
| Admit-Dischg Hour Codes   |   | N/A            | N/A           | Not Used       | Included      |
| Admit Type  |   | N/A            | N/A           | Included       | No X-walk     |
| Assignment Indicator<br><b>Assignment of Benefits Certification Indicator</b> | Medicare Assignment Code<br>2300-CLM08                              | Included       | Included      | Included       | Included      |
| Condition Related Indicator   | Related Causes Code<br>2300-CLM11-1<br>2300-CLM11-2<br>2300-CLM11-3 | Included       | N/A           | N/A            | N/A           |
| Medicare B Assignment Indicator   |   | Included       | Included      | N/A            | N/A           |
| Other Insurance Indicator<br><b>Other Primary Insurance Code</b>              |   | Included       | Included      | N/A            | N/A           |
| Patient Relationship Codes  | Ind. Relationship Code<br>2000B-SBR02<br>2000C-PAT01<br>2320-SBR02  | Included       | Included      | Included       | Included      |

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|   |  |          |     |          |          |
|---|--|----------|-----|----------|----------|
| Place of Service  | Facility Code Value<br>2300-CLM05-1<br>Claim Freq. Type Code<br>2300-CLM05-3 | Included | N/A | N/A      | N/A      |
| Release of Info Code<br><b>Release of Information<br/>Certification Indicator</b> | Release of Information<br>Code<br>2300-CLM09<br>2320-OI06                    | N/A      | N/A | Included | Included |
| Worker's Comp Indicator   | Related Causes Code<br>2300-CLM11-1<br>2300-CLM11-2<br>2300-CLM11-3          | Included | N/A | N/A      | N/A      |

**MD & NCA Professional Conversion Table**

| Plan  | Field Name                     | X12 Data<br>Element Name<br>(Loop/Segment)                                  | Old<br>Code | Old Description<br>(Proprietary Formats) | New<br>Code | New Description<br>(X12 837 Formats)               |
|-------|--------------------------------|---|-------------|--|-------------|--|
| 00580 | Assignment<br>Indicator        | Assignment of<br>Benefits Indicator<br>(2300-CLM08)                         | 1           | Pay Subscriber                           | N           | No   |
|       |                                |   | 2           | Pay Provider                             | Y           | Yes  |
|       |                                |   |             |  | N           | No   |
| 00580 | Condition Related<br>Indicator | Related Causes<br>Code<br>2300-CLM11-1<br>2300-CLM11-2<br>2300-CLM11-3      | 1           | Not Applicable                           |             |  |
|       |                                |   | 2           | Auto Accident                            | AA          | Auto Accident                                      |
|       |                                |   | 3           | Work Related                             | EM          | Employment   |
|       |                                |   | 4           | Home Accident                            | OA          | Other Accident                                     |
|       |                                |   | 5           | Auto/Work Rel.                           | AP          | Other Party Responsible                            |
|       |                                |   | 6           | Other                                    | OA          | Other Accident                                     |
| 00580 | Patient<br>Relationship Code   | Individual<br>Relationship Code<br>2000B-SBR02<br>2000C-PAT01<br>2320-SBR02 | 1           | Self                                     | 20          | Employee   |
|       |                                |   | 2           | Spouse                                   | 01          | Spouse   |
|       |                                |   | 3           | Child                                    | 19          | Child  |
|       |                                |   | 4           | Other                                    | 19          | Child  |
| 00580 | Place of Service<br>Code       |   | 30          | Office                                   | 11          | Office   |
|       |                                |   | 11          | Not used prior to HIPAA                  | 11          | Office   |
|       |                                |   | 3S          | Hospice Svc in Prov office               | 11          | Office   |
|       |                                |   | OG          | Hemophilia Trtmnt Ctr                    | 11          | Office   |
|       |                                |   | B1          | Urgent Care Fac                          | 20          | Urgent Care Fac/Prof Corp                          |
|       |                                |   | B2          | Urgent Care Prof. Corp                   | 20          | Urgent Care Fac/Prof Corp                          |
|       |                                |   | 40          | Home                                     | 12          | Home   |
|       |                                |   | 12          | Home                                     | 12          | Home   |
|       |                                |   | 4S          | Hospice Svc in patient home              | 12          | Home   |
|       |                                |   | 10          | Inpatient Hospital                       | 21          | Inpatient Hospital                                 |
|       |                                |   | 21          | Inpatient Hospital                       | 21          | Inpatient Hospital                                 |
|       |                                |   | 1S          | Hosp Affiliated Hospice                  | 21          | Inpatient Hospital                                 |
|       |                                |   | 20          | Urgent Care Facility                     | 22          | Outpatient Hospital                                |
|       |                                |   | 22          | Outpatient Hospital                      | 22          | Outpatient Hospital                                |
|       |                                |   | 2S          | Hosp, OP Hospice Svc                     | 22          | Outpatient Hospital                                |
|       |                                |   | 2A          | Hosp, OP Observation Rm                  | 22          | Outpatient Hospital                                |
|       |                                |   | 2F          | Hosp based Ambulatory Surg               | 22          | Outpatient Hospital                                |
|       |                                |   | 2Z          | OP Rehab Hospital                        | 22          | Outpatient Hospital                                |
|       |                                |   | 58          | Hosp, partial hospitalization            | 22          | Outpatient Hospital                                |
|       |                                |   | 2E          | Emergency Room, Hosp                     | 23          | Emergency Room, Hosp                               |
|       |                                |   | 23          | Emergency Room, Hosp                     | 23          | Emergency Room, Hosp                               |
|       |                                |   | BF          | Freestanding ASC                         | 24          | Ambul. Surgery Center                              |
|       |                                |   | 24          | ASC                                      | 24          | Ambul. Surgery Center                              |
|       |                                |   | BM          | Birthing Center                          | 25          | Birthing Center                                    |
|       |                                |   | 25          | Birthing Center                          | 25          | Birthing Center                                    |
|       |                                |   | 26          | Military Treatment Facility              | 26          | Military Treatment Fac<br>Skilled Nursing Facility |

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|-------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|
|       |                          |                              | 80 | Skilled Nursing Facility             | 31 | Skilled Nursing Facility       |
|       |                          |                              | 31 | Skilled Nursing Facility             | 31 | Nursing Facility               |
|       |                          |                              | 70 | Nursing Facility                     | 32 | Nursing Facility               |
|       |                          |                              | 32 | Nursing Facility                     | 32 | Custodial Care Facility        |
|       |                          |                              | 33 | Custodial Care Facility              | 33 | Hospice                        |
|       |                          |                              | BS | Hospice care not in patient's home   | 34 | Hospice                        |
|       |                          |                              | 34 | Hospice care not in patient's home   | 34 | Ambulance – Land               |
|       |                          |                              | 90 | Ambulance – Land                     | 41 | Ambulance – Land               |
|       |                          |                              | 41 | Ambulance – Land                     | 41 | Ambulance – Air/Water          |
|       |                          |                              | 9A | Ambulance – Air                      | 42 | Ambulance – Air/Water          |
|       |                          |                              | 9C | Ambulance – Sea                      | 42 | Ambulance – Air/Water          |
|       |                          |                              | 42 | Ambulance – Air or Water             | 42 | Federally Qualified Hlth Ctr   |
|       |                          |                              | B0 | Freestanding Ambulatory Med Fac      | 50 | Federally Qualified Hlth Ctr   |
|       |                          |                              | 50 | Federally Qualified Health Ctr       | 50 |                                |
|       |                          |                              | 51 |                                      | 51 | Inpatient Psychiatric Facility |
|       |                          |                              | BT | Inpatient Psychiatric Facility       | 51 | Inpatient Psychiatric Facility |
|       |                          |                              | BV | IP Freestanding Substance Abuse Fac  | 52 | Psych Fac., partial Hosp.      |
|       |                          |                              | 52 | Freestanding Substance Abuse Fac     | 52 | Psych Fac., partial Hosp.      |
|       |                          |                              | 53 | OP Psychiatric Facility              | 53 | Community Mental Hlth Ctr      |
|       |                          |                              | 54 | Community Mental Health Ctr          | 99 | Other                          |
|       |                          |                              | 54 | Intermed Care Fac- Mentally retarded | 99 | Resid Subst Abuse Trtmt Fac    |
|       |                          |                              | 55 | Resid Subst. Abuse Trtmt Fac         | 55 | Other                          |
|       |                          |                              | 56 | OP Subst. Abuse Trtmt Fac            | 99 | Non-Res Subst Abuse Trtmt Fac  |
|       |                          |                              | 57 | Non-Resid. Subst Abuse Trtmt Fac     | 57 | Other                          |
|       |                          |                              | 59 | Intensive OP Treatment Prog          | 99 | Compreh. IP Rehab Facility     |
|       |                          |                              | 1Z | Compreh. IP Rehab Facility           | 61 | Compreh. IP Rehab Facility     |
|       |                          |                              | 61 | Compreh. IP Rehab Facility           | 61 | Compreh OP Rehab Facility      |
|       |                          |                              | 62 | Compreh OP Rehab Facility            | 62 | ERSD Treatment Facility        |
|       |                          |                              | BD | ERSD Treatment Facility              | 65 | ERSD Treatment Facility        |
|       |                          |                              | 65 | ERSD Treatment Facility              | 65 | State/local Public Hlth Clinic |
|       |                          |                              | 71 | Public Health Clinic                 | 71 | Rural Health Clinic            |
|       |                          |                              | 72 | Rural Health Clinic                  | 72 | Independent Laboratory         |
|       |                          |                              | 81 | Independent Laboratory               | 81 | Other                          |
|       |                          |                              | BR | Freestanding Cardiac Rehab Fac       | 99 | Non-Res Subst Abuse Trtmt Fac  |
|       |                          |                              | BU | OP Free Subst. Abuse Fac             | 57 | Other                          |
|       |                          |                              | 99 | Other Unlisted Facility              | 99 | Other                          |
|       |                          |                              | 00 | Other                                | 99 | Other                          |
|       |                          |                              | C0 | Pharmacy                             | 99 | Other                          |
|       |                          |                              | 03 | Not used prior to HIPAA              | 99 | Homeless Shelter               |
|       |                          |                              | 04 | Not used prior to HIPAA              | 04 | Indian Hlth Svc Free Fac       |
|       |                          |                              | 05 | Not used prior to HIPAA              | 05 | Indian Hlth Svc Prov Fac       |
|       |                          |                              | 06 | Not used prior to HIPAA              | 06 | Tribal 638 Free Facility       |
|       |                          |                              | 07 | Not used prior to HIPAA              | 07 | Tribal 638 Free Prov Fac       |
|       |                          |                              | 08 | Not used prior to HIPAA              | 08 | Mobil Unit                     |
|       |                          |                              | 15 | Not used prior to HIPAA              | 15 | Mass Immunization Center       |
|       |                          |                              | 60 | Not used prior to HIPAA              | 60 | Assisted Living Facility       |
|       |                          |                              | 13 | Not used prior to HIPAA              | 13 | Group Home                     |
|       |                          |                              | 14 | Not used prior to HIPAA              | 14 | Independent Clinic             |
|       |                          |                              | 49 | Not used prior to HIPAA              | 49 |                                |
| 00580 | Worker's Comp Indicator  | Related Causes Code          | Y  | Yes                                  | EM | Employment                     |
|       |                          | 2300-CLM11-1                 | N  | No                                   |    |                                |
|       |                          | 2300-CLM11-2                 | P  | Possible                             | EM | Employment                     |
|       |                          | 2300-CLM11-3                 |    |                                      |    |                                |
| 00690 | NSF Patient Relationship | Individual Relationship Code | 01 | Insured                              | 18 | Self                           |
|       |                          | 2000B-SBR02                  | 02 | Spouse                               | 01 | Spouse                         |
|       |                          | 2000C-PAT01                  | 03 | Child                                | 19 | Child                          |
|       |                          | 2320-SBR02                   | 04 | Child No \$ Responsibility           | 43 | Child No \$ Responsibility     |
|       |                          |                              | 05 | Step Child                           | 17 | Step Child                     |
|       |                          |                              | 06 | Foster Child                         | 10 | Foster Child                   |
|       |                          |                              | 07 | Ward                                 | 15 | Ward                           |
|       |                          |                              | 09 | Unknown                              | 21 | Unknown                        |

