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A Guide for Completing the

# CMS-1500 Form

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# HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FORM

APPROVED BY NATIONAL UNIFORM CLAIM COMMITTEE (NUCC) 02/12

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1. MEDICARE <input type="checkbox"/> (Medicare#) <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAID <input type="checkbox"/> (Medicaid#) <input type="checkbox"/> TRICARE <input type="checkbox"/> (ID#/DoD#) <input type="checkbox"/> CHAMPVA <input type="checkbox"/> (Member ID#) <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP HEALTH PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> (ID#) <input type="checkbox"/> FECA BLK LUNG <input type="checkbox"/> (ID#) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> (ID#) <input type="checkbox"/>	1a. INSURED'S I.D. NUMBER (For Program in Item 1) <input type="checkbox"/>						
2. PATIENT'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial) <input type="checkbox"/>		3. PATIENT'S BIRTH DATE MM DD <input type="checkbox"/> SEX M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>		4. INSURED'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial) <input type="checkbox"/>			
5. PATIENT'S ADDRESS (No., Street) <input type="checkbox"/>		6. PATIENT RELATIONSHIP TO INSURED Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>		7. INSURED'S ADDRESS (No., Street) <input type="checkbox"/>			
CITY <input type="checkbox"/>		8. RESERVED FOR NUCC USE <input type="checkbox"/>		CITY <input type="checkbox"/>			
STATE <input type="checkbox"/>		9. OTHER INSURED'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial) <input type="checkbox"/>		10. IS PATIENT'S CONDITION RELATED TO:			
ZIP CODE <input type="checkbox"/>				a. EMPLOYMENT? (Current or Previous) YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		11. INSURED'S POLICY GROUP OR FECA NUMBER <input type="checkbox"/>	
TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) ( ) <input type="checkbox"/>				b. AUTO ACCIDENT? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PLACE (State) <input type="checkbox"/>		a. INSURED'S DATE OF BIRTH MM DD YY <input type="checkbox"/> SEX M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>	
10. IS PATIENT'S CONDITION RELATED TO:		c. OTHER ACCIDENT? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		b. OTHER CLAIM ID (Designated by NUCC) <input type="checkbox"/>			
a. OTHER INSURED'S POLICY OR GROUP NUMBER <input type="checkbox"/>		10d. CLAIM CODES (Designated by NUCC) <input type="checkbox"/>		c. INSURANCE PLAN NAME OR PROGRAM NAME <input type="checkbox"/>			
b. RESERVED FOR NUCC USE <input type="checkbox"/>		12. PATIENT'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE I authorize the release of any medical or other information necessary to process this claim. I also request payment of government benefits either to myself or to the party who accepts assignment below. <input type="checkbox"/>		d. IS THERE ANOTHER HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, complete items 9, 9a, and 9d.			
c. RESERVED FOR NUCC USE <input type="checkbox"/>				13. INSURED'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE I authorize payment of medical benefits to the undersigned physician or supplier for services described below. <input type="checkbox"/>			
d. INSURANCE PLAN NAME OR PROGRAM NAME <input type="checkbox"/>		14. DATE OF CURRENT ILLNESS, INJURY, or PREGNANCY (LMP) MM DD <input type="checkbox"/> QUAL. <input type="checkbox"/>		15. OTHER DATE MM DD YY <input type="checkbox"/> QUAL. <input type="checkbox"/>			
16. DATES PATIENT UNABLE TO WORK IN CURRENT OCCUPATION FROM MM DD <input type="checkbox"/> TO MM DD <input type="checkbox"/>		17. NAME OF REFERRING PROVIDER OR OTHER SOURCE <input type="checkbox"/>		18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES FROM MM DD <input type="checkbox"/> TO MM DD <input type="checkbox"/>			
19. ADDITIONAL CLAIM INFORMATION (Designated by NUCC) <input type="checkbox"/>		20. OUTSIDE LAB? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> \$ CHARGES <input type="checkbox"/>		21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Relate A-L to service line below (24E) A. <input type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/> C. <input type="checkbox"/> D. <input type="checkbox"/> E. <input type="checkbox"/> F. <input type="checkbox"/> G. <input type="checkbox"/> H. <input type="checkbox"/> I. <input type="checkbox"/> J. <input type="checkbox"/> K. <input type="checkbox"/> L. <input type="checkbox"/>			
22. RESUBMISSION CODE <input type="checkbox"/>		23. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER <input type="checkbox"/>		24. A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE From MM DD <input type="checkbox"/> To MM DD <input type="checkbox"/> B. PLACE OF SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> C. EMG <input type="checkbox"/> D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances) CPT/HCPCS <input type="checkbox"/> MODIFIER <input type="checkbox"/> E. DIAGNOSIS POINTER <input type="checkbox"/>			
25. FEDERAL TAX I.D. NUMBER <input type="checkbox"/>		26. PATIENT'S ACCOUNT NO. <input type="checkbox"/>		27. ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT? (For go. vs. see back) YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
28. TOTAL CHARGE \$ <input type="checkbox"/>		29. AMOUNT PAID \$ <input type="checkbox"/>		30. Rsvd for NUCC Use <input type="checkbox"/>			
31. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN OR SUPPLIER INCLUDING DEGREES OR CREDENTIALS (I certify that the statements on the reverse apply to this bill and are made a part thereof.) <input type="checkbox"/>		32. SERVICE FACILITY LOCATION INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/>		33. BILLING PROVIDER INFO & PH # ( ) <input type="checkbox"/>			
SIGNED <input type="checkbox"/>		DATE <input type="checkbox"/>		a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/>			

