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SUBJECT: 2005 Revised American National Standards Institute X12N 837 Professional Health Care Claim Companion Document

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The current inbound 837 Professional companion document language is being revised to provide revisions, correct errors, and implement additional language to cover new initiatives such as the National Provider Identifier (NPI). The summary of changes to the document is: 1) Addition of a new statement indicating "The National Provider Identifier (NPI) must be submitted in the NM109 segment (NM108 = XX)"; 2) Revision to the code set statement providing an updated URL for Washington Publishing Company code sets; 3) Correction to the language in the qualifier statement; 4) Addition of "Application Receiver Code" title to GS03 statement; 5) Correction to the SV104 anesthesia value statement changing "units" to "minutes" and correcting Implementation Guide page reference from "400" to "403"; and 6) Clarification to the SV104 and PS102 negative values statements.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE*: March 24, 2006
IMPLEMENTATION DATE: March 24, 2006

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply to the red italicized material only. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual not updated.)
(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED) – (Only One Per Row.)

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
N/A	

III. FUNDING: No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

	Business Requirements
	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements
X	One-Time Notification
	Recurring Update Notification

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Attachment – One-Time Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: A revised 837 Professional companion document is provided due to errors detected in the current version and the need for additions for the National Provider Identifier (NPI). This companion document is a set of statements, which supplements the X12N 837 Professional Implementation Guide and clarifies Medicare contractor expectations regarding data submission, processing, and adjudication. The specific language provided in this companion document is based on recommendations/decisions made by the Electronic Data Interchange Functional Workgroup (EDIFWG). The EDIFWG consists of members from CMS, carriers, DMERCs, and shared system maintainers. Carriers and DMERCs have the option to add supplemental information to this companion document. However, that information may not contradict any other items in the companion document or X12N 837 Professional implementation guide.

The descriptions provided below indicate whether the statement usage is:

- (R) Required - Carriers and DMERCs must include this language in your companion document.
- (O) Optional – Carriers and DMERCs can choose to include this language in your companion document, if applicable.
- (R/O) Selection required - Carriers and DMERCs must choose one statement from the list of the statements provided. The choices will be labeled either (#a) or (#b) to identify the options for each statement. Carriers and DMERCs should select the language that is applicable to the business situation.

B. Policy: N/A

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

“Shall” denotes a mandatory requirement

“Should” denotes an optional requirement

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	

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		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
4260.1	You shall update your current companion guide to include the corrections and additions in this document.			X	X					
4260.2	Publish the revised companion guide (see ATTACHMENT) and required language in your contractor newsletter, on your contractor Web site, and communicate via your contractor list serve.			X	X					
4260.3	<p>You are to include the following language in your X12N 837 companion document:</p> <p>“The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that Medicare, and all other health insurance payers in the United States, comply with the EDI standards for health care as established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. 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.</p> <p>The following information is intended to serve only as a companion document to the HIPAA X12N 837 professional claim implementation guide. The use of this document is solely for the purpose of clarification.</p> <p>The information describes specific requirements to be used for processing data in the [Contractor system name] system of [Contractor name] Contractor number [contractor number]. The information in this document is subject to change. Changes will be</p>			X	X					

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		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers			
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F		
	communicated in the standard [<i>Contractor newsletter name</i>] monthly news bulletin and on [<i>Contractor name</i>] Web site: [<i>Contractor URL</i>]. This companion document supplements, but does not contradict any requirements in the X12N 837 Professional implementation guide.								
4260.4	For those statements that include the choice between options A or B, you must select the one option that meets your business needs and publish it in your finalized companion document.			X	X				
4260.5	For those statements that include the choice between [<i>will/may</i>], you must select either “will” or “may”, depending on your business situation, in your finalized companion document.			X	X				

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)							
		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers			
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F		
4260.6	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider			X	X				

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		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers			
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F		
	education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin and incorporated into any educational events on this topic. Contractors are free to supplement Medlearn Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.								