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|       |                             |   |  |   |  |   |
|-------|-----------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|       |                             |   | 10<br>11<br>12<br>13<br>14<br>15<br>16<br>17<br>18<br>19 | Handicap Dependent<br>Organ Donor<br>Cadaver Donor<br>Grandchild<br>Niece/Nephew<br>Injured Plaintiff<br>Sponsored Dependent<br>Minor Dependent of Dependent<br>Parent<br>Grandparent | 22<br>39<br>40<br>05<br>07<br>41<br>23<br>24<br>32<br>04 | Handicap Dependent<br>Organ Donor<br>Cadaver Donor<br>Grandchild<br>Niece/Nephew<br>Injured Plaintiff<br>Sponsored Dependent<br>Minor Dependent of Dep<br>Mother<br>Grandparent |
| 00690 | Sub Signature Indication    |   | N<br>Y   | No<br>Yes   | P<br>C   | Signature on file<br>Signed signature on file   |
| 00690 | Accident Code               | Related Causes Code<br>2300-CLM11-1<br>2300-CLM11-2<br>2300-CLM11-3 | A<br>O<br>N  | Auto Accident<br>Other Accident   | AA<br>OA   | Auto Accident<br>Other Accident   |
| 00690 | Medicare B Assign Indicator |   | N<br>Y   | No<br>Yes<br>spaces   | C<br>A<br>C  | Not Assigned<br>Assigned<br>Not Assigned  |
| 00690 | Other Insurance Indicator   |   | 1<br>2<br>3  | Yes, other Insurance<br>Yes, other Insurance<br>No other Insurance  | S<br>S<br>P  | Secondary<br>Secondary<br>Primary   |

**MD & NCA Institutional Conversion Table**

| Plan  | Field Name                      | Data Dictionary Name (Loop/Segment)                                      | Old Code   | Old Description  | New Code   | New Description   |
|-------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|
| 00080 | Admit Type                      | Admission Type Code  | 0<br>1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>5<br>6<br>7<br>8<br>9                                   | Not Applicable<br>Emergency<br>Urgent<br>Elective<br>Newborn<br>Newborn Boarder Baby<br>GYN (Non-OB admission)<br>OB Admission<br>Psychiatric Admission<br>Information Not Available   | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>4<br>9<br>9<br>9<br>9  | Emergency<br>Urgent<br>Elective<br>Newborn<br>Newborn<br>Information Not Available<br>Information Not Available<br>Information Not Available<br>Information Not Available                                       |
| 00080 | Admit/Discharge Hour            |  | 99   | Unknown<br>Note: Others remain the same  | 00   | Midnight<br>Note: Others remain the same  |
| 00080 | Patient Relationship to Insured | Individual Relationship Code<br>2000B-SBR02<br>2000C-PAT01<br>2320-SBR02 | 01<br>02<br>03<br>04<br>05<br>06<br>07<br>08<br>09<br>10<br>11<br>12<br>13<br>14 | Patient is Insured<br>Spouse<br>Child<br>Child/Insured not \$ responsible<br>Step Child<br>Foster Child<br>Ward of Court<br>Employee<br>Unknown<br>Handicapped Dependent<br>Organ Donor<br>Cadaver<br>Grandchild<br>Niece/Nephew | 18<br>01<br>03<br>43<br>17<br>10<br>15<br>20<br>21<br>22<br>39<br>40<br>05<br>07 | Self<br>Spouse<br>Child<br>Child/Insured not \$ Respons.<br>Step Child<br>Foster Child<br>Ward of court<br>Employee<br>Unknown<br>Handicapped Dependent<br>Organ Donor<br>Cadaver<br>Grandchild<br>Niece/Nephew |



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|       |                                 |  |  |   |  |  |
|-------|---------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|
|       |                                 |  | 15<br>16<br>17<br>18<br>19   | Injured Plaintiff<br>Sponsored Dependent<br>Minor Dependent of a Dependent<br>Parent<br><br>Grandparent   | 41<br>23<br>24<br>32<br>33<br>04   | Injured Plaintiff<br>Sponsored Dependent<br>Minor Dep of a Dependent<br>Mother<br>Father<br>Grandparent  |
| 00080 | Release of Information Code     | Release of Information Code<br>2300-CLM09<br>2320-OI06                   | R<br>Y<br>N  | Restricted or Modified Release<br>Yes<br>Not  | M<br>Y<br>N  | Restricted ability to release<br>Yes<br>No   |
| 00080 | Sequence Number                 | Payer Responsibility Sequence No. Code<br>2000B-SBR01<br>2330- SBR01     | 01<br>02<br>03   | Primary Payment Responsibility<br>Secondary Payment Respons.<br>Tertiary Payment Responsibility   | P<br>S<br>T  | Primary<br>Secondary<br>Tertiary   |
| 00080 | Medicare Assignment             | Benefits Assignment Certification Indicator<br>2300-CLM08                | Y<br>N   | Yes<br>No   | Y<br>N   | Yes<br>No  |
| 00190 | Release of Information Code     | Release of Information Code<br>2300-CLM09<br>2320-OI06                   | R<br>Y<br>N  | Restricted<br>Yes<br>No   | M<br>Y<br>N  | Restricted<br>Yes<br>No  |
| 00190 | Patient Relationship to Insured | Individual Relationship Code<br>2000B-SBR02<br>2000C-PAT01<br>2320-SBR02 | 01<br>02<br>03<br>04<br>05<br>06<br>07<br>08<br>09<br>10<br>11<br>12<br>13<br>14<br>15<br>16<br>17<br>18<br>19 | Patient is Insured<br>Spouse<br>Child<br>Child/Insured not \$ responsible<br>Step Child<br>Foster Child<br>Ward of Court<br>Employee<br>Unknown<br>Handicapped Dependent<br>Organ Donor<br>Cadaver<br>Grandchild<br>Niece/Nephew<br>Injured Plaintiff<br>Sponsored Dependent<br>Minor Dependent of a Dependent<br>Parent<br><br>Grandparent | 18<br>01<br>19<br>43<br>17<br>10<br>15<br>20<br>21<br>22<br>39<br>40<br>05<br>07<br>41<br>23<br>24<br>32<br>33<br>04 | Self<br>Spouse<br>Child<br>Child/Insured not \$ Respons.<br>Step Child<br>Foster Child<br>Ward of court<br>Employee<br>Unknown<br>Handicapped Dependent<br>Organ Donor<br>Cadaver<br>Grandchild<br>Niece/Nephew<br>Injured Plaintiff<br>Sponsored Dependent<br>Minor Dep of a Dependent<br>Mother<br>Father<br>Grandparent |
| 00190 | Accept Assignment Indicator     | Benefits Assignment Certification Indicator<br>2300-CLM08                | Y<br>N   | Yes<br>No   | Y<br>N   | Yes<br>No  |

## Trading Partner Instructions for Setting Date Fields in the X12N 837P (004010X098A1) (Clearinghouse/Billing Agent Only)

If a CareFirst and/or CareFirst BlueChoice proprietary NSF or MEDS professional claim format is received from the provider, the Trading Partner will evaluate the Diagnosis on the claim and then map the appropriate Date Segment on the X12N 837P. **The driver for mapping the appropriate segment is always the diagnosis.**

Override the Accident Date Indicator (ADI) or Symptom Indicator, if it is different than the diagnosis, when mapping the appropriate date segment (i.e., Maternity ADI with a diagnosis of sore throat).

### Accident Segment

For Maryland claims (Plan Code 00690) if the **PRIMARY** diagnosis is accident, to include diagnosis code values of V015, 53511 and 800 thru 9998, then check for a date in the accident/onset/LMP date field. If a date is present, set the Accident Segment on the X12N 837P to the following:

- DTP01 (Qualifier) equal 439
- DTP02 (Format Qualifier) equal to D8
- DTP03 (Date Time Period) equal to Date (CCYYMMDD)

If the diagnosis is accident and the date is not present and the Place of Service is not equal to “81”, reject the claim back to the provider.

For NCA claims (Plan Code 00580) if **ANY** diagnosis is accident, to include diagnosis code values of V015, 53511 and 800 thru 9998, then check for a date in the accident/onset/LMP date field. If a date is present, set the Accident Segment on the X12N 837P to the following:

- DTP01 (Qualifier) equal 439
- DTP02 (Format Qualifier) equal to D8
- DTP03 (Date Time Period) equal to Date (CCYYMMDD)

If any diagnosis is accident and the date is not present and the Place of Service is not equal to “81” and the Subscriber ID number is equal to FEP (R + 8 digits), reject the claim back to the provider.

### Related-Cause Codes (for both MD and NCA Plan Codes)

If the Related Cause code is not present and the diagnosis is an accident of any kind, then map code “OA” - Other Accident in the Related-Causes Code field (CLM11-1).

### LMP Segment

For Maryland claims (Plan Code 00690) if the **PRIMARY** diagnosis is Maternity, to include diagnosis code values of 630 thru 677, V22 thru V242, V27 thru V279, V615 thru V617 & V724, then check for a date in the accident/onset/LMP date field. If a date is present, set the LMP Segment on the X12N 837P to the following:

- DTP01 (Qualifier) equal 484
- DTP02 (Format Qualifier) equal to D8
- DTP03 (Date Time Period) equal to Date (CCYYMMDD)

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If the PRIMARY diagnosis is maternity and the date is not present and the Place of Service is not equal to “81”, reject the claim back to the provider.

For NCA claims (Plan Code 00580) if the **ANY** diagnosis is Maternity, to include diagnosis code values of 630 thru 677, V22 thru V242, V27 thru V279, V615 thru V617 & V724, then check for a date in the accident/onset/LMP date field. If a date is present, set the LMP Segment on the X12N 837P to the following:

- DTP01 (Qualifier) equal 484
- DTP02 (Format Qualifier) equal to D8
- DTP03 (Date Time Period) equal to Date (CCYYMMDD)

**For NCA (00580) claims with any diagnosis of maternity, if the date is not present, do not edit. Send the claims to CareFirst.**

### **Onset Segment**

For Maryland claims (Plan Code 00690) if the **PRIMARY** diagnosis is not accident or maternity (see above), then check for a date in the accident/onset/LMP date field. If a date is present, set the Onset of Current Illness/Symptom Segment on the X12N 837P to the following:

- DTP01 (Qualifier) equal 431
- DTP02 (Format Qualifier) equal to D8
- DTP03 (Date Time Period) equal to Date (CCYYMMDD)

If the PRIMARY diagnosis is maternity and if the date is not present and the Place of Service is not equal to “81”, reject the claim back to the provider.

For NCA claims (Plan Code 00580) **DO NOT** edit for Onset date. If there is no Accident or Maternity diagnosis, or if the provider supplies ADI as Onset, set the Onset of Current Illness/Symptom Segment on the X12N 837P to the following:

- DTP01 (Qualifier) equal 431
- DTP02 (Format Qualifier) equal to D8
- DTP03 (Date Time Period) equal to Date (CCYYMMDD)

If multiple diagnosis codes are present (for NCA claims ONLY) all applicable segments should be mapped according to the instructions above.

**To determine onset diagnosis, go to [www.carefirst.com/Providers & Physicians/Medical Policies/Table of Contents/10. Administrative/10.01.11A Emergency Services Autocodes](http://www.carefirst.com/Providers & Physicians/Medical Policies/Table of Contents/10. Administrative/10.01.11A Emergency Services Autocodes)**

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**Mapping instruction summary for setting date fields:**

Maryland (plan code 690):

If accident/onset/LMP date field is present, then

If Primary Diagnosis = Accident (see above), then

DTP01 = 439

DTP02 = D8

DTP03 = date from accident/onset/LMP date field

If Primary Diagnosis = Maternity (see above), then

DTP01 = 484

DTP02 = D8

DTP03 = date from accident/onset/LMP date field

Else

DTP01 = 431

DTP02 = D8

DTP03 = a date from accident/onset/LMP date field

NCA (plan code 580):

If accident/onset/LMP date field is present, then

If any Diagnosis = Accident (see above)

DTP01 = 439

DTP02 = D8

DTP03 = accident/onset/LMP date

If any Diagnosis = Maternity (see above), then

DTP01 = 484

DTP02 = D8

DTP03 = accident/onset/LMP date

If there is no Accident or Maternity Diagnosis, or if ADI is Onset,

DTP01 = 431

DTP02 = D8

DTP03 = accident/onset/LMP date

**Related-Causes Codes (For Both NCA and MD Plan Codes)**

If the Related Cause code is not present and the diagnosis is an accident of any kind, then map code 'OA' – Other Accident in the Related-Causes Codes fields (CLM11-1).

