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WHAT'S NEW WITH ENCOUNTER DATA?

The Encounter Data System (EDS) is off to a great start in 2013, with many new submitters, end-to-end certifications, and processing improvements! MAOs and other entities can find the latest information in this edition of the Quarterly Newsletter.

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Operational Guidance

New encounter data submitters will be required to complete end-to-end certification in order to begin submitting production encounter data. CMS is establishing a "Getting Started" training series to ensure new submitters are able to:

1. Obtain submitter IDs and complete EDI Agreements
2. Understand connectivity and system requirements for submissions
3. Successfully submit encounter data using the ANSI 837-P and 837-I 5010 submission requirements

The "Getting Started" series will be available to the following:

- All new MAOs and other entities not affiliated with an end-to-end certified parent organization
- All individuals or organizations new to EDS

The "Getting Started" sessions will begin in April 2013. At present, MAOs and other entities may find the following resources useful:

- **TR3 documents**

<http://www.wpc-edi.com/>

- **CMS CEM Edits Spreadsheet**

https://www.cms.gov/MFFS5010D0/20_TechnicalDocumentation.asp

- **Encounter Data Companion Guides**

[http://csscooperations.com/internet/Cssc.nsf/files/Jan_Release_EDCompanionGuide_837P_010912.pdf/\\$File/Jan_Release_EDCompanionGuide_837P_010912.pdf](http://csscooperations.com/internet/Cssc.nsf/files/Jan_Release_EDCompanionGuide_837P_010912.pdf/$File/Jan_Release_EDCompanionGuide_837P_010912.pdf)

Policy & Compliance

Timely Filing – MAOs and other entities must submit original encounters within 13 months from the date of service. Encounter adjustments (correct/replace or void/delete) should be submitted within 30 days from the adjudication date. Encounters rejected by the EDS due to errors must be corrected and resubmitted within 13 months from the date of service. CMS will not enforce compliance measures until MAOs and other entities have received appropriate notification.

Skilled Nursing Facility/Home Health (SNF/HH) – MAOs and other entities must begin submitting Health Insurance Prospective Payment System (HIPPS) data effective for July 2013 DOS and beyond. All applicable submitters are encouraged to submit data as appropriate.

Errors and Resolutions

Under the **EDPS Edits Prevention and Resolution plan, Phase III** of analysis was implemented on January 28, 2013, to identify a portion of the remaining edits generated on the MAO-002 Encounter Data Processing Status Reports. The remaining list of Phase III edits and the associated resolution and prevention strategies will be published in future releases of the Encounter Data Companion Guides.



Frequently Occurring Edits from Phase III Analysis

- **00025 – “Through DOS After Receipt Date”**
 - Encounter submitted prior to the latest “through” DOS for the service line or encounter.
- **00762 – “Unable to Void Rejected Encounter”**
 - Submitter is attempting to void a previously rejected encounter. Submitter should review returned MAO-002 reports to confirm the rejected encounter.
- **03017 – “Dx Not Covered for Reported Procedure**
 - Encounter submitted with a diagnosis that is not appropriate for the procedure identified.
- **18260 – “Invalid Rev Code”**
 - Encounter submitted with a Revenue Code not related to services provided or a Revenue Code not used.
- **30262 – “Invalid Modifier”**
 - Ensure that the modifier populated on the encounter is appropriate for the service provided and is current and valid
- **30135 – “Gender Mismatch for Dx Code”**
 - Verify that the gender populated on the encounter matches the gender for the beneficiary in MARx. Ensure that the diagnosis is appropriate for the gender.

Best Practices From The Industry



EDS deactivated several Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) edits, including validation edits specific to jurisdiction category codes. The removal of these edits allows for appropriate processing of DMEPOS encounter data. Key validation edits will be based on the NPI to Payer ID match and the diagnosis to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code match.

To ensure successful submission of DMEPOS services:

- Submit the appropriate NPI to Payer ID for DMEPOS supplier encounter data on the 837-P

Do you have a best practice or success strategy to share? Please send suggestions to CMS at eds@ardx.net.

