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1. Introduction

The purpose of this Release Summary is to inform Submitters of upcoming changes to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Eligibility Transaction System (HETS) 270/271 application that will be implemented with the HETS2024-1 Release.

2. Overview of Release

The HETS2024-1 release will introduce changes to the HETS 270 request and HETS 271 response.

The following section explains the HETS2024-1 release changes.

3. Summary of Impact on Trading Partners

3.1 Support new Hepatitis B screening HCPCS; modify HETS Hepatitis B & C benefit response

HETS currently supports HCPCS code G0499 for Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) in Adults Screening and HCPCS code G0472 for Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) in Adults Screening. Effective with this release, HETS will additionally support new HBV codes 86704, 86706, 87340, and 87341 on the 270 request.

For 270 inquiries for Medicare Beneficiaries with active Part B entitlement, no Date of Death on file, and where a supported HBV/HCV HCPCS code is included in the request, HETS currently responds with next eligible dates for HBV and/or HCV services. Following this release, HETS will cease sending next eligible dates for HBV and/or HCV screening. If an HBV or HCV HCPCS is requested, HETS will always return financial information for HBV and/or HCV screening. *For a short period after the HETS2024-1 release, currently targeted for March 2024, HETS will only return financial information for HBV and/or HCV screening.*

Effective in April 2024, HETS will additionally update the 271 response for HBV and/or HCV screening codes to return prior service history. HETS will return only the most recent screening information, including date of service and NPI, for each HBV and/or HCV code submitted on the 270. For prior outpatient service history, HETS would return the provider NPI on the 271 response. For prior Part B service history, HETS would return the rendering NPI on the 271 response. As before, HETS will always return financial information for HBV and/or HCV screening. If the Medicare Beneficiary does not have any prior service history for HBV and/or HCV screening, then no prior usage information will be returned and *only* the financial information will appear in the 271 response.

An example of the updated 271 response answering Hepatitis Screening request follows – new components are ***bolded & italicized***.

Financial Information

EB*CMB**23*0*****HC/86704~ (EB07 = Deductible for HCPCS 86704)***
DTP*292*D8*20240402~ (DTP03 = System Date)

EB*C*MB**23*0*****HC|G0472~ (EB07 = Deductible for HCPCS G0472)**
DTP*292*D8*20240402~ (DTP03 = System Date)
EB*A*MB**27*0*****HC|86704~ (EB07 = Coinsurance for HCPCS 86704)**
DTP*292*D8*20240402~ (DTP03 = System Date)
EB*A*MB**27*0*****HC|G0472~ (EB07 = Coinsurance for HCPCS G0472)**
DTP*292*D8*20240402~ (DTP03 = System Date)

Prior Service History Information

EB*D*MB*****HC|86704~ (EB13-2 = PPV HCPCS Code 86704)**
DTP*472*D8*20231105~ (DTP03 = Date of Service for HCPCS Code 86704)
LS*2120~
NM1*1P*2***XX*1234567893~ (NM109 = rendering NPI for HCPCS 86704)**
LE*2120~
EB*D*MB*****HC|G0472~ (EB13-2 = PPV HCPCS Code G0472)**
DTP*472*D8*20211206~ (DTP03 = Date of Service for HCPCS Code G0472)
LS*2120~
NM1*1P*2***XX*1234567890~ (NM109 = provider NPI for HCPCS G0472)**
LE*2120~

All other preventive HCPCS which return prior service history business rules will apply. Refer to Section 7.10.2 of the [HETS 270/271 Companion Guide](#) for additional information.

3.2 Expand number of Hospice periods that can be returned on the 271 response

HETS currently returns up to fifty billed Hospice benefit periods on the 271 response when Service Type Code (STC) 45 is submitted on the 270 request and the Medicare beneficiary was Part A entitled for at least one day within the requested date(s) of service.

Following this release and effective in April 2024, HETS will have the potential to return as many as 180 Hospice Election (NOE) periods, plus up to 180 billed Hospice benefit periods, in the 271 response. The format and content of the HETS 271 Hospice response will be unchanged; HETS will simply have the capability to return more Hospice periods when the Medicare Beneficiary has a lengthy usage history.

All other Hospice care period business rules will apply. Refer to Section 7.16 of the [HETS 270/271 Companion Guide](#) for additional information.

Appendix A. Record of Changes

Table 1 provides a summary of changes made to this document.

Table 1 - Document Revision History

Version	Date	Description of Changes
1.0	01/03/2024	Initial Draft