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions:

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions
	The X12N 837 Professional companion document contains an optional statement regarding the PWK segment. The statement reads “Any data submitted in the PWK (Paperwork) segment [will/may] not be considered for processing”. Those contractors that have incorporated this statement into their companion documents will be required to remove that statement when the PWK segment processing is implemented.

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<p>Effective Date*: March 24, 2006</p> <p>Implementation Date: March 24, 2006</p> <p>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Brian Reitz, 410-786-5001, Brian.Reitz@cms.hhs.gov</p> <p>Post-Implementation Contact(s): Brian Reitz, 410-786-5001, Brian.Reitz@cms.hhs.gov</p>	<p>No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.</p>
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Companion Document**

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Description			Language	Page
General Statements				
			R	The maximum number of characters to be submitted in the dollar amount field is seven characters. Claims in excess of 99,999.99 [will/may] be rejected.
			R	Claims that contain percentage amounts with values in excess of 99.99 [will/may] be rejected.
			R	Claims that contain percentage amounts cannot exceed two positions to the left or the right of the decimal. Percent amounts that exceed their defined size limit will be rejected.
			R	[Contractor name] will convert all lower case characters submitted on an inbound 837 file to upper case when sending data to the Medicare processing system. Consequently, data later submitted for coordination of benefits will be submitted in upper case.
			R	Only loops, segments, and data elements valid for the HIPAA Professional Implementation Guides will be translated. Submitting data not valid based on the Implementation Guide will cause files to be rejected.
			O	The incoming 837 transactions utilize delimiters from the following list: >, *, ~, ^, , and :. Submitting delimiters not supported within this list [will/may] cause an interchange (transmission) to be rejected.
			R	You must submit incoming 837 claim data using the basic character set as defined in Appendix A of the 837 Professional Implementation Guide. In addition to the basic character set, you may choose to submit lower case characters and the '@' symbol from the extended character set. Any other characters submitted from the extended character set [will/may] cause the interchange (transmission) to be rejected at the carrier translator.
			R	When applicable, the National Provider Identifier (NPI) must be submitted in the NM109 segment (NM108 = XX).
			R	Medicare does not require taxonomy codes be submitted in order to adjudicate claims, but will accept the taxonomy code, if submitted. However, taxonomy codes that are submitted must be valid against the taxonomy code set published at http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes/taxonomy . Claims submitted with invalid taxonomy codes will be rejected.
			R	All dates that are submitted on an incoming 837 claim transaction must be valid calendar dates in the appropriate format based on the respective qualifier. Failure to submit a valid calendar date will result in rejection of the claim or the applicable interchange (transmission).
			O	[Contractor name] [will/may] reject an interchange (transmission) submitted with more than 9,999 loops.
			O	[Contractor name] will reject an interchange (transmission) submitted with more than 9,999 segments per loop.
			O	[Contractor name] [will/may] reject an interchange (transmission) with more than [contractor supplies

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				value] CLM segments (claims) submitted per transaction.	
			R/O	A. Compression of files is not supported for transmissions between the submitter and [Contractor name] -OR- B. Compression of files using [name of software] is supported for transmissions between the submitter and [Contractor name].	
			R/O	A. Only valid qualifiers for Medicare must be submitted on incoming 837 claim transactions. Any qualifiers submitted for Medicare processing which are not defined for use in Medicare billing [will/may] cause the claim or the transaction to be rejected -OR- B. Only valid qualifiers for Medicare should be submitted for Medicare processing on incoming 837 claim transactions. Any qualifiers submitted which are not defined for use in Medicare billing [will/may] cause the claim to be rejected.	
			R/O	A. You may send up to four modifiers; however, the last two modifiers [will/may] not be considered. The [Contractor name] processing system [will/may] only use the first two modifiers for adjudication and payment determination of claims. -OR- B. You may send up to four modifiers; however, the last modifier [will/may] not be considered. The [Contractor name] processing system [will/may] only use the first three modifiers for adjudication and payment determination of claims.	
			O	[Contractor name] will edit data submitted within the envelope segments (ISA, GS, ST, SE, GE, and IEA) beyond the requirements defined in the Professional Implementation Guides.	
Interchange Control Header					
	ISA05	Interchange ID Qualifier	O	[Contractor name] will reject an interchange (transmission) that does not contain [qualifier] in ISA05.	B.4
	ISA06	Interchange Sender ID	O	[Contractor name] will reject an interchange (transmission) that does not contain a valid ID in ISA06.	B.4
	ISA07	Interchange ID Qualifier	O	[Contractor name] will reject an interchange (transmission) that does not contain [qualifier] in ISA07.	B.4
	ISA08	Interchange Receiver ID	O	[Contractor name] will reject an interchange (transmission) that does not contain [carrier code] in ISA08. Each individual Contractor determines this code.	B.5
Functional Group Header					
			O	[Contractor name] will only process one transaction type (records group) per interchange (transmission); a submitter must only submit one GS-GE (Functional Group) within an ISA-IEA (Interchange).	
			O	[Contractor name] will only process one transaction per functional group; a submitter must only submit one ST-SE (Transaction Set) within a GS-GE (Functional Group).	
	GS03	Application Receiver's	O	[Contractor name] [will/may] reject an interchange (transmission) that is submitted with an invalid	B.8

