

Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plans Enrollment and Payment Conference

MBD Eligibility Query

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CMS Batch Eligibility Query (BEQ)

- Purpose
- Request File
- Response File
- Things to Know
- Summary

CMS BEQ

- Purpose
 - To provide a vehicle to submit batches of beneficiaries for timely prescription drug program eligibility determination

CMS BEQ (CONTINUED)

- Request File
 - 1 file to be submitted to CMS per day
 - Files can be sent using Connect:Direct or Gen-Tran Mailbox
 - Header & Trailer Records
 - Contain strong file/batch control, routing & tracking features
 - Include Sending Entity, File Control Number & File Creation Date
 - Detail Record (Transactions)
 - Matching criteria (HICN/RRB or SSN, DOB & Gender)
 - Detail Record Sequence Number (provides ability to track a transaction sent to and received from CMS)

CMS BEQ (CONTINUED)

▪ Response File

- CMS to generate & transmit 1 response file per day
- Header & Trailer
- Detail Records
 - Original Detail Record
 - Processed Flag
 - Beneficiary Match Flag
 - Medicare Part A Entitlement Start Date
 - Medicare Part A Entitlement End Date
 - Medicare Part B Entitlement Start Date
 - Medicare Part B Entitlement End Date
 - Medicaid Indicator
 - Employer Subsidy Start Date (up to 10 occurrences)
 - Employer Subsidy End Date (up to 10 occurrences)
 - Sending Entity, File Control Number & File Creation Date

CMS BEQ (CONTINUED)

- Things to Know
 - Comprehensive format specifications & instructions distributed include:
 - Header, Trailer & Detail Record formats (including request and response file naming conventions)
 - Formats for each data element (data type, length, etc.)
 - Processing description
 - File & record level error conditions & handling (including Email acknowledgement of file receipt and message as to whether CMS can or cannot process the file)
 - Latest draft “BEQ Format Specifications & Instructions” are available on CSMM Website (<http://mmahelp.cms.gov/mmahelp>)
 - BEQ available beginning 11/15/05

CMS BEQ Summary

- Ability to request eligibility for multiple beneficiaries
- Comprehensive instructions included with file format specifications