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1. Introduction

The purpose of this document 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 HETS2026-1 release.

2. Overview of Release

The HETS2026-1 release introduces potential changes to the HETS 271 response.

The following section documents planned HETS2026-1 changes.

3. Summary of the Impact on Trading Partners

3.1 Increase the number of Home Health periods that may return to a 271 response

HETS 270/271 supports Service Type Code '42' in the HETS 270 request. When STC '42' is present on the HETS 270 request and all other information provided creates a match, the 271 response includes Home Health (HH) periods which a) intersect with the Date(s) of Service submitted on the 270 request and b) include a HH period end date.

Effective with this release, the HETS 271 HH response may include additional HH periods. Following the CWF production deployment currently scheduled for April 4, 2026, CWF will begin adding additional HH periods to the HETS data feed. CWF will not run a utility to recalculate more HH periods retroactively. The new HH periods that HETS may return will be added following claim payment. Once additional HH period data is fed from CWF to HETS, then the HETS 271 HH response may return up to 60 HH periods that intersect with the requested Date(s) of Service.

All other HETS HH Business Rules remain unchanged. Refer to [Section 7.9 of the HETS 270/271 Companion Guide](#) for additional information.

3.2 Update HETS to recognize Provider specialty codes D2 and D9 as MDPP Suppliers

HETS currently returns a limited 271 response with only minimal Part B information if the requesting NPI is a Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) only Supplier. An NPI's status as an MDPP-only Supplier is determined via the presence of a 'D1' specialty code (and no other specialty codes) on the NPI's PECOS record.

Effective with the HETS2026-1 release, HETS will also recognize specialty codes D2 and/or D9 as being MDPP Supplier types. HETS logic will be expanded to utilize specialty codes D1, D2, and/or D9 on the NPI's PECOS record to determine MDPP Supplier status. If an NPI has only MDPP specialty code(s), then HETS will continue to return the limited 271 response for MDPP-only suppliers.

If the NPI has a mix of MDPP and non-MDPP specialty code(s), then HETS will continue to return the full 271 eligibility response – just as it does today.

All other HETS MDPP Business Rules remain unchanged. Refer to [Section 7.22 of the HETS 270/271 Companion Guide](#) for additional information.

Appendix A. Revision History

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

Table 1 – Record of Changes

Version	Date	Description of Changes
2.0	1/13/2026	Tech writer document review, finalization, and baselining.
1.1	1/13/2026	Added Section 3.2 for additional scope
1.0	12/9/2025	Tech writer document review, finalization, and baselining.
0.3	11/21/2025	Base Version