**When Multiple Diagnosis Codes are Present (NCA Claims Only)**

For NCA Claims, when multiple diagnosis codes are present, all applicable segments should be mapped according to the instructions above.

## Tax ID and Provider Number Formatting (Loops 2010AA & 2010AB)

Provider Tax ID must be submitted as 9 digit numeric, and should not contain any special characters.

For Maryland (Plan Code 00190) X12N 837I claims the provider number should be submitted as follows:

- 6 + 2 digit provider number (i.e. 537180 02)

For Maryland (Plan Code 00690) X12N 837P claims the provider number should be submitted as follows:

- 4 digit +1-2 UPPER CASE initial (i.e. 6347DP)

For NCA (Plan Code 00080) X12N 837I claims the provider number should be submitted as follows:

- 3 digit Provider ID

For NCA (Plan Code 00580) X12N 837P claims the provider number should be submitted as follows:

- Position 1 = Provider ID Type (1=Social Security Number, 2=Tax ID, 4 = Participating Provider)
- Positions 2-10 = ID number (can be 4 digit number and 5 spaces or 9 digit Tax ID number)
- Positions 11-14 = Member Number (Cannot be 0000 and must be numeric)
- Example: REF|1B|43995 0032

## Subscriber Address Requirement (Loop 2010BA)

- The Subscriber Address (2010BA Loop) is always required for both MD and NCA, Professional and Institutional claims, regardless of the Patient relationship. Even when the patient is different from the subscriber the Subscriber Address must be present.

## Referral Number Qualifier Assignment (Loop 2300 REF01)

- The qualifier assigned, by either provider or the Trading Partner, instructs CareFirst as to the type of number that is being submitted
  - G1 indicates a Pre-Authorization number
  - 9F indicates a Referral Number
- If the number submitted in Loop 2300 REF02 contains a prefix of “RE” then the REF01 qualifier **must** be 9F.
- If the number submitted in Loop 2300 REF02 does not contain the prefix “RE” then that number should be considered a Pre-Authorization number and the qualifier in REF01 should be set to G1.
- FEP (memberships that begin with ‘R’) consultations require a Referring Physician Name. If a Referring Physician name is provided and not a Referring Physician number, then default the Referring Physician number to 99990001. No “RE” referral number is required for this situation.

## Testing/Acceptance Criteria

During the testing phase the Trading Partner is required to produce test files based on the criteria established for CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice acceptance. Any failure points or modifications must be documented. Any action steps identified by CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice or the Trading Partner need to be communicated. Trading Partner submissions must meet current CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice performance levels. Prior to the Trading Partner testing with CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice, a testing schedule will be developed and communicated.

1. Trading Partners shall produce test files using CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice production data.
2. Test files are processed once a day at 4 p.m. EST. If files are submitted after 4 p.m. EST they will be processed the next day.
3. Trading Partner must be registered and able to send and receive data files via Secure File Transfer (SFT) or FTP (VPN).
4. Applies only to 837 and 835 Institutional and Professional transactions.
5. CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice require at least three (3) cycles of testing; two (2) files per Payer or destination system; and one (1) set of Institutional and Professional claims each.
6. Initial test file or pre-test must contain a minimum of 100 claims per payer, per transaction.
7. Test files, thereafter must be full CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice production data files or a combination of several days to meet the requirements stated below.
8. If a test file fails to meet CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice requirements, we will request additional test files.
9. Submitters will send files through compliance software prior to sending to CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice
10. Must achieve and maintain 97% claims first pass rate at point of proprietary acknowledgement; not the 997.
11. Files should represent a cross section of a normal day's claim submissions to include commercial, NASCO, FEP, etc.
12. Files should include claims with unique or special considerations/concerns to submitters.
13. Each file must contain batches from at least three (3) different providers:
  - Batch requirements for 837I: one (1) ST/SE per billing provider, per facility code value/claim frequency code (type of bill) for 837I
  - Batch requirements for 837P: one (1) ST/SE per provider

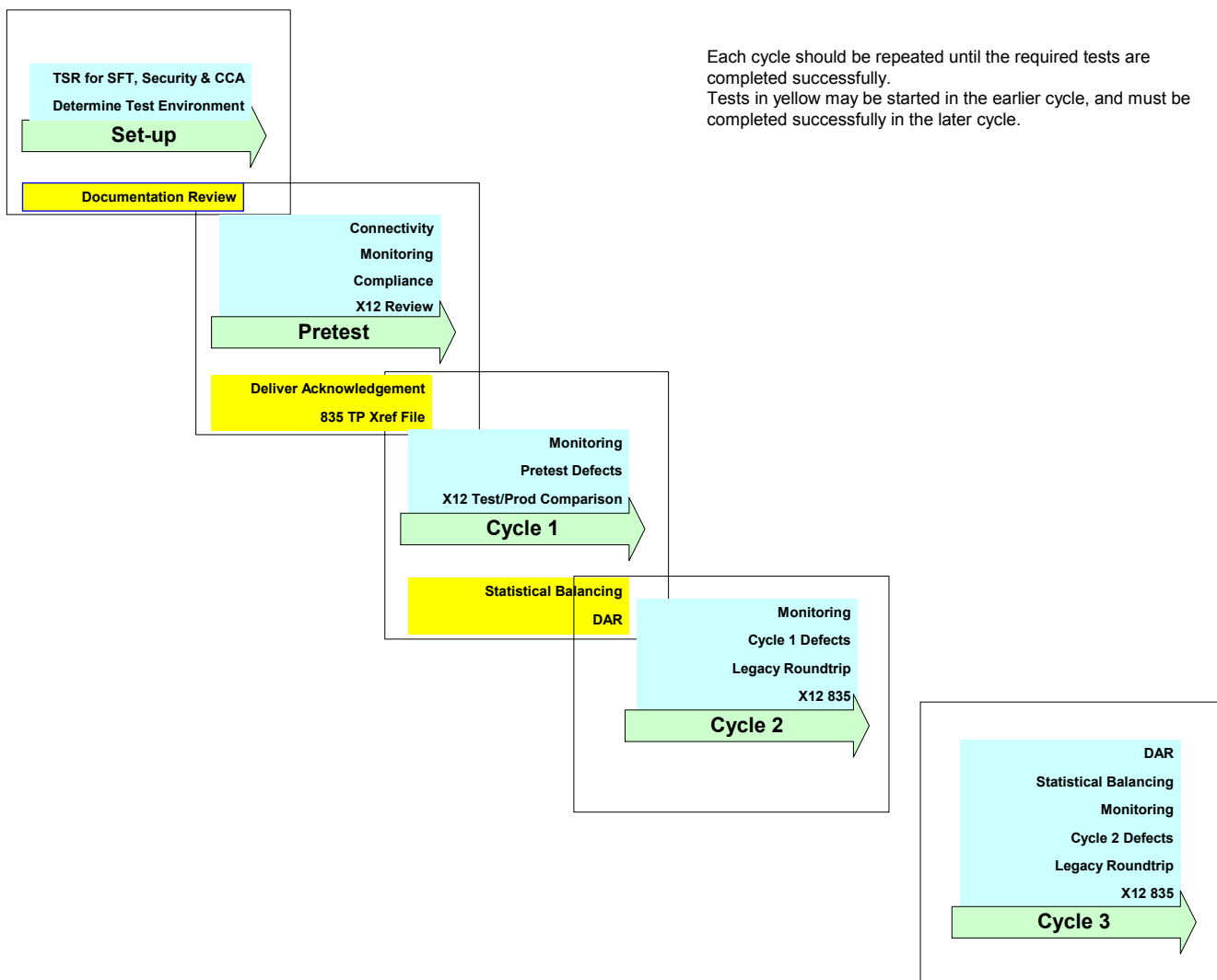
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14. Minimum claim situations (if applicable):

- Professional
  - Diagnostic Services - Lab, Radiology, etc.
  - Medical Services
  - Surgery and assisted surgery
  - Anesthesia procedures
- Institutional claims
  - Mix of inpatient and outpatient claims with typical services and multiple diagnoses

15. Estimated turnaround time 5 -10 business days per cycle.

**Testing Process and Steps**



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## Report Requirements

### Daily Acceptance Report (DAR) (Clearinghouse/Billing Agents Only)

CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice are required to monitor and reconcile electronic claims submission on a daily basis. The DAR report will provide a way to track electronic claims submission from each individual provider from the Trading Partner to CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice. If report data is not made available, the reconciliation process would not be possible and could result in an increased risk of losing claims.

Trading Partners is required to supply CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice with Daily Acceptance Reports (DAR) containing the claims data submitted for that day.

- Four Daily Acceptance Reports (DAR) need to be generated by the Trading Partner:
  - NCA institutional (00080)
  - NCA professional (00580)
  - MD institutional (00190)
  - MD professional (00690)
- Automated transfer of the report will occur via SFT or FTP/VPN if applicable
- Report size requirement is 133 byte fixed block in report format (non-EDI). First byte is reserved for carriage control character (cannot contain report printable character).
- Do not zip DAR files. Upload in the .txt version. **No specific file naming convention required.**

### SAMPLE

#### Daily Acceptance Report (DAR)

CareFirst Institutional Daily Acceptance Report  
For 10/5/2003 thru 10/5/2003

Payer ID: CareFirst Maryland BlueCross Institutional

| Provider Name | Provider ID | TOB | Total<br>Count | Total<br>Amount | Reject<br>Count | Reject<br>Amount | Accept<br>Count | Accept<br>Amount | Accept<br>Rate |
|---------------|-------------|-----|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Provider A    | 12345601    | 111 | 5              | 20614.38        | 0               | 0.00             | 5               | 20614.38         | 100.0          |
| Provider A    | 12345601    | 131 | 150            | 21937.15        | 4               | 529.15           | 146             | 21408.00         | 97.3           |
| Provider B    | 56789001    | 111 | 8              | 37700.32        | 0               | 0.00             | 8               | 37700.32         | 100.0          |
| Provider B    | 56789001    | 114 | 1              | 22948.48        | 0               | 0.00             | 1               | 22948.48         | 100.0          |
| Payer Total   |             |     | 164            | 103,200.33      | 4               | 529.15           | 160             | 102,671.18       | 97.6           |

CareFirst Professional Daily Acceptance Report  
For 10/5/2003 thru 10/5/2003

Payer ID: CareFirst Maryland Blue Shield Professional

| Provider Name | Provider ID | Total<br>Count | Total<br>Amount | Reject<br>Count | Reject<br>Amount | Accept<br>Count | Accept<br>Amount | Accept<br>Rate |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Provider A    | H123DF      | 5              | 614.38          | 0               | 0.00             | 5               | 614.38           | 100.0          |
| Provider B    | H056DF      | 150            | 21937.15        | 4               | 529.15           | 146             | 21408.00         | 97.3           |
| Provider C    | W456LF      | 67             | 37700.32        | 0               | 0.00             | 67              | 37700.32         | 100.0          |
| Provider D    | W789LF      | 1              | 48.48           | 0               | 0.00             | 1               | 48.48            | 100.0          |
| Payer Total   |             | 223            | 60,300.33       | 4               | 529.15           | 219             | 59,771.18        | 97.6           |



## 837 – Q & A's

**What type of validator does CareFirst use? What level of edits do CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice enforce?**

Sybase. WEDI/SNIP levels 1 through 4.

**Does CareFirst have any custom edits or requirements for the 837?**

CareFirst specific requirements are found in the Companion Guide located at [http://www.carefirst.com/Providers & Physicians/Electronic Services/EDI/EDI Manuals](http://www.carefirst.com/Providers&Physicians/ElectronicServices/EDI/EDIManuals), as well as, the 837 Claim Data Requirements, and Pre-Processing edits sections of the Submitter Guide. In addition, as issues arise with the transition to 837 claims, it is sometimes necessary to have the clearinghouses implement custom edits until changes can be made to our systems. We will provide these temporary coding requirements during development and testing.