CARRIER

PATIENT AND INSURED INFORMATION

PHYSICIAN OR SUPPLIER INFORMATION

# KEY

- R** REQUIRED IN FILING A BLUE CROSS CLAIM
- S** SITUATIONAL --- ONLY IF APPROPRIATE TO THIS CLAIM
- NR** NOT REQUIRED/NOT USED

1. **TYPE OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE** **R**  
Select "Other" to indicate that you are submitting a Blue Shield claim.
- 1A. **INSURED ID NUMBER** **R**  
Enter the subscriber's identification number from their Blue Cross and Blue Shield ID card.
2. **PATIENT'S NAME** **R** Last name, First name, Middle initial  
Enter the patient's last name, first name and middle initial.
3. **PATIENT'S BIRTH DATE/SEX** **R**  
Enter the patient's date of birth using the eight-digit date format (MM/DD/CCYY).  
Next, select the patient's gender.
4. **INSURED'S NAME** **R** Last name, First name, Middle initial  
Enter the insured's last name, first name and middle initial.
5. **PATIENT'S ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBER** **R**  
Enter the patient's permanent mailing address and telephone number.
6. **PATIENT'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE INSURED** **R**  
Select the appropriate box for patient's relationship to the insured person.
7. **INSURED'S ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBER** **S**  
Enter the insured person's permanent mailing address (complete if different from the patient's address)
8. **RESERVED FOR NUCC USE** **NR**
9. **OTHER INSURED'S NAME** **S**  
Enter the other insured person's last name, first name and middle initial. When the patient has other insurance coverage, you will need to complete fields 9a through 9d. This information is necessary to coordinate benefits with other insurance companies.
- 9A. **OTHER INSURED'S POLICY OR GROUP NUMBER** **S**  
Enter the other insured person's policy or group number.
- 9B. **RESERVED FOR NUCC USE** **NR**  
Enter the other insured person's date of birth in an eight-digit date format (MM/DD/CCYY).
- 9C. **RESERVED FOR NUCC USE** **NR**  
Enter the other insured person's employer or school name.
- 9D. **INSURANCE PLAN NAME OR PROGRAM NAME** **S**  
Enter the name of the other insured person's insurance plan or program name.
- 10A-D. **IS PATIENT'S CONDITION RELATED TO:**  
For 10a – 10d, required status is contingent upon a definitive "Yes" or "No" answer. If you are unsure, leave blank.
- 10A. Select whether the patient's