

ADVISORY NO. 293
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TOPIC: ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF MEDICAL BILLING INFORMATION

The TWCC has recently provided new information and requirements for carriers regarding the electronic submission of medical billing and treatment information. The TWCC is attempting to improve the quality of data which participants are transmitting during claims administration. The TWCC has created new electronic edits, new electronic fields, and has also tightened data requirements for existing edits. **The effective date of the new edits and changes for the electronic HCFA-1500 and UB-92 is 11/27/2000.** In addition to the editing changes, on 11/27/2000 the TWCC will begin to accept this data from carriers via CDR's (compact disk recordables) and 3.5" diskettes.

The scope of the changes to the electronically submitted HCFA-1500 and UB-92 is broad. Some of the noteworthy changes to both forms include:

- An increase in the number of fatal fields for the Zero Tolerance edits.
- A change in the 1% Tolerance to .5% Tolerance for Mandatory edits.
- An increase in the number of fields in the .5% Tolerance edits.
- An edit addition of "Sender Not Approved for MBIN" in Zero Tolerance Error Reports.
- An edit addition of "Possible Duplicate Media Detected" in Zero Tolerance Error Reports.
- A new data field entitled "Carrier Claim ID Number" in the HCFA-1500 and UB-92 Document Header Record.
- The addition of "Middle Initial/Other Name" field in Error Messages & Error Report.

Both the electronic HCFA-1500 and UB-92 forms will undergo form-specific changes with the latest TWCC directive. These form-specific changes are outlined below.

Changes to the electronic HCFA-1500

- Addition of a new data field entitled "Servicing Provider's Prefix Code."
- Addition of a new data field entitled "Servicing Provider's Last Name."
- Additional provider prefix codes "MT" and "PA" (massage therapist and physician assistant.)
- Add revised payment exception codes to Table 1.
- Change existing edit to Error Messages "Units is Blank/Invalid."
- Add "if charges exist, units must be greater than or equal to 1."

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Change existing edit to Error Messages "Service to Date is GT Date Bill Received."

Add to "The service to date must not be greater than the date bill received unless a HCPCS code is billed for a rental/supply where the service to date could be > date bill received.

Changes to the electronic UB-92

An increase in the threshold amount "Total Amount Paid Exceeds Threshold" and "Total Charge Amount Exceeds Threshold" from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

An increase in the threshold amount "Payment Amount Exceeds Line-Item Threshold" and "Charge Amount Exceeds Line-Item Threshold" from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

A change of the existing edit to Error Messages "Principal ICD-9 Procedure Code is Invalid."

Change Error Message and Error Report Principal ICD-9 Procedure Code to "Mandatory" from "Other."

Change existing edit to Error Messages "Units is Blank/Invalid." Add "If inpatient charges exist, units must be greater than or equal to 1."

Please note that all of these changes will be effective on 11/27/2000. Please ensure your electronic systems administrators, trading partners, and adjusters are aware of the significant changes to the electronic HCFA-1500 and UB-92 forms. If you have any questions about these changes to the electronic HCFA-1500 and UB-92 please contact us for additional information at (512) 435-2222.