**What do CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice expect to see in the ISA06/GS02?**

Trading Partner Tax ID.

**What segment terminator do CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice prefer?**

~ (tilde).

**What do CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice expect to see in the ISA08/GS03?**

Maryland Plan Codes (00190, 00690) or NCA Plan Codes (00080, 00580).

**Do CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice accept claims from non-provider billing entities?**

Yes. CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice have assigned specific “Submitter IDs” to Billing Providers/Agents who submit on behalf of a provider. The Billing Provider/Agent data should be submitted in Loop 2010AA REF segment when the provider utilizes a Billing Agent to create their claims. The Pay-To-Provider data should then be sent in Loop 2010AB as directed in the Implementation Guides.

**What if the provider does not use a Billing Agent?**

Pay-To-Provider data should be submitted in Loop 2010AA when there is NO Billing Provider/Agent. As specified in the Implementation Guides, there would be no 2010AB Loop for this scenario.

**Can CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice accept multiple Rendering Provider numbers at the line level?**

No. CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice do not consider line level provider information for claim adjudication, but will consider multiple provider numbers in the 2300 Loop.

## Electronic Remittance/835 File Requirements

### Electronic Remittance – Trading Partner retrieval from CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice

1. CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice will process claims for payment and produce a payer specific Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) through the Common Component Application (CCA). The ERA will be in valid X12N format (ASC X12N 835 004010X091A1).
2. ERA files will be zipped files. This is a batch transaction and the **zipped** file will contain remittance information **from multiple claims payment systems** for multiple providers.
3. CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice have established a processing schedule for ERA retrieval. During a holiday week, the schedule may shift by one day. Your Vendor Relationship Manager will communicate any schedule change to the Trading Partner via email. (See CareFirst Companion Guide for the schedule <http://www.carefirst.com/Providers & Physicians/Electronic Services/EDI/EDI Manuals>).
4. The Trading Partner will retrieve the 835 from their SFT mailbox. File name for the 835 is ("O835."CCYYMMDD".zip"). Zipping occurs once (1) each day at **8:00 p.m.** for all Trading Partners. **Any attempts to retrieve 835 files before this time may result in non-zipped files.**

### Provider Request and Submission Process

1. Before implementation, the Trading Partner will be required to deliver a file (via email) of all providers that have designated the Trading Partner to receive the 835 transaction. (See “Trading Partner Cross Reference File”.)
2. After implementation, the Trading Partner will be required to deliver a file (via email) of all providers that have changed the designation of the Trading Partner to receive the 835 transaction. This file will include providers that are establishing a new relationship with the Trading Partner, and providers that are terminating the existing relationship with the Trading Partner. Providers with a new relationship can include providers that have never received an 835, and providers that are transferring from one Trading Partner to another.

### Trading Partner Cross-Reference File

1. The Trading Partner Cross Reference File was developed to maintain the CCA Trading Partner Cross-Reference Table so CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice can properly route the 835 X12N transaction.
2. An Excel spreadsheet template will be provided. The Trading Partner is asked to send only the providers who will receive the 835 in an Excel spreadsheet to include the following fields:

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| Field Name      | Data Type | Len | Description / Expected Values  | Req/Opt  |
|-----------------|-----------|-----|--|----------|
| PROV_TAX_ID     | CHAR      | 9   | Provider Tax ID. This is the Tax ID of the Pay-to Provider.  | Required |
| PROV_LOCL_ID    | CHAR      | 30  | Provider Local ID. This is the CARE, FLEXX, or TBS assigned provider ID for the provider group (not Member Level).<br><br>For MD (plan code 690), this should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional: the 4 digit Maryland number</li> <li>Institutional: the 6+2 rendering/pay-to-provider number.</li> </ul> For NCA (plan code 580): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional: 4 character alpha numeric</li> <li>Professional Non-Par: 9 character numeric which may or may not be the same as the tax ID Institutional: 3 character alphanumeric</li> </ul> | Required |
| X12N_TRNTN_TYP  | CHAR      | 3   | This is the X12 transaction number: '835'  | Required |
| SRCE_SYS_ID     | CHAR      | 3   | The system that assigned the Provider Local ID: CARE (Maryland) = '690', FLEXX (D.C.) = '580'.   | Required |
| TPTNER_ID       | CHAR      | 35  | This is the identifier that will populate the GS03 (receiver) data element. The value is determined during the trading partner registration process.   | Required |
| TP_EFFT_DT      | DATE      | 10  | The date that the trading partner will be receiving the specified transaction (X12N-TRNTN_TYP) for the provider. Must be a valid date in the format ccyy-mm-dd.  | Required |
| TP_THRU_DT      | DATE      | 10  | The date that the trading partner will no longer receive the specified transaction (X12N-TRNTN_TYP) for the provider. May be blank. If present must be a valid date in the format ccyy-mm-dd.  | Optional |
| PROV_OTH_ID_TYP | CHAR      | 2   | For future use (currently blank)   | Optional |
| PROV_OTH_ID     | CHAR      | 30  | For future use (currently blank)   | Optional |
| NATL_PROV_ID    | CHAR      | 10  | For future use. The National Provider ID will be required by HIPAA as of May, 2007.  | Optional |
| PROV_LAST_NM    | CHAR      | 35  | Provider Last Name (not currently used)  | Optional |
| INFO_SRCE       | CHAR      | 30  | Trading Partner Name   | Required |
| MULT_FILE_FLG   | CHAR      | 1   | Default is "M" = trading partner requests a separate file from each source system.   | Default  |
| CMT_TXT         | CHAR      | 80  | For future use   | Optional |

3. The Trading Partner will email the initial spreadsheet to the Vendor Relationship Manager as part of the trading partner set-up.
4. The Trading Partner will email all updates or changes to the provider table as they arise to **[edirectsubmission@carefirst.com](mailto:edirectsubmission@carefirst.com)**.

### Proprietary ERA Processing by WebMD

1. To avoid disruption in overall servicing to the provider community, an assessment of the “readiness” level of providers to accept the 835 X12N transaction was performed.
2. Based on this assessment, CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice have made the determination to continue sending proprietary ERA files to WebMD only to forward to providers who are not able to accept the 835 X12N transaction.
3. The conditions of these additional instructions are as follows:
  - No modifications will be made to the existing proprietary ERA file layout.
  - WebMD will be responsible for parsing, sorting, and distributing the appropriate file formats. No other Trading Partner will receive the proprietary format from CareFirst and/or CareFirst BlueChoice.
4. Proprietary ERA is scheduled to be discontinued in **the future**. Notice will be given 60 days prior to discontinuation.

### 835 X12N Testing

1. The Trading Partner must be able to accept an X12N (ASC X12N-835 00410X091A1) transaction.
2. The Trading Partner must be able to parse the 835 X12N transactions to send to the individual providers/submitters who can accept HIPAA compliant transactions.
3. The Trading Partner will provide CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice with a detailed report of all errors encountered on the 835 test files within 48 hours following the receipt of the test file.
4. If the Trading Partner is testing the 835 with individual providers/submitters, then the expected turnaround time should be communicated to CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice and accommodated in the testing schedule.

## 835/ERA – Q & A's

### **What delimiters do you utilize? Do you use carriage return line feeds? If so, where?**

Segment delimiter = carriage return, element delimiter = asterisk (\*), sub-element delimiter = caret (^).  
There is a line feed after each segment.

### **Are you able to support issuance of ERAs at a service address location within a Tax ID Number? If so, what provider location ID will be given? In what segment will it be given?**

We issue checks and 835 transactions based on the pay-to provider that is associated with the rendering provider in our system. If the provider sets it up with us that way, we are able to deliver 835s to different locations for a single Tax ID Number based on our local provider number. The local provider number is in 1000B REF02 of the 835.

### **How many transaction files will CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice release each day?**

CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice will release separate transaction files for each claims processing system. Each file can contain multiple 835 transactions. Each claims processing system operates on a separate schedule. The schedule is available in the Companion Guide located at [http://www.carefirst.com/Providers&Physicians/Electronic\\_Services/EDI/EDI\\_Manuals](http://www.carefirst.com/Providers&Physicians/Electronic_Services/EDI/EDI_Manuals).

### **What level of validation do you do, if any? What level of validation do you require the Trading Partner to perform?**

The Sybase translator performs compliance checks for WEDI-SNIP types 1-4. We expect The Trading Partner to perform WEDI-SNIP types 1 and 2.

### **What will happen if the CareFirst translator detects a compliance error?**

CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice will release any 835 transaction, whether it has a compliance error or not. If there is a compliance error, the compliant and non-compliant remittances for each claims processing system will be released as separate files.

### **What type of acknowledgment is expected? Is the Trading Partner expected to deliver a reconciliation file or email?**

CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice do not require any type of acknowledgement. However, if your compliance check is negative, CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice would appreciate a phone call or email.

### **What is the preferred transmission/connectivity method?**

Zipped files via SFT. However, we will consider the FTP process.

### **What are the provider enrollment requirements? What expectations are there of the Trading Partner?**

The Trading Partner must submit a file with all of the 835 providers at start up, and then an update (changes only, not full file) with any additions, deletions, or changes on a weekly basis as needed.

### **Is there a paper remit elimination policy?**

There are no plans to eliminate paper remits at this time.

**Does it matter how/from where the claim was submitted to be included in the ERA?**

No, except that certain data elements may use default values if the claim was submitted on paper.

**What are the possible values that can be utilized in the ISA06?**

CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice expect the Trading Partner's Tax ID Number (TIN) or other identifier submitted on the registration form.

**What Payer ID should be utilized?**

Professional MD = 00690, NCA = 00580

Institutional MD = 00190, NCA = 00080

**Will the ISA13 value always be unique?**

No. In most cases, the value will be unique. However, if the compliance checker found a compliance error, the compliant and non-compliant files will have the same ISA13 value.

## Appendix A

### Develop Pre-Processing Edits

#### Requirement Description:

Developing Pre-Processing Edits, by the submitter, ensures claims are edited consistently and will enable the passing of “clean data” to CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice. These edits should be performed on incoming X12N formats, as well as any proprietary claims formats (UB92, NSF, MEDS, UB82)

#### Overview

Editing for Code Validation for ICD-9-CM Diagnosis and Procedure Codes, CPT4 / HCPCS Procedure Codes and NUBC codes such as Revenue Codes, Value Codes, Occurrence Codes, etc., will be performed against HIPAA compliant external code set sources listed in the 837 ASC X12N Implementation Guides for both MD and NCA.

The editing for Date Sequencing is independent of destination system and type of claim (i.e., Institutional vs. Professional.)

All remaining edits are common Institutional or Professional edits for CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice or are specific by type of claim and are unique to MD and NCA.

