
Encounter Data User Group Q&A Documentation

Questions and Answers – December 20, 2012 Live Session

Q1: How should MAOs and other entities resolve issues regarding receipt of Edit 03101 “Invalid Gender For Procedure Code” when the gender is not invalid for the procedure submitted?

A1: MAOs and other entities should submit any issues regarding Edit 03101 to eds@ardx.net for analysis and review.

Q2: How should MAOs and other entities escalate issues regarding encounter data?

A2: MAOs and other entities should submit these issues to eds@ardx.net. The subject line should state “Escalation to CMS.”

Q3: Can CMS provide an update to the status of the Risk Adjustment Filtering evaluation and associated MAO-004 Risk Filtering Report?

A3: The final resolution for Risk Adjustment filtering is not yet established. CMS will provide additional information as decisions are made.

Q4: Will CMS consider extending the 13-month timely filing deadline for 2012 DOS?

A4: CMS will evaluate the potential timely filing extension for 2012 DOS and provide additional information to MAOs and other entities in the near future.

Q5: Will CMS deactivate the Institutional Common Edits Enhancement Module (CEM) Edit 234 “patient discharge status” that requires the reporting of Occurrence Span Code (OSC) 55?

A5: CMS will review the edit that requires the submission of OSC 55 and provide further guidance once final decisions are made.

Q6: What reference file does CMS use to validate National Provider Identifiers (NPI) submitted by MAOs and other entities?

A6: CMS uses the Medicare Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System (PECOS) file to verify and validate NPIs and their associated specialties. Only authorized registered users have rights to access PECOS.

Q7: Does the delay in 2011 dates of service (DOS) refer to the 2011 “from” DOS only?

A7: MAOs and other entities should refrain from submitting encounter data with DOS that have a 2011 “from” DOS and a 2012 “through” DOS until CMS provides further guidance. MAOs and other entities should never submit encounters that contain 2011 “from” AND “through” DOS.

Q8: How do MAOs and other entities identify the difference between Tier 2 and Production data when receiving Invalid Response Reports from the Encounter Data Front-End System (EDFES)?

A8: The naming conventions for the EDFES Invalid Response Reports indicate whether the report is in response to a Test file or a Production file. Submitters are required to open and view the Response Report to identify the file as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 testing file. In order to receive Testing and Production files separately, MAOs and other entities must establish separate, unique mailboxes for Testing and Production. MAOs and other entities may submit questions or issues related to Invalid Response Reports to CSSC Operations at (800) 534-2772 or csscooperations@palmettogba.com.

Q9: What is the timeline for MAOs and other entities to submit reconciled or adjusted encounters to the EDS?

A9: MAOs and other entities are required to submit corrections or adjustments to encounters within 13 months of the DOS. If an adjustment is made to an accepted encounter after the 13-month timely filing period, the submitter is required to submit the adjustment within 30 days of the adjudication date.

Q10: Are MAOs and other entities required to submit monetary data elements if the balancing edits pertaining to the data elements are deactivated?

A10: MAOs and other entities must submit all required data elements, per the TR3 Implementation Guide (IG) and the EDS Companion Guides. The EDFES will not validate the data elements for balancing, but will verify that the required data is populated and valid.

CMS will provide adequate notice to MAOs and other entities when the status of the CEM balancing edits has changed.

Q11: What are the testing requirements for PACE organizations?

A11: If a PACE organization is submitting encounter data for end-to-end testing, the PACE organization should use the PACE specific test cases located on the CSSC Operations website to certify for submission of PACE encounter data. If the PACE organization is contracted with a Third Party Submitter (TPS) who only submits for PACE organizations, that TPS may also use the PACE specific test cases for certification. If the TPS submits for non-PACE organizations, the TPS must use the complete list of EDS test cases, which are also located on the CSSC Operations website.

Q12: Will the 41-character EDPS Error Code description enhancement affect the MAO-002 Encounter Data Processing Status Report file layout?

A12: The 41-character EDPS Error Code description enhancement will not impact the MAO-002 Report file layout. This enhancement will provide a more comprehensive explanation of the edits generated on MAO-002 Reports.

Q13: Should MAOs and other entities receive EDFES Invalid Response Reports before or after receiving the 999 and 277CA Acknowledgement Reports?

A13: The EDFES generates two (2) unique Invalid Response Reports. The first report is submitted prior to receiving the 999 and 277CA Acknowledgement Reports to notify submitters of file errors received that prevent the EDFES from processing files. The second report is submitted after distribution of the 999 and 277CA Acknowledgement Reports to notify submitters of errors that prevent the transfer of the file to the Encounter Data Processing System (EDPS). CMS will provide documentation to MAOs and other entities that outlines the distribution process for Invalid Response Reports during a future User Group.

Q14: How should MAOs and other entities communicate issues with NPI errors or errors received with missing descriptions?

A14: MAOs and other entities should contact CSSC Operations for resolution of all file errors and report incidents.

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