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### *2005 Revised American National Standards Institute X12N 837 Professional Health Care Claim Companion Document*

#### Key Words

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#### Provider Types Affected

Physicians and suppliers who submit electronic X12N 837 claim forms to Medicare Carriers, including Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs)

#### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is March 24, 2006.
- The implementation date is March 24, 2006.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is updating the current inbound 837 professional companion document to provide revisions, correct errors, and implement additional language to cover the new National Provider Identifier (NPI).
- The revised companion guide will be available through the Medicare Carrier and DMERC via their newsletter, website, and and/or list serve postings.
- The most important changes to the X12N 837 Professional Health Care Claim Companion Document clarify the specific processing or adjudication of the X12 837, and include the following:
  - Addition of new NPI information statement – “The National Provider Identifier (NPI) must be submitted in the NM109 segment (NM108 = XX)”;
  - Addition of revised taxonomy code set statement for an updated Washington Publishing Company URL, which is <http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes/taxonomy>;
  - Addition of new “Application Receiver Code” title to GS03 statement;
  - Corrected qualifier statement to show that only valid qualifiers may be submitted and qualifiers submitted for Medicare processing that are not defined for use by Medicare could result in claim/transaction rejection;

- Correction of the SV104 anesthesia value statement - changing "units" to "minutes" and correcting the Implementation Guide page reference from "400" to "403"; and
- Clarification of the SV104 and PS102 language to show that negative values submitted in these fields could result in claim rejection.
- The X12N 837 implementation guides have been established as the standards of compliance for submission of claims for all services, supplies, equipment, and health care other than retail pharmacy prescription drug claims.
- The implementation guides for each X12 transaction adopted as a HIPAA standard are available electronically at <http://www.wpc-edi.com>.

### Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4260.pdf>

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R871CP.pdf>

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