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**LOGIC:**

**Common Legacy Code Validation Edits**

| Edit  | MD | NCA | Logic  | ERROR CODE |
|---|----|-----|--|------------|
| <b>Principal Diagnosis Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BK'          | X  | X   | Institutional Only. Must be a valid 3 to 5 position ICD-9-CM Code. DC must be a specific code.           | 53512      |
| <b>Principal Diagnosis Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BK'          | X  | X   | For Institutional only. Must be valid code for patient's gender.   | 53956      |
| <b>Admitting Diagnosis Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BJ'          | X  | X   | Institutional Inpatient only. Must be a valid 3 to 5 position ICD-9-CM Code. DC must be a specific code. | 53512      |
| <b>Admitting Diagnosis Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BJ'          | X  | X   | Institutional Inpatient only. Must be valid code for patient's gender.                                   | 53906      |
| <b>Other Diagnosis Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BF'              | X  | X   | If present, must be a valid 3 to 5 position ICD-9-CM Code. DC must be a specific code.                   | 53513      |
| <b>Other Diagnosis Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BF'              | X  | X   | If present, must be valid code for patient's gender.   | 53956      |
| <b>Principal Procedure Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BR'         | X  | X   | Institutional Inpatient only. If present, must be a valid 3 or 4 position ICD-9-CM procedure code.       | 53514      |
| <b>Principal Procedure Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BP' or 'BR' | X  | X   | Institutional only. If present, must be valid code for patient's gender.                                 | 53105      |
| <b>Other Procedure Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BO'             | X  | X   | Institutional Inpatient only. If present, must be a valid 3 or 4 position ICD-9-CM Code-                 | 53972      |
| <b>Other Procedure Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BO' or 'BQ'     | X  | X   | Institutional only. If present ,must be valid code for patient's gender.                                 | 53973      |
| <b>Primary Diagnosis Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837P, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BK'           | X  | X   | Professional only. Must be entered, must be a valid 3 or 5 position ICD-9-CM Code.                       | 53512      |



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| Edit  | MD | NCA | Logic  | ERROR CODE |
|---|----|-----|--|------------|
| <b>Primary Diagnosis Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837P, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BK' | X  | X   | Professional only. Must be valid code for patient's gender.  | 53956      |
| <b>Procedure Code</b><br>Data Element - 234<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400,<br>SV101-2<br>QL =HC                   | X  | X   | Professional only. For all destinations must be a valid 5 position CPT-4 or HCPCS procedure code. At least one required.   | 53520      |
| <b>Procedure Code</b><br>Data Element - 234<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400,<br>SV101-2<br>QL =HC                   | X  | X   | Professional only. Procedure Code must be compatible with Patient's Age to validate CPT and HCPCS.   | 53106      |
| <b>Procedure Code</b><br>Data Element - 234<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400,<br>SV101-2<br>QL =HC                   | X  | X   | Professional only. Procedure Code must be compatible with Patient's Sex to validate CPT and HCPCS.   | 53105      |
| <b>Procedure Code</b><br>Data Element - 234<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400,<br>SV101-2<br>QL =HC                   | X  | X   | Professional only. If procedure code not equal to anesthesia procedure code (00100-01995, 01999, 02100-02101), qualifier must not equal MJ.  | 53911      |
| <b>Revenue Code</b><br>Data Element - 234<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2400,<br>SV201                                 | X  | X   | Institutional Only. If inpatient and Claim Frequency Type Code is not '5' or facility type code is not 81X, then there must be at least one Room & Board Revenue code (010X-021X). | 53970      |
| <b>Revenue Code</b><br>Data Element - 234<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2400,<br>SV201                                 | X  | X   | Institutional only. At least one must be present and a valid 3 to 4 position Revenue Code.   | 53971      |

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**Date Sequence Validation Edits**

| Edit  | MD | NCA | Logic  | ERROR CODE |
|---|----|-----|--|------------|
| <b>Patient Date of Birth</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop 2010CA, DMG02  | X  | X   | Must be entered must be valid (must not be equal to spaces or low-values)  | 53251      |
| <b>Patient Date of Birth</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop 2010CA, DMG02  | X  | X   | Cannot be greater than Current System Date.  | 53262      |
| <b>Patient Date of Birth</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop 2010CA, DMG02  | X  | X   | If Institutional, must be less than or equal to Statement Covers From Date<br>If Professional, must be less than or equal to First Date of Service | 53137      |
| <b>Admission Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source – 837I, 837P, Loop 2300, DTP03 for DTP01 = 435   | X  | X   | If Facility Type Code = INPATIENT, Admission Date is required<br>(INPATIENT = IP Inst. or IP-Prof (21, 51, 61)                                     | 53131      |
| <b>Admission/Start of Care Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source – 837I, 837P, Loop 2300, DTP03 for DTP01 = 435   | X  | X   | If present, cannot be greater than Current System Date.  | 53129      |
| <b>Admission/Start of Care Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source – 837I, 837P, Loop 2300, DTP03 for DTP01 = 435   | X  | X   | If present must be greater than or equal to Patient Birth Date   | 53130      |
| <b>Admission/Start of Care Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source – 837I, 837P, Loop 2300, DTP03 for DTP01 = 435   | X  | X   | If Admission Date and Discharge Date are present, Admission Date must be less than or equal to Discharge Date.                                     | 53135      |
| <b>Dates of Service</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300, DTP03 for DTP01 = 434 and DTP02 = RD first date and RD second date                            | X  | X   | If Institutional, Statement Cover Thru Date must be greater than or equal to Statement Cover From Date.  | 53139      |
| <b>Dates of Service</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400, DTP03 for DTP01 = 472 and DTP02 = RD8 first date and RD second date                           | X  | X   | If Professional, Service End Date must be greater than or equal to Service Begin Date.   | 53139      |
| <b>Dates of Service</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source 837I, Loop 2400, DTP03 for DTP01 = 472<br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837D, Loop 2300, DTP03 for DTP01 = 472 | X  | X   | If Institutional, Service End Date must less than or equal to Statement Covers Thru Date.  | 53901      |

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| Edit  | MD | NCA | Logic   | ERROR CODE |
|---|----|-----|---|------------|
| <b>Dates of Service</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 434<br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 472   | X  | X   | If Institutional, Statement Covers Thru Date cannot be greater than Current System Date.<br><br>If Professional, Service End Date cannot be greater than Current System Date. | 53144      |
| <b>Dates of Service</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 434<br>and DTP02 = RD first date<br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 472<br>and DTP02 = RD8 first date<br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 431 | X  | X   | Service Begin Date must be greater than or equal to Date of Onset or Claim First Service Date If Present.   | 53133      |
| <b>Discharge Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 096  | X  | X   | Professional Only; If present, cannot be greater than Current System Date.  | 53826      |
| <b>Discharge Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source 837P, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 096  | X  | X   | Professional only; If present, must be greater than or equal to the Admission Date.   | 53135      |
| <b>Statement Covers From Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 434<br>and DTP02 = RD first date   | X  | X   | Institutional only. Must be entered, must be valid.   | 53143      |
| <b>Statement Covers Thru Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 434<br>and DTP02 = RD8 second date   | X  | X   | Institutional only. Must be entered, must be valid.   | 53138      |
| <b>Principal Procedure Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300<br>HI01-4 though HI12-4 for<br>HI01-3 through HI12-3 = D8  | X  | X   | Institutional only. Must be present if Principal Procedure Code is present.   | 53831      |
| <b>Other Procedure Dates</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300<br>HI021-4 though HI12-4 for<br>HI02-3 through HI12-3 = D8  | X  | X   | Institutional only. Must be present if Other Procedure Code is present  | 53832      |
| <b>Date of Onset</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 431   | X  | X   | Professional only. If present, must be valid date prior to or equal to the First Date of Service.   | 53127      |

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| Edit   | MD | NCA | Logic   | ERROR CODE |
|--|----|-----|---|------------|
| <b>Date of LMP</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 484                                | X  | X   | Professional only: If present, must be valid date prior to or equal to the First Date of Service. | 53127      |
| <b>Date of Accident</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 439<br>first-tenth occurrence | X  | X   | Professional only: If present, must be valid date prior to or equal to the First Date of Service. | 53127      |
| <b>Initial Treatment Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 454                     | X  | X   | Professional only: If present, must be valid date prior to or equal to the First Date of Service. | 53127      |

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**Common Institutional and Professional Edits**

| Edit  | MD | NCA | Logic  | ERROR CODE |
|---|----|-----|--|------------|
| <b>Patient's Last Name</b><br>Data Element - 1035<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop<br>2010CA, NM103   | X  | X   | Cannot be numeric: Cannot be all blank.                              | 53256      |
| <b>Patient's First Name</b><br>Data Element - 1036<br>Source, 837I, 837P, Loop<br>2010CA, NM104   | X  | X   | Cannot be numeric: Cannot be all blank.                              | 53253      |
| <b>Insured's Last Name</b><br>Data Element - 1035<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop<br>2010BA, NM103   | X  | X   | Cannot be numeric: Cannot be all blank.                              | 53082      |
| <b>Insured's First Name</b><br>Data Element - 1036<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop<br>2010BA, NM104  | X  | X   | Cannot be numeric: Cannot be all blank.                              | 53080      |
| <b>Patient's Relationship to Insured</b><br>Data Element - 1069<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop<br>2000C, PAT01                              | X  | X   | Must be a valid Patient Relationship Code.                           | 53258      |
| <b>Patient's Sex</b><br>Data Element - 1068<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop<br>2010CA, DMG03   | X  | X   | Must be equal to "M", "F" or "U".                                    | 53260      |
| <b>Claim Original Reference Number (Claim Number)</b><br>Data Element - 127<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop<br>2300, REF02 for REF01 =<br>F8 | X  | X   | If Adjustment (CIm Freq NE 1-5), CIm Orig Ref Number must be present | 53845      |
| <b>Patient Account Number</b><br>Data Element - 1028<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop<br>2300, CLM01  | X  | X   | Cannot be all spaces.  | 53837      |
| <b>Release of Information (Subscriber Signature not on File)</b><br>Data Element - 1363<br>Source 837I, 837P ,Loop<br>2300, CLM09         | X  | X   | If Subscriber signature is not on file, reject the claim.            | 53083      |
| <b>Claim Frequency</b><br>Data Element - 1325<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop<br>2300, CLM05-3   |    | X   | Claim Frequency cannot = 0 (Encounters).                             | 53844      |
| <b>Claim Frequency</b><br>Data Element - 1325<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop<br>2300, CLM05-3   | X  | X   | Claim Frequency cannot = 6 (Adjustment Prior Claim).                 | 53846      |

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**Common Institutional Validation Edits**

| Edit  | MD | NCA | Logic  | ERROR CODE |
|---|----|-----|--|------------|
| <b>Admission/Start of Care Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837D, 837P, Loop 2300, DTP03 for DTP01 = 435                 | X  | X   | If Inpatient, If Clm Freq Cd = 3 or 4, then Statement Covers From Date must be greater than Admission Date.<br>If Inpatient, If Clm Freq Cd = 1 or 2, then Statement Covers From Date must = Admission Date. | 53141      |
| <b>Admission Type Codes</b><br>Data Element - 1315<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300, CL101   | X  | X   | If claim is INPATIENT, Type of Admission must be any of the following values: '1' thru '5' and '9'.  | 53975      |
| <b>Admission Type Codes</b><br>Data Element - 1315<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300, CL101   | X  | X   | If Admit Type = 4 (Newborn), patient DOB must be within 30 days of Admission.  | 53932      |
| <b>Admission Source</b><br>Data Element - 1314<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300, CL102   | X  | X   | If Type of Admission = 4 (Newborn), Source of Admission must be 1 thru 4 or 9.   | 53929      |
| <b>Admission Source</b><br>Data Element - 1314<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300, CL102   | X  | X   | If claim is INPATIENT must be entered, must be valid.<br>Valid values 1 thru 9 and A-D.  | 53974      |
| <b>Condition Codes</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, 837P, Loop 2300<br>HI01-2 though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BG'                      | X  | X   | If present must be valid values.   | 53977      |
| <b>Occurrence Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, 837P, Loop 2300<br>HI01-2 though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BH'                      | X  | X   | If present must be valid values.   | 53978      |
| <b>Occurrence Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, 837P, Loop 2300<br>HI01-2 though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BH'                      | X  | X   | If Principal Diagnosis Code = MATERNITY = '630' THRU '677' 'V22' THRU 'V242' 'V27' THRU 'V279' 'V615' THRU 'V617' 'V724' then Occurrence Code must equal 10.   | 53918      |
| <b>Occurrence Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop 2300 HI01-4 though HI12-4 for HI01-3 through HI12-3 = D8 | X  | X   | The Occurrence Date must be a valid date if the Occurrence Code is given.  | 53998      |
| <b>Occurrence Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop 2300 HI01-4 though HI12-4 for HI01-3 through HI12-3 = D8 | X  | X   | If Occurrence Code is 01-06, (Accident Related), Occurrence Date must be less than or equal to Statement From Date.  | 53922      |
| <b>Occurrence Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop 2300 HI01-4 though HI12-4 for HI01-3 through HI12-3 = D8 | X  | X   | If inpatient, and if Occurrence Code is 10 (Last Menstrual Period), then Occurrence Date must be less than or equal to Admission Date.   | 53924      |

