



Mandatory Reporting of the 8-Digit National Clinical Trial Identifier Number

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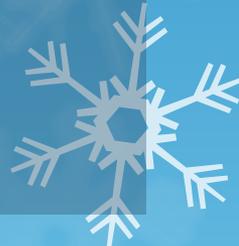
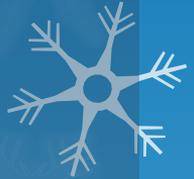
National Clinical Trial (NCT) Identifier Number

- The NCT identifier number is assigned by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) at <http://clinicaltrials.gov/> website when a new study appears in the NLM Clinical Trials data base.
- This number is listed prominently on each specific study's page and is always preceded by the letters 'NCT'.
- CMS uses the NCT number to identify all items and services provided to beneficiaries during their participation in a clinical trial, clinical study, or registry.

NCT Identifier Number



- The NCT identifier number allows CMS to:
 - Track Medicare payments,
 - Ensure that the information gained from the research is used to inform coverage decisions, and,
 - Make certain that the research focuses on issues of importance to the Medicare population.



NCT Coding Instructions

○ Institutional claims

- ❑ Paper: 8-digit NCT identifier number in the value amount value code 'D4' of FORM CMS UB-04 (Form Locators 39-41)
- ❑ Electronic: 8-digit NCT identifier number on equivalent 837I in Loop 2300 REF02 (REF01=P4)

when a clinical trial claim includes:

- Condition code 30;
- ICD-9 code V70.7/ICD-10 code Z00.6 in either the primary or secondary positions; and
- Modifier Q0 and/or Q1, as appropriate (outpatient claims only).

NCT Coding Instructions:

○ Professional claims

- ▣ Paper: 8-digit NCT identifier number preceded by alpha characters 'CT' in Field 19 of Form CMS-1500 (e.g., CT12345678)
- ▣ Electronic: 8-digit NCT identifier number on equivalent 837P in Loop 2300 REF02(REF01=P4) no 'CT' (e.g., 12345678)

When a clinical trial claim includes:

- ICD-9 code V70.7/ICD-10 code Z00.6 (in either the primary or secondary positions), and,
- Modifier Q0 and/or Q1, as appropriate (outpatient claims only).

Optional Directions for Reporting NCT Identifier Number

- For those CMS stakeholders who do not have the capacity at this time to report the NCT identifier number, a generic, 8-digit number 99999999 may be reported instead.
- Instructions provided in CR8401 would continue to apply for entering the optional, generic number effective 1/1/14 – 1/1/15.
- The designated fields may not be left blank or the claim will be returned.
- This in no way precludes those already reporting and/or able to report the actual 8-digit NCT identifier number from doing so.

Reference Links



- <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2805CP.pdf>
- <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM8401.pdf>
- <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE1344.pdf>