Special Feature

The EDS is in the process of developing the **MAO-006 Encounter Data Edit Disposition Summary Report**. The monthly report will:

- Identify the error codes associated with encounter data submission files
- Provide a count summary of the types of errors found by month
- Display specific error code rates occurring for the reporting period

The report allows MAOs and other entities to view frequently occurring edits that impact encounter data submissions on the header and service line level. A total count of encounter records and lines that were rejected will be reflected on the edit disposition summary report.

The EDS will generate a report stating “NO ERRORS FOR REPORTING PERIOD” if the MAO or other entity did not experience any errors.

The MAO-006 Encounter Data Disposition Summary reports will be generated and delivered at the beginning of each month, for the reporting period of the previous month.

Once MAOs and other entities receive the report, they can perform further research or analyses to reduce future errors in submissions or to reprogram internal systems as necessary.

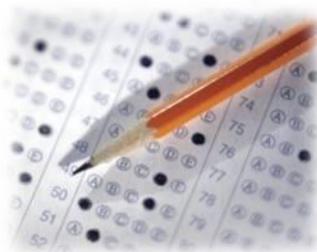
CMS welcomes feedback from MAOs and other entities regarding suggestions or comments that will assist with the development and enhance the outcome of the MAO-006 Encounter Data Edit Disposition Summary Report. Please submit any comments to eds@ardx.net.



Test Your EDS IQ

(Answers can be found on page 4.)

- Q1.** What are valid place of service codes for Ambulance Claims?
- Q2.** When can MAOs and other entities begin submitting production encounter data for 2013?
- Q3.** How should MAOs and other entities report the anesthesia modifier code ‘QS’ for encounter data?
- Q4.** Where can MAOs and other entities find documentation for chart review data (linked and unlinked)?
- Q5.** Are MAOs and other entities required to submit 2012 DOS if they are terminating some or all contracts effective in 2013?



Test Your EDS IQ - Answers

(Questions can be found on page 3.)



- A1.** According to the Professional Common Edit Module (CEM) edit reference X222.216.2300.CRC.020: CSC 337 "Ambulance certification/documentation If 2300.CRC is present, 2300.CLM05-1 must be "41" or "42".
- A2.** MAOs and other entities may begin submitting production encounter data for 2013 upon completion of 2012 encounter data "catch-up" submissions. If the MAO is a new submitter for 2013, the MAO must complete end-to-end certification before production files can be submitted.
- A3.** Anesthesia modifier code 'QS' should be reported as an additional modifier (2nd-4th modifier) and must be submitted with a primary procedure anesthesia modifier (AA, AD, QK, QX, QY, or QZ) for procedure codes 00100-01999.
- A4.** MAOs and other entities can refer to the EDS Companion Guide and Participant Guide for instructions and examples of chart review submissions.
<http://www.csscooperations.com/internet/cssc3.nsf/docsCat/CSSC~CSSC%20Operations~Encounter%20Data~Companion%20Guides?open&expand=1&navmenu=Encounter^Data> | <http://www.csscooperations.com/internet/cssc3.nsf/docsCat/CSSC~CSSC%20Operations~Encounter%20Data~Training%20Information?open&expand=1&navmenu=Encounter^Data> |
- A5.** If a parent organization terminates all contracts with CMS effective 2013, the parent organization is not required to submit 2012 DOS. If a parent organization terminates one or more contracts with CMS, and still has remaining contracts, that parent organization must submit all 2012 DOS for the terminated and remaining contracts.

Resources

Encounter Data System Information

www.csscooperations.com
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X12 Version 5010 Standards

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/HIPAA-Administrative-Simplification/Versions5010andD0/index.html?redirect=/Versions5010andD0/>

CEM/CEDI Technical Reporting Formats

http://www.cms.gov/MFFS5010D0/20_TechnicalDocumentation.asp

Washington Publishing Company

<http://www.wpc-edi.com/content/view/817/1>

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