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		Code	value in GS03 (Application Receivers Code) based on the carrier definition.		
Loop	Transaction Set				
			O	[Contractor name] will only accept claims for one line of business per transaction. Claims submitted for multiple lines of business within one ST-SE (Transaction Set) [will/may] cause the transaction to be rejected.	
	ST02	Transaction Control Set	O	[Contractor name] will reject an interchange (transmission) that is not submitted with unique values in the ST02 (Transaction Set Control Number) elements.	62
	BHT02	Transaction Set Purpose Code	O	Transaction Set Purpose Code (BHT02) must equal '00' (ORIGINAL).	64
	BHT06	Claim/Encounter Identifier	O	Claim or Encounter Indicator (BHT06) must equal 'CH' (CHARGEABLE).	65
	REF02	Transmission Type Identification	O	The 837 Professional claim transaction will not be piloted. Claim files submitted with a Transmission Type Code value of 004010X098DA1 in REF02 [will/may] cause the file to be rejected.	66
1000A	NM109	Submitter ID	R	[Contractor name] will reject an interchange (transmission) that is submitted with a submitter identification number that is not authorized for electronic claim submission.	69
1000B	NM103	Receiver Name	O	[Contractor name] [will/may] reject an interchange (transmission) that is not submitted with a valid carrier name (NM1).	75
1000B	NM109	Receiver Primary Identifier	O	[Contractor name] [will/may] reject an interchange (transmission) that is not submitted with a valid carrier code (NM1). Each individual Contractor determines this code.	75
2000B	HL	Subscriber Hierarchical Level	O	The subscriber hierarchical level (HL segment) must be in order from one, by one (+1) and must be numeric.	108
2000B	SBR02, SBR09	Subscriber Information	R	For Medicare, the subscriber is always the same as the patient (SBR02=18, SBR09=MB). The Patient Hierarchical Level (2000C loop) is not used.	111
2010BD		Credit/Debit Card Information	R	Do not use Credit/Debit card information to bill Medicare (2300 loop, AMT01=MA and 2010BD loop).	150
Loop	Claim Information				
2300	CLM02	Total Submitted Charges	R	Negative values submitted in CLM02 [will/may] not be processed and [will/may] result in the claim being rejected.	172
2300	CLM02	Total Submitted Charges	R	Total submitted charges (CLM02) must equal the sum of the line item charge amounts (SV102).	172
2300	CLM05-3	Claim Frequency Type Code	R	The only valid value for CLM05-3 is '1' (ORIGINAL). Claims with a value other than "1" [will/may] be rejected.	173
2300	CLM20	Delay Reason Code	R	Data submitted in CLM20 will not be used for processing.	179
2300	PWK	Claim Supplemental Information	O	Any data submitted in the PWK (Paperwork) segment [will/may] not be considered for processing.	214

