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(HIPAA) Eligibility Transaction System**

HETS 270/271

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R2014Q300 HETS 270/271 Release

Summary of Impact on Trading Partners

The purpose of this summary document is to inform submitters of upcoming changes to the HIPAA Eligibility Transaction System (HETS) 270/271 application. The R2014Q300 HETS release will modify the application’s allowable Date of Service dates for HETS 270 eligibility requests. Please refer to the following details for additional information.

This release includes the following change to the 270 request:

- Modifying the allowable Dates of Service on a 270 request: The new allowable span will be up to 12 months in the past and up to four months in the future.

1 Modifying the Allowable Dates of Service on a 270 Request

HETS will verify that the Date(s) of Service submitted on the 270 eligibility request are within the HETS 270/271 application’s allowable date span. Currently the allowable span is up to 27 months in the past and up to four months in the future, based on the date the transaction was received. CMS is modifying the allowable Date of Service dates to mirror the Medicare Fee-For-Service timely filing requirements that were enacted under the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (PPACA) in 2010. As claims are now required to be filed within one calendar year after the date of service, the HETS 270/271 application will be modified to support an allowable span of up to 12 months in the past and up to four months in the future, based on the date the transaction was received.

The HETS 270/271 application will continue to return an AAA error in the 2100C Loop with a reject reason code AAA03 = “62” if Date(s) of Service requests are outside of the new range.

Table 1 – Upcoming Request Date Calendar illustrates the updated allowable request date ranges.

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| If the Current Month Is: | Historical Requests Are Valid Through: | Future Requests Are Valid Through: |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| January | January, 1 year ago | May of the current year |
| February | February, 1 year ago | June of the current year |
| March | March, 1 year ago | July of the current year |
| April | April, 1 year ago | August of the current year |
| May | May, 1 year ago | September of the current year |
| June | June, 1 year ago | October of the current year |
| July | July, 1 year ago | November of the current year |
| August | August, 1 year ago | December of the current year |



| If the Current Month Is: | Historical Requests Are Valid Through: | Future Requests Are Valid Through: |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| September | September, 1 year ago | January of the following year |
| October | October, 1 year ago | February of the following year |
| November | November, 1 year ago | March of the following year |
| December | December, 1 year ago | April of the following year |

Example: If an eligibility request is sent on September 1, 2014, requests from September 1, 2013 through January 1, 2015, will be accepted.

Please note that an exception to the Date(s) of Service change is transactions submitted to HETS relevant to preparation of a Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) report using a DSH-specific HETS 270/271 Submitter ID. HETS will continue to support an allowable span of up to 27 months in the past and up to four months in the future (based on the date the transaction was received) for DSH requests sent via a DSH-specific HETS 270/271 Submitter ID.

Please also note that while the allowable Date(s) of Service span is changing, HETS will continue to return the total number of Hospice occurrences on a 271 response (regardless of the Date of Service) when a Service Type Code of 45 is submitted in the 270 request.