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| <b>Patient Discharge Status</b><br>Data Element - 1352<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>CL103   | X | X | If Inpatient, must be present, must be valid.  | 53976 |
| <b>Patient Discharge Status</b><br>Data Element - 1352<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>CL103   | X | X | If Inpatient, If Claim Freq Code = 2 or 3, Patient Status must equal 30.   | 53925 |
| <b>Patient Discharge Status</b><br>Data Element - 1352<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>CL103   | X | X | If Inpatient, If Claim Freq Code = 1 or 4, Patient Status cannot equal 30.   | 53926 |
| <b>Discharge Hour</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 096                                       | X | X | If Inpatient and Admission Date is equal to Statement Covers Thru Date, then Discharge Hour must be greater than or equal to Admission Hour. | 53915 |
| <b>Facility Type Code</b><br>(Pos. 1 & 2 of TOB)<br>Data Element - 1331<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>CLM05-1                          | X | X | Must be present, must be valid.  | 53301 |
| <b>Value Codes</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BE'                                     | X | X | If present must be valid values.   | 53979 |
| <b>Value Codes</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BE'                                     | X | X | If Revenue Code 011x, 014x or 0164 is present, Value Codes 01 or 02 are required.  | 53943 |
| <b>Value Amount</b><br>Data Element - 782<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop<br>2300 HI01-5 though HI12-5<br>CD-QL = 'BE'                      | X | X | If Value Code is present and is not equal to 02, 12, 13 or 45, Value Amount must be greater than zero (0).                                   | 53938 |
| <b>Values Codes</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BE'                                    | X | X | If Revenue Code 038X present, then Value Code 37 and 39 are required.  | 53942 |
| <b>Value Amount</b><br>Data Element - 782<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop<br>2300 HI01-5 though HI12-5<br>CD-QL = 'BE'                      | X | X | Value Amount for Value Code 45 must be in whole dollars and must be 00-23 or 99.   | 53941 |
| <b>Units of Service</b><br>Data Element - 380<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2400,<br>SV205  | X | X | Units/Days for Revenue Code 038X and Value Amount for Value Code 39 must be less than or equal to Value Amount for Value Code 37.            | 53510 |
| <b>Principal Procedure Code</b><br>(ICD-9-CM Surgical)<br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = "BR" | X | X | ICD9 procedure code required if Revenue Code 036x, 0723, 0811, 0813. Inpatient Only.   | 53927 |

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| <b>Revenue Code</b><br>Data Element - 234<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2400,<br>SV201                      | X  | X   | If Condition Code equals 38 or 39 (Private Room explanation), then Revenue Code must equal 011x or 014x or 0164 on one or more lines. | 53944      |
| <b>Revenue Code Units</b><br>Data Element - 380<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2400,<br>SV205                |    | X   | Units must be numeric and > zero (MD Inst present for specific Inpat or Outpat, Inpat Only or Outpat Only revenue codes).             | 53834      |
| <b>Total Charges</b><br>Data Element - 782<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>CLM02                     | X  | X   | Total Charges must be > zero.   | 53202      |
| <b>Other Carrier Paid</b><br>Data Element - 782<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2320,<br>AMT02 for AMT01 = C4 | X  | X   | The "Other Insurance Paid" amount less than or equal to Total Charge Amount.  | 53232      |



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| <b>Admission Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 435   | X  | X   | If Inpatient, must be less than or equal to earliest Date of Service on any bill line where the Facility Type Code is Inpatient.                                       | 53141      |
| <b>Discharge Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 096   | X  | X   | If Inpatient, If present, must be greater than or equal to latest Date of Service on any bill line where the Facility Type Code is Inpatient.                          | 53955      |
| <b>Anesthesia Time</b><br>Data Element - 235<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400,<br>SV101-1<br>Data Element - 234<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400,<br>SV101-2<br>Data Element - 355<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400,<br>SV103 | X  | X   | If Procedure Code equals "00100 THRU 01995" or "01999", "02100 thru 02101", excluding Temp. Codes (Anesthesia minutes), then unit count must be greater than zero (0). | 53035      |
| <b>NOC/IC Procedure Code</b><br>without Narrative<br>Data Element - 352<br>Source - 837D, 837P, Loop<br>2400, NTE02 first<br>occurrence  | X  | X   | A "Not Otherwise Classified" or "Individual Consideration" Procedure Code was submitted electronically without a narrative explanation.                                | 53952      |
| <b>Number of Services</b><br>Data Element - 380<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400,<br>SV104  | X  | X   | Must be greater than '0001' if To Date of Service is greater than From Date of Service.  | 53145      |
| <b>Facility Type Code (Place of Service or Treatment)</b><br>Data Element - 1331<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2300,<br>CLM05-1   | X  | X   | Must be a valid HCFA Facility Type Code.   | 53503      |
| <b>Frequency (Units)</b><br>Data Element - 380<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400,<br>SV104   | X  | X   | Must be numeric and > zero.  | 53510      |
| <b>Total Claim Charges</b><br>Data Element - 782<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2300,<br>CLM02   | X  | X   | Total Charges must be numeric and Balance to BILLED LINE CHARGES.  | 53204      |
| <b>Diagnosis Number Pointer</b><br>Data Element - 1328<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400,<br>SV107-1-4   | X  | X   | Must be entered, must be valid code "01" thru "08" and point to a valid Diagnosis code on the claim.   | 53839      |
| <b>Billed Line Charge</b><br>Data Element - 782<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400,<br>SV102  | X  | X   | Billed Line Charge must be greater than zero.  | 53202      |

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| <b>Condition Codes</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BG'                                    | X  |     | If Revenue Code = 82x, 83x, 84x, 85x or 88x (Dialysis), then Condition Code must = 06 or 70-76 (ERSD related).   | 53912      |
| <b>Condition Codes</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BG'                                    | X  |     | If Condition Codes (31-34) OR (36-39) OR (06, 70-76) are present, only one Condition Code in each series is acceptable per claim.                                      | 53913      |
| <b>Occurrence Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300<br>HI01-4 though HI12-4 for<br>HI01-3 through HI12-3 = D8         | X  |     | If Occurrence Code is 42 (Date of Discharge), Admission Date year must be equal Occurrence Date year.  | 53921      |
| <b>Occurrence Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I Loop 2300<br>HI01-4 though HI12-4 for<br>HI01-3 through HI12-3 = D8          | X  |     | If Occurrence Code is 22 (Date Active Care Ended), Occurrence Date must be greater than or equal to Statement From Date and less than or equal to Statement Thru Date. | 53923      |
| <b>Discharge Hour</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 096  | X  |     | The DISCHARGE HOUR must be entered if Claim equal Inpatient and Condition Code = 40 (same day transfer).   | 53914      |
| <b>Principal Procedure Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BP'                           | X  |     | Required if Facility Type Code (Type of Bill) = 83x and Revenue Code = 0490.   | 53928      |
| <b>Revenue Code</b><br>Data Element - 234<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2400,<br>SV201   | X  |     | If Revenue Code = 0724, the 1st 3 positions of Principal Diagnosis Code must = 650.  | 53916      |
| <b>Bill Line Charge</b><br>Data Element - 782<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2400,<br>SV203   | X  |     | Billed Line charge must be greater than "0".   | 53202      |
| <b>Occurrence Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BH'                                    | X  |     | If Principal Diagnosis Code = ACCIDENT values 'V015' '52511' '800' THRU '9998' Occurrence Codes must equal 01-06.  | 53917      |
| <b>Occurrence Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, 837P, Loop 2300<br>HI01-2 though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BH'                              | X  |     | If Occurrence Code = 01-06, Value Code must equal 45.  | 53919      |
| <b>Occurrence Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, 837P, Loop 2300<br>HI01-2 though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BH'                              | X  |     | Only one Occurrence Code = 01-06, can be entered per claim.  | 53920      |
| <b>Facility Type Code<br/>(Pos. 1 &amp; 2 of TOB)</b><br>(Pos. 1 & 2 of TOB)<br>Data Element - 1331<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>CLM05-1 | X  |     | If Facility Type Code = 83X, then Revenue Codes 0490 or 079X must be present.  | 53933      |

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| <b>Covered Days</b><br>Data Element - 380<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>QYT02 for QTY01 = CA  | X  |     | If Inpatient and Cim-Freq = 0 (non-payment zero claim, Inpatient) then Covered Days must = 0.  | 53959      |
| <b>Covered Days</b><br>Data Element - 380<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>QYT02 for QTY01 = CA  | X  |     | If Inpatient and Condition Code = 40 (Same Day Transfer), then, Covered Days must = 01.  | 53960      |
| <b>Covered Days</b><br>Data Element - 380<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>QYT02 for QTY01 = CA  | X  |     | If Inpatient and Condition Code NE 40 (Same Day Transfer) Covered Days must be greater than 0  | 53961      |
| Principal Procedure Code<br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BP'  | X  | X   | Outpatient only. HCPCS/CPT procedure code required if Revenue Code 036x, 049x, 0723, 0811, 0813.   | 53930      |
| Principal Procedure Code<br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BP'  | X  | X   | Institutional Outpatient only. If present must be a valid 5 position CPT-4 or HCPCS procedure code.  | 53843      |
| Other Procedure Code<br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BO'  | X  | X   | Institutional Outpatient only. If present must be a valid 5 position CPT-4 or HCPCS procedure code.  | 53843      |
| <b>Notes (Remarks)</b><br>Data Element - 352<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>NTE02 for NTE01 = ADD<br>Data Element - 352<br>Source -, 837I Loop 2300,<br>NTE02 for 837I NTE01 not<br>= ADD first occurrence   | X  |     | Claim Header Notes cannot be blank if Revenue Code requires remarks.   | 53907      |
| <b>Billed Line Charge</b><br>Data Element - 782<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2400,<br>SV203<br>Data Element - 1371<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2400,<br>SV20<br>Data Element - 380<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2400,<br>SV205 | X  |     | If Inpatient, accommodations line item revenue code = 0100 to 0219 and unit qualifier = DA and the room rate is greater than 0 then room rate multiplied by number of days billed must equal billed line charge.               | 53204      |
| <b>Occurrence Code</b><br>Data Element - 1271<br>837I, Loop 2300 HI01-2<br>though HI12-2<br>CD-QL = 'BH'  |    | X   | If any Diagnosis Code = ACCIDENT values 'V015' '52511' '800' THRU '9998' then Occurrence Codes must equal 01-06  | 53917      |
| <b>Facility Type Code</b><br>Data Element - 1331<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>CLM05-1  |    | X   | If the Facility Type Code = 81 or 82 (Hospice) and the Revenue Code = 655 or 656 (Inpatient Respite, General Inpatient), the Frequency Code must equal the difference between the Service From Date and the Service Thru Date. | 53947      |

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| <b>Facility Type Code</b><br>Data Element - 1331<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>CLM05-1   |    | X   | If the Facility Type Code = 81 or 82 (Hospice), the Revenue Code = 655 or 656 (Inpatient Respite, General Inpatient), and the Statement Covers From Date and Statement Covers Thru Date are the same, the frequency code must equal 001. | 53948      |
| <b>Revenue Dates</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2400,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 472<br>and DTP02 = D8<br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 434<br>and DTP02 = RD first date<br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 434<br>and DTP02 = RD8 second<br>date |    | X   | If Outpatient and Statement Covers From Date is not equal Statement Covers Thru Date, at least one Revenue Date must equal the Statement Covers From Date.   | 53967      |
| <b>Revenue Dates</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source -, 837I, Loop 2400,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 472 and<br>DTP02 = D8<br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 434 and<br>DTP02 = RD first date<br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>DTP03 for DTP01 = 434 and<br>DTP02 = RD8 second date   |    | X   | If Outpatient and Statement Covers From Date is not equal Statement Covers Thru Date, at least one Revenue Date must equal the Statement Covers Thru Date.   | 53968      |
| <b>Notes (Remarks)</b><br>Data Element - 352<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2300,<br>NTE02 for NTE01 = ADD<br>Data Element - 352<br>Source -, 837I Loop 2300,<br>NTE02 for 837I NTE01 not =<br>ADD first occurrence  |    | X   | Claim Header Notes cannot be blank if Revenue Code requires remarks for codes 0189, 0229, 0259, 0299, 0459, 0519, 0529, 0679, 0689, 0769, 0779, 0789, 0799, 0809, 0819, 0919, 0949.  | 53907      |
| <b>Coinurance/Prior Payment Amount</b><br>Data Element - 782<br>Source - 837I, Loop 2320,<br>AMT02 for AMT01 = C4  |    | X   | Must be numeric or zero filled.  | 53835      |

