



Electronic Replacement/ Corrected Claim Submissions

At Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana, the claim system recognizes claim submission types on electronic claims by the frequency code submitted. The ANSI X12 837 claim format allows you to submit changes to claims that were not included on the original adjudication.

Claim Frequency Codes

The 837 Implementation Guides refer to the National Uniform Billing Data Element Specifications Loop 2300 CLM05-3 for explanation and usage. In the 837 formats, the codes are called “claim frequency codes.” Using the appropriate code, you can indicate that the claim is an adjustment of a previously submitted finalized claim.

Use the below frequency codes for claims that were previously **adjudicated for commercial members**.

Notice of Change Effective on or after July 1, 2024: Using Claim Frequency Codes

When submitting a corrected claim for late charges to an inpatient or outpatient claim, the entire claim should be resubmitted with Claim Frequency Code 7 (replacement of prior claim). Do not submit a corrected claim using Frequency Code 5 (late charges). If the corrected claim is submitted using Frequency Code 5 as of July 1, 2024 or after, this could result in a denial of the claim.

Claim Frequency Codes			
Code	Description	Filing Guidelines	Action
7 Replacement of Prior Claim	Use to replace an entire claim (all but identity information).	File electronically, as usual. File the claim in its entirety, including all services for which you are requesting reconsideration.	BCBSMT will adjust the original claim. The corrections submitted represent a complete replacement of the previously processed claim.
8 Void/Cancel of Prior Claim	Use to entirely eliminate a previously submitted claim for a specific provider, patient, insured and “statement covers period.”	File electronically, as usual. Include all charges that were on the original claim.	BCBSMT will void the original claim from records based on request.

Submitting Electronic Replacement Claims

When submitting claims noted with claim frequency code 7 or 8, the original claim number, also referred to as the Document Control Number **must** be submitted in Loop 2300 REF02 – Payer Claim Control Number with qualifier F8 in REF01. The DCN can be obtained from the 835 Electronic Remittance Advice or Electronic Payment Summary. Without the original DCN, adjustment requests will generate a compliance error and the claim will reject. BCBSMT only accepts claim frequency code 7 to replace a prior claim or 8 to void a prior claim.

Specific information and examples for **Professional** and **Institutional** providers are included on the next page.



Professional Providers:

Claim corrections submitted without the appropriate frequency code will deny and the original claim number will not be adjusted. For additional information on submitting electronic replacement claims please refer to the table and example below.

Code	Action
7 Replacement of Prior Claim	BCBSMT will adjust the original claim. The corrections submitted represent a complete replacement of the previously processed claim.
8 Void/Cancel of Prior Claim	BCBSMT will void the original claim from records based on request.

An example of the ANSI 837 CLM segment containing the Claim Frequency Code 7, along with the required REF segment and Qualifier in Loop ID 2300 – Claim Information, is provided below.

Claim Frequency Code

CLM*12345678*500***11:B:7*Y*A*Y*I*P~
REF*F8* (Enter the Claim Original Document Control Number)

Institutional Providers:

Claim corrections submitted without the appropriate frequency code will deny as a duplicate and the original claim number will not be adjusted. For additional information on submitting electronic replacement claims please refer to the table and example below.

Code	Action
7 Replacement of Prior Claim	BCBSMT will adjust the original claim. The corrections submitted represent a complete replacement of the previously processed claim.
8 Void/Cancel of Prior Claim	BCBSMT will void the original claim from records based on request.

When submitting corrected **institutional** claims, take note of CLM05-2, the Facility Code Qualifier. In this instance, the CLM05-2 field would require a value of “A” indicating an institutional claim – along with the appropriate frequency code (7) as illustrated in the example below.

Claim Frequency Code

CLM*12345678*500***11:A:7*Y*A*Y*I*P~
REF*F8* (Enter the Claim Original Document Control Number)

Note: If a charge was left off the original claim, submit the additional charge with all of the previous charges as a replacement claim using frequency code 7. All charges for the same date of service should be filed on a single claim.