
Program Memorandum Carriers

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SUBJECT: Reporting of Accident Date and Ambulance Certification Information on the X12N 837 (version 4010) Coordination of Benefits (COB) Transaction

This Program Memorandum (PM) provides instructions for carriers, durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs), and their standard systems for reporting the accident date and the ambulance certification information on the X12N 837 version 4010 COB transaction when the incoming claim is a non-4010 transaction.

Accident Date

The 4010 version of the ASC X12N 837 professional implementation guide states that the accident date (DTP03 (DTP01 = 439)) is required when CLM11 (related causes code) is equal to "AA" (auto accident), "AB" (abuse), "AP" (another party responsible) or OA (other accident)". Since this date is not currently captured by the carrier standard system for paper and non-4010 claims, your COB trading partner could reject these COB transactions.

To avoid rejection by your COB trading partners, your standard system must report the accident date for the COB transaction when the non-4010 inbound claim indicates an accident is involved, using the earliest date of service at loop 2400, DTP03 (DTP01 = 472). The conditions indicating an accident on non-4010 claims are:

Paper 1500 - items 10B or C equals "yes"

National Standard Format – record/field EA0-05 = "A" or "O"

837 (3051) CLM11 = "AA" or "OA"

Ambulance Certification Segments

Non-HIPAA claims may not have the ambulance certification information that is required on the outbound X12N 837 version 4010 COB transaction. Your carrier standard systems must gap fill the ambulance segments in loop 2300 in the following manner:

CR103 = I
CR104 = A
CR105 = DH
CR106 = 1

CRC01 = 07
CRC02 = Y
CRC03 = 09

You must inform your COB trading partners of the above changes.

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HPBSS Standard System

The HPBSS standard system and associated carriers are waived from implementing this CR due to their upcoming transition to the MCS system.

The *effective date* and *implementation date* for this PM is July 1, 2003.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after October 16, 2003.

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