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| <b>Anesthesia Procedure Code</b><br>Data Element - 234<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400, SV101-2                   | X  |     | If Anesthesia Procedure Code,excluding Temp. codes, must have at least one of the following Procedure Code modifiers AA, AD, QK, QX, QY, or QZ.   | 53526      |
| <b>Procedure Code Modifier</b><br>Data Element - 1339<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400, SV101-3                    | X  | X   | If Procedure Code equal B9000-B9006, E0100-E0117, E0130-E0149, E0153-E0182, E0184-E0188, E0192-E0194, E0196-E0200, E0205-E0230, E0238-E0251, E0255-E0297, E0305-E0316, E0325-E0326, E0350, E0372, E0455, E0457, E0459-E0460, E0462-E0482, E0500, E0550-E0585, E0600-E0601, E0605-E0606, E0610-E0617, E0620-E0669, E0671-E0673, E0690-E0730, E0740-E0748, E0751-E0752, E0754-E0758, E0760- E0776, E0780-E0786, E0779, E0830-E0930, E0940, E0942-E1001, E1011-E1027, E1031-E1038, E1050-E1090, E1092-E1340, E1372, E1399, E1353, E1355, E1360, E1500-E1699, E1700-E1818, E1821-E1830, K0001-K0007, K0009-K0012, K0014-K0108, K0115-K0116, K0195, K0268, K0531-K0534, K0541-K0547, K0549-K0551, K0600-K0605 and modifier occurrence 1-4 is blank or does not equal BP, BR, BU, KA, KH, KI, KJ, KM, KN, KR, KS, KX, LL, MS, NR, NU, QE, QF, QG, QH, RP, RR, UE, K0-K4 reject as invalid modifier. | 53509      |
| <b>Procedure Code Modifier</b><br>Data Element - 1339<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2400, SV101-3                    | X  |     | If present, Procedure Code modifier must be valid.  | 53509      |
| <b>Other Carrier Paid Amount</b><br>Data Element - 782<br>Source - 837I, 837P, Loop 2430, SVD02               | X  |     | The "Other Carrier Paid" amount cannot be greater than billed line charge.  | 53232      |
| <b>Accident Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2300, DTP03 for DTP01 = 439 (1-10)         | X  |     | Must be present if the Primary Diagnosis Code is accident related and Provider is not an Independent Lab (INDPNT-LAB-INDC) ACCIDENT values = V015' '52511' '800' THRU '9998'.   | 53953      |
| <b>LMP Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2300, DTP03 for DTP01 = 484                     | X  |     | Must be present if Primary Diagnosis Code is Maternity and provider is not an Independent Lab (INDPNT-LAB-INDC), LMP values = '630' THRU '677' 'V22' THRU 'V242' 'V27' THRU 'V279' 'V28' THRU 'V289' 'V615' THRU 'V617' 'V724'.   | 53908      |
| <b>Medical Emergency Onset Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source - 837P, Loop 2300, DTP03 for DTP01 = 431 | X  |     | Must be present if Primary Diagnosis Code is a Medical Emergency Code related and Provider is not an Independent Lab (INDPNT-LAB-INDC).   | 53142      |
| <b>Accident Date</b><br>Data Element - 1251<br>Source 837P, Loop 2300, DTP03 for DTP01 = 439 (1-10)           |    | X   | Must be present if any Diagnosis Code is accident related and Provider is not an Independent Lab (INDPNT-LAB-INDC) ACCIDENT values = V015' '52511' '800' THRU '9998'<br><b>This edit is for FEP only.</b>   | 53953      |
| <b>Assignment of Benefits Indicator</b><br>Data Element - 1073<br>Source 837P, Loop 2300, CLM08               |    | X   | If Tax ID or Social Security Number are used for Provider Number, the Assignment of Benefits Indicator must be present  | 53836      |

## Appendix B

### Proprietary Acknowledgement File

The CareFirst and CareFirst BlueChoice Business Acknowledgement provides claim acceptance and rejection information back to the clearinghouse/provider. One Business Acknowledgement will be generated per X12N 837 file. Each Acknowledgement will be distributed back to the Trading Partner in report file format each business day.

A separate Acknowledgement will be produced for each electronic transaction type: one (1) for NCA & MD Institutional claims, and one (1) for NCA & MD Professional claims.

A separate Acknowledgement will be generated for each registered Trading Partner, and routed via the Trading Partner Database to their SFT mailbox, for distribution to the Trading Partner

Each Acknowledgement will provide total number of claims submitted, detailed rejection of claims returned for errors identified in CCA and in the FEP subscriber validation process, and the total number of claims accepted. The 5-digit Corporate Message Code will be reported back on the Acknowledgement along with the data field in error.

- A common Acknowledgement record will be generated for each claim. All passed and rejected claims will be reported on the Acknowledgement.
- If CareFirst and/or CareFirst BlueChoice passes the claim, the transaction status (GLBL-TRNTN-STUS) on the Acknowledgement record will be “P”.
- If CareFirst errors are found, the transaction status (GLBL-TRNTN-STUS) on the Acknowledgment record will be “R”.
- If the claim is identified that the Payer ID has been switched, the switched indicator (SWITCHED-INDC) will be “S”. The appropriate Corporate Message Code (53900, 53902) will be set in the Error-Data section of the Acknowledgement record.
- CareFirst and/or CareFirst BlueChoice will pass the 5 digit Corporate Message Code (CORPT-MSG-CD), the errors message (DATA-ELEM-COPY) along with the error on the Acknowledgement.

### Overview

The file will contain multiple batch records that correspond to batches sent by NCA/MD Trading Partners. There will be one-to-many detail records, each record representing a claim. For each detail record, there will be zero-to-many error records. Only one error will be specified per error record. At the completion of the batch a batch record will be generated. This file will not contain a trailer record. Fixed length of the file is 400 bytes.

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**Standard Acknowledgement Detail Record:**

| DETAIL STANDARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECORD LAYOUT |                 |   |
|---|-----------------|---|
| RECORD-TYPE                                   | PIC X(01)       | Record Type:<br>D - Detail Acknowledgement                        |
| SUBMITTER-ID                                  | PIC X(80)       | Submitter Number/Billing Agent                                    |
| GUID-CLM                                      | PIC 9(15)       | CareFirst or CareFirst BlueChoice HIPAA<br>Claim Number           |
| GLBL-TRNTN-STUS                               | PIC X(01)       | Transaction Status:<br>P - Passed Edits<br>R - Rejected Edits     |
| SWITCHED-INDC                                 | PIC X(01)       | Payor Switched Indicator:<br>S - Payor ID Switched                |
| SYSTEM-SOURCE                                 | PIC X(01)       | CareFirst or CareFirst BlueChoice System<br>Source                |
| PATN-ACCT-NBR                                 | PIC X(38)       | Patient Account Number  |
| CLRGHOUS-ID<br>(REFD9)                        | PIC X(30)       | Clearinghouse Document Control<br>Number/Trace Number             |
| SUBR-ID                                       | PIC X(30)       | Subscriber ID   |
| NUM-ERROR-CODES                               | PIC 9(02)       | Number of Errors on Claim   |
| CLM-LINE-CNTR                                 | PIC S9(05)      | Number of Detail Lines on Claim                                   |
| XWLKED-PROV-ID                                | PIC X(17)       | Switched Provider Number  |
| PYPV-ID1                                      | PIC X(30)       | Provider Number Used to Process Claim<br>unless claim is switched |
| PAYR-ID                                       | PIC X(05)       | Original Payor ID Submitted                                       |
| CLM-DCN                                       | PIC X(15)       | Adjudication Claim Number (i.e., FLEXX<br>or CARE)                |
| X12N-TOT-CLM-CHRG                             | PIC S9(15)V9(2) | Billed Charges for the Claim                                      |
| PATN-LAST-NM                                  | PIC X(35)       | Patient Last Name   |
| PATN-FRST-NM                                  | PIC X(25)       | Patient First Name  |
| CLM-FRST-SERVC-DT                             | PIC X(10)       | Claim First Date of Service                                       |
| CLM-LAST-SERVC-DT                             | PIC X(10)       | Claim Last Date of Service  |
| FILLER  | PIC X(32)       |   |

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**Standard Acknowledgement Error Record:**

| ERROR STANDARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECORD LAYOUT |            |   |
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| RECORD-TYPE                                  | PIC X(01)  | Record Type:<br>E - Error Detail<br>Acknowledgement                       |
| SUBMITTER-ID                                 | PIC X(80)  | Submitter Number/Billing Agent  |
| GUID-CLM                                     | PIC 9(15)  | CareFirst HIPAA Claim Number  |
| CORPT-MSG-CD                                 | PIC X(05)  | CareFirst Error Code  |
| LINE-NBR                                     | PIC S9(06) | Line Number Error Occurred On:<br>000000 - Header<br>00001 - 99999 Detail |
| DATA-ELEM-NM                                 | PIC X(30)  | Data Element Name Found in<br>Error                                       |
| DATA-ELEM-COPY                               | PIC X(80)  | Data Element Values Found in<br>Error or Error Message                    |
| FILLER                                       | PIC X(183) |   |



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**Standard Acknowledgement Batch Record:**

| BATCH STANDARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECORD LAYOUT |              |   |
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| RECORD-TYPE                                  | PIC X(01)    | Record Type:<br>B - Batch Acknowledgement   |
| SUBMITTER-ID                                 | PIC X(80)    | Submitter Number/Billing Agent  |
| TRNTN-SET-CNTL-NBR                           | PIC X(09)    | Clearinghouse Batch Number  |
| CREATE-DATE                                  | PIC X(10)    | Clearinghouse Create Date   |
| TOT-BATCH-CLAIMS                             | PIC 9(05)    | Total Claims in Batch   |
| TOT-REJECT-CLAIMS                            | PIC 9(05)    | Total Rejected Claims in Batch  |
| TOT-BATCH-CHRG                               | PIC 9(09)V99 | Total Charges in Batch  |
| ACKN-SOURCE                                  | PIC X(2)     | Payor that produced<br>Acknowledgement:<br>NCA - District of Columbia<br>DE - Delaware<br>MD – Maryland |
| CLAIM-TRANSACTION-<br>TYPE                   | PIC X(01)    | 837 transaction qualifier:<br>I - Institutional<br>P- Professional                                      |
| TYPE-OF-BILL                                 | PIC X(3)     | Institutional Type of Bill (837I<br>only)   |
| FILLER                                       | PIC X(273)   |   |

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**Proprietary Error Codes**

| Code  | Description   |
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| 53000 | Return to submitter. Prefix must be valid alpha/numeric.                              |
| 53028 | Membership number is not on file.   |
| 53035 | The field Anesthesia Time Minute is required when the service rendered is Anesthesia. |
| 53080 | Invalid Subscriber First Name.  |
| 53082 | Invalid Subscriber Last Name.   |
| 53083 | Subscriber Signature must be on file.   |
| 53105 | Procedure code not compatible with patient sex.                                       |
| 53106 | Procedure code not compatible with patient age.                                       |
| 53127 | RETURN TO SUBMITTER, VALID DATE OF SERVICE REQUIRED.                                  |
| 53129 | ADMISSION DATE cannot be greater than today or current system date.                   |
| 53130 | ADMISSION DATE must be greater than or equal to patient's date of birth.              |
| 53131 | Admission Date required when Place of Service is inpatient.                           |
| 53133 | ONSET DATE, SERVICE DATE and/or BIRTHDATE are incompatible.                           |
| 53135 | DISCHARE DATE (if coded) must be greater than or equal to Admission Date.             |
| 53137 | Incurred From Date must be equal to or greater than patient's Date of Birth.          |
| 53138 | Invalid Incurred Thru Date.   |
| 53139 | Incurred Thru Date must be equal to or greater than Incurred From Date.               |
| 53141 | Admission Date must be less than or equal to Incurred From Date.                      |
| 53142 | Condition Onset Date is required.   |
| 53143 | Incurred From Date is required.   |
| 53144 | Incurred thru date must be less than or equal to current date.                        |
| 53145 | Days, visits, treatments must be greater than one.                                    |
| 53177 | Provider number and/or initials not on file for Date Of Service.                      |
| 53189 | Provider number not valid.  |
| 53194 | Tax ID and provider number do not match provider file.                                |
| 53202 | Billed Charge must be greater than zero.  |
| 53204 | Invalid Billed Charge.  |
| 53232 | Other Insurance Amount Paid must be equal or less than Billed Charges.                |
| 53251 | Patient's Date of Birth is required.  |
| 53253 | First Name of patient required.   |
| 53256 | Invalid Last Name of patient.   |
| 53258 | Invalid Patient Relationship to Subscriber.   |
| 53260 | Invalid Sex of patient.   |
| 53262 | Patient date of birth cannot be greater than today's or current system date           |
| 53301 | RETURN TO SUBMITTER, a valid Facility Type Code is required.                          |
| 53503 | Invalid Facility Type Code/Place of Service.  |
| 53504 | Place of Service is not compatible with Procedure.                                    |
| 53509 | Invalid CPT Modifier Code.  |

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| 53510  | Invalid Units/Days/Visits/Treatments.  |
| 53512  | Must be present, must be valid 3-5 position ICD-9-CM code. For DC must be specific.  |
| 53513  | If present, must be valid 3 to 5 position Other ICD-9-CM Diagnosis code. For DC must be specific.  |
| 53514  | If present, must be a valid 3-4 position ICD-9-CM surgical procedure code. For DC must be specific.  |
| 53520  | Must be valid 5 position CPT-4 or HCPCS PROCEDURE CODE. One code must be present.  |
| 53526  | If HCPCS Procedure codes are within the range of 00100-01995, 01999, 02100-02101 then at least one of the following modifier values must be submitted: AA, AD, QK, QX, QY or QZ. |
| 53562  | Modifier is not valid with the procedure code submitted on this claim line.  |
| *53810 | Cannot convert Medicare Provider #, no match or multiple matches on crosswalk table.   |
| *53811 | Cannot convert Medicare Provider #, match on crosswalk table termed for dates of service.  |
| 53821  | CareFirst is not the Utilization Management review agent (278).  |
| 53826  | DISCHARGE DATE cannot be greater than Current System date. Professional Only.  |
| 53828  | This claim must be resubmitted with a valid BCBS of Delaware prefix  |
| 53827  | Units qualifier must = MJ for procedure modifier range 80-82.  |
| 53831  | Principal Procedure Date must be present if Principal Procedure Code is present.   |
| 53832  | Other Procedure Date must be present if Other Procedure Code is present.   |
| 53833  | If REV_CD = 010X-015X, 020X, 021X, number of days must be greater than 0(zero).  |
| 53834  | Revenue Code units must be numeric and greater than 0 (zero).  |
| 53835  | Coinsurance Amount must be numeric or zero (0) filled.   |
| 53836  | Assignment of Benefits Indicator must be present.  |
| 53837  | Patient Account Number required.   |
| 53838  | Reserved for HIPAA.  |
| 53839  | Invalid Diagnosis Code Pointer.  |
| 53840  | Missing or Invalid Provider UPIN Number.   |
| 53841  | Invalid Treatment Authorization Code.  |
| 53842  | Invalid Prior Authorization Number.  |
| 53843  | Invalid Procedure Code reported.   |
| 53844  | Claim Frequency Code cannot equal 0 (zero).  |
| 53845  | ICN/DCN is required for adjustment.  |
| 53846  | Claim Frequency Code cannot equal 6 (Adjustment Prior Claim).  |
| 53867  | Reserved for HIPAA.  |
| 53900  | Claim was forwarded to the BCBSNCA Plan using your NCA Provider Number.  |
| 53901  | Date of Service must be less than or equal to Statement Covers Thru Date.  |
| 53902  | Claim was forwarded to the BCBSMD Plan using your MD Provider Number.  |

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| 53903 | Provider Number submitted is not on file.   |
| 53904 | Cannot identify patient.  |
| 53905 | NON COVERED line charges may not exceed TOTAL CLAIM CHARGES.  |
| 53906 | Admitting Diagnosis Code is not valid for patient's sex.  |
| 53907 | REVENUE CODE requires REMARKS.  |
| 53908 | If DIAGNOSIS CODE is Maternity, LAST MENSTRUAL DATE is required.  |
| 53910 | Subscriber Identification Number format in Invalid. Must not be blank or contain embedded blanks or special characters.                               |
| 53911 | Units Qualifier "MJ" only valid with Anesthesia procedure codes "00100 THRU 01995" or "01999", "02100-02101".   |
| 53912 | If Revenue Codes = 082X, 083X, 084X, 085X, or 088X (dialysis), then Condition Code must equal 06, 70-76 (ESRD related).                               |
| 53913 | If Condition Codes (31-34) or (36-39) or (06, 70-76) are present, only one Condition Code per series is acceptable per claim.                         |
| 53914 | The DISCHARGE HOUR must be entered if Claim Frequency = Inpatient and if Condition Code = 40 (same day transfer).                                     |
| 53915 | DISCHARGE HOUR must be greater than or equal to ADMISSION HOUR (same day transfer) if the ADMISSION DATE is equal to the STATEMENT COVERS FROM DATE . |
| 53916 | If the INPATIENT ANCILLARY REVENUE CODE or OUTPATIENT REVENUE CODE equals 0724, the PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS CODE must equal 650.                          |
| 53917 | OCCURRENCE CODE must equal 01-06, if the PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS CODE equals V015, 52511, 800-9958, 99653, 9982.  |
| 53918 | OCCURRENCE CODE must equal 10 if PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS CODE equals 630-6769, 76490, 7965-v1329, v22-v222, v23-v242, v27-v289, v616-v617, v724.          |
| 53919 | If OCCURRENCE CODE equals 01-06, VALUE CODE must equal 45.  |
| 53920 | Only one OCCURRENCE CODE of 01-06, can be entered per claim.  |
| 53921 | If the OCCURRENCE CODE equals 42 (date of discharge) the ADMISSION DATE year must equal the OCCURRENCE DATE year.                                     |
| 53922 | If the OCCURRENCE CODE equals 01-06 (accident related), the OCCURRENCE DATE must be less than or equal to the STATEMENT FROM DATE.                    |
| 53923 | OCCURRENCE DATE must be greater than or equal to STATEMENT FROM DATE and less than or equal to STATEMENT THRU DATE.                                   |
| 53924 | If OCCURRENCE CODE = 10 (last menstrual period), OCCURRENCE DATE must be less than or equal to ADMISSION DATE.  |
| 53925 | If CLAIM FREQUENCY CODE equals 2 or 3, then PATIENT STATUS must equal 30.   |
| 53926 | If CLAIM FREQUENCY CODE equals 1 or 4, then PATIENT STATUS cannot equal 30.   |
| 53927 | ICD-9 PROCEDURE CODE is required if the REVENUE CODE equals 036X, 0723, 0811, 0813.   |

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| 53928 | PRINCIPAL PROCEDURE CODE is required if the Facility Type Code equals 83X and REVENUE CODE equals 0490.  |
| 53929 | SOURCE OF ADMISSION must equal 1-4 or 9 if the TYPE OF ADMISSION equals 4.   |
| 53930 | HCPCS/CPT PROCEDURE CODE is required if the REVENUE CODE equals 036X, 0723, 0811, 0813.  |
| 53932 | If TYPE OF ADMISSION equals 4 then PATIENT DATE OF BIRTH must be within 30 days of ADMISSION DATE.   |
| 53933 | If TYPE OF BILL equals 83X then REVENUE CODE must equal 490 or 79X.  |
| 53937 | REVENUE CODE submitted requires HCPCS code.  |
| 53938 | VALUE AMOUNT must be present if VALUE CODE is not equal to 02, 12, 13 or 45.   |
| 53941 | If VALUE CODE = 45 then VALUE AMOUNT must be formatted as whole dollars when values = 00-23 or 99.   |
| 53942 | VALUE CODES 37 and 39 are required if REVENUE CODE 038X is present.  |
| 53943 | VALUE CODE 01 or 02 is required if REVENUE CODE 011X, 014X or 0164 are present.  |
| 53944 | If Condition Code equals 38 or 39 (Private Room explanation), then Revenue Code must equal 011x or 014x or 0164 on one or more lines.  |
| 53947 | If FAC TYPE CODE equals 81X, 82X (hospice) and REVENUE CODE equals 0655 or 0656 (inpatient respite, general inpatient) then the FREQUENCY must be equal to the difference between the FROM DATE OF SERVICE and TO DATE OF SERVICE. |
| 53948 | If FACILITY TYPE CODE equals 81X or 82X (hospice) and REVENUE CODE equals 0655 or 0656 (inpatient respite, general inpatient) and FROM DATE OF SERVICE and TO DATE OF SERVICE are the same, then the FREQUENCY must equal 001.     |
| 53949 | If PATIENT STATUS equals 1-20 or 40-42 (discharged or expired), then FACILITY TYPE CODE must equal 1X, 21X, 31X, 41X, 51X, 61X, 81X, 82X (inpatient).  |
| 53952 | ADDITIONAL INFORMATION must be present if a Not Otherwise Classified or Individual Consideration procedure code is submitted.  |
| 53953 | ACCIDENT DATE must be present if DIAGNOSIS CODE is accident related.   |
| 53955 | DISCHARGE DATE cannot be less than the latest DATE OF SERVICE on any bill line where the PLACE OF SERVICE is inpatient   |
| 53956 | The DIAGNOSIS CODE is invalid for PATIENT'S SEX.   |
| 53959 | COVERED DAYS must equal zero if the CLAIM FREQUENCY equals 0 (non-payment zero claim, inpatient).  |
| 53960 | COVERED DAYS must equal 01 if the CLAIM FREQUENCY equals Inpatient and CONDITION CODE equals 40 (same day transfer).   |
| 53961 | COVERED DAYS must equal 1-365 if the CLAIM FREQUENCY equals Inpatient and CONDITION CODE does not equal 40 (same day transfer).  |
| 53963 | ANCILLARY UNITS required with this REVENUE CODE.   |

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| 53965 | ANCILLARY DATE must equal zero, for REVENUE CODES between 100-219.  |
| 53966 | ANCILLARY UNITS must equal zero, for REVENUE CODES between 100-219.   |
| 53967 | If Statement Covers From Date does not equal Statement Covers Thru Date, the Revenue Date must be equal to the Statement Covers From Date.    |
| 53968 | If the Statement Covers From Date does not equal Statement Covers Thru Date, then the Revenue Date must equal the Statement Covers Thru Date. |
| 53969 | Outpatient Claims require REVENUE CODE and ANCILLARY UNITS.   |
| 53970 | Valid REVENUE CODE is required if Type of Bill equals Inpatient.  |
| 53971 | Must be present must be valid 3-4 position REVENUE CODE   |
| 53972 | If present, must be valid 3-4 position ICD-9-CM CODE. For DC must be specific.  |
| 53973 | Must be a valid OTHER PROCEDURE CODE for patient's sex.   |
| 53974 | Must be a valid ADMISSION SOURCE CODE.  |
| 53975 | Must be a valid ADMISSION TYPE CODE.  |
| 53976 | Must be a valid PATIENT STATUS CODE.  |
| 53977 | Must be a valid CONDITION CODE.   |
| 53978 | Must be a valid OCCURRENCE CODE.  |
| 53979 | Must be a valid VALUE CODE.   |
| 53981 | If REVENUE CODE 036X is present, then the PRINCIPAL PROCEDURE CODE must be present.   |
| 53983 | ANCILLARY DATE must be greater than or equal to STATEMENT FROM DATE.  |
| 53985 | REVENUE LAB CODES are not permitted on Inpatient Claim.   |
| 53986 | Invalid DISCHARGE STATUS for claim frequency type 2 & 3.  |
| 53988 | VALUE CODE 05 must be less than or equal to the TOTAL CLAIM CHARGES.  |
| 53991 | Date of Service not within allowable inquiry period (270).  |
| 53992 | Please call 1-800-423-9791 for Eligibility Information on this patient (270).   |
| 53993 | PATIENT DISCHARGE STATUS is incorrect for TYPE OF BILL.   |
| 53995 | Invalid Facility Name.  |
| 53996 | Subscriber cannot be identified in that Insurance Type Code.  |
| 53997 | Service Type Code is not available for this patient.  |
| 53998 | OCCURRENCE DATE must be present if OCCURRENCE CODE present.   |