
Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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SUBJECT: Conversion to the UB-92 Version 6.0 and Continued Use of Version 5.0—ACTION

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) issued instructions in April 2000 (Part A Intermediary Manual, Transmittal 1796) which stated that HCFA would not support versions other than 6.0 of the UB-92 after December 31, 2000. This instruction applied to all providers as well as all coordination of benefits (COB) trading partners including those that had trading partner agreements prior to 1996. Version 6.0 is the only version that supports the new functionality for line item claim expansion.

Because of problems which delayed providers' ability to test, we are delaying the sunset date of version 5.0 until March 31, 2001. This means Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) need to support both version 6.0 and 5.0 of the UB-92. FI's that have trading partner agreements for coordination of benefits entered into prior to 1996 will also have to support earlier versions of the UB-92 during this period.

In order to assess your progress toward the March 31, 2001 deadline, we are requiring you to monitor and report how many of your total submitters and trading partners have converted to version 6.0. The report should contain the following information:

1. Total electronic data interchange (EDI) submitters utilizing UB-92 claims—all versions.
2. Number of EDI submitters in production with UB-92 version 6.0 claims.
3. Number of EDI submitters currently in testing using UB-92 version 6.0 claims.
4. Number of EDI claims still being submitted in pre-version 6.0 formats.
5. Total EDI trading partners utilizing UB-92 COB versions.
6. Number of trading partners in production with UB-92 version 6.0 COB.
7. Number of trading partners currently in testing with UB-92 version 6.0 COB.

The report should be submitted weekly on Tuesday to Jean Harris at Jharris2@hcfa.gov. The first report is due on January 9, 2001, for the period January 2 through January 5.

Notify your providers and trading partners of these instructions and the need to convert to version 6.0 as soon as possible after receiving this program memorandum.

This Program Memorandum (PM) is effective December 22, 2000.

The *implementation date* for this PM is December 22, 2000.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after June 1, 2001.

If you have any questions, contact Jean Harris on 410-786-6168, e-mail Jharris2@hcfa.gov.