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2300	AMT01	Credit/Debit Card Maximum Amount	R	Do not use Credit/Debit card information to bill Medicare (2300 loop, AMT01=MA and 2010BD loop).	219
2300	AMT02	Patient Amount Paid	R	Negative values submitted in the following fields [will/may] not be processed and [will/may] result in the claim being rejected: AMT02.	220
2300	AMT02	Total Purchased Service Amount	R	Negative values submitted in the following fields [will/may] not be processed and [will/may] result in the claim being rejected: AMT02.	221
2300	REF02	Prior Authorization and Referral Number	O	Peer Review Organization (PRO) information should be submitted at the header claim level (Loop 2300). PRO information submitted at the detail line level (Loop 2400) will be ignored.	227
2300	CR102, CR106	Ambulance Transport Information	R	Negative values submitted in the following fields [will/may] not be processed and [will/may] result in the claim being rejected: CR102, CR106.	249,250
2300	HI	Health Care Diagnosis Code	R	Diagnosis codes have a maximum size of five (5). Medicare does not accept decimal points in diagnosis codes.	265
2300	HI	Health Care Diagnosis Code	R	Effective October 2004, all diagnosis codes submitted on a claim must be valid codes per the qualified code source. Claims that contain invalid diagnosis codes, pointed to or not, will be rejected.	265
2300	HI	Health Care Diagnosis Code	R/O	A. You may send up to eight diagnosis codes per claim. If diagnosis codes are submitted, you must point to the primary diagnosis for each service line. -OR- B. You may send up to eight diagnosis codes per claim; however, the last four diagnosis codes [will/may] not be considered in processing.	265
2320	AMT02	Coordination of Benefits Amounts	R	Negative values submitted in the following fields [will/may] not be processed and [will/may] result in the claim being rejected: AMT02.	332 333
2400	SV102	Line Item Charge Amount	R	Negative values submitted in the following fields [will/may] not be processed and [will/may] result in the claim being rejected: SV102.	402
2400	SV104	Professional Service	R (for Carriers)	Anesthesia claims must be submitted with minutes (qualifier MJ). Claims for anesthesia services that do not contain minutes [will/may] be rejected. (SV104)	403
2400	SV104	Professional Service	O	The max value for anesthesia minutes (qualifier MJ) cannot exceed 4 bytes numeric. Claims for anesthesia services that exceed this value will be rejected. (SV104)	403
2400	SV104	Professional Service	O	The max value for units (qualifier UN) cannot exceed three bytes numeric with one decimal place. Claims for medical services that exceed this value will be rejected. (SV104)	403
2400	SV104	Professional Service	R	SV104 (Service unit counts) (units or minutes) cannot exceed 999.9.	403
2400	SV104	Professional Service	R	Negative values submitted in the following fields [will/may] not be processed and [will/may] result in the claim being rejected: SV104.	403
2400	CR102, CR106	Ambulance Transport Information	R	Negative values submitted in the following fields [will/may] not be processed and [will/may] result in the claim being rejected: CR102, CR106.	413, 414
2400	PS1	Purchased Service	O	Purchased diagnostic tests (PDT) require that the purchased amounts be submitted at the detail line	489

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				level (Loop 2400). Claims for PDT services that are submitted without the PS1 segment data at the 2400 loop [will/may] be rejected.	
2400	PS102	Purchased Service	R	Negative values submitted in the following fields [will/may] not be processed and [will/may] result in the claim being rejected: PS102.	490
2410	CTP04	Professional Service	O	The max value for international units (qualifier F2), in the CTP segment, cannot exceed seven bytes numeric with three decimal places. Claims for drugs that exceed this value will be rejected.	403
997 - Functional Acknowledgement					
			R/O	A. We suggest retrieval of the ANSI 997 functional acknowledgment files on or before the first business day after the claim file is submitted, but no later than five days after the file submission -OR- B. We suggest retrieval of the ANSI 997 functional acknowledgment files on the first business day after the claim file is submitted, but no later than five days after the file submission.	B.15
			R/O	A. [Contractor name] will return the version of the 837 inbound transaction in GS08 (Version/Release/Industry Identifier Code) of the 997 -OR- B. [Contractor name] will return [X] as the version in GS08 (Version/Release/Industry Identifier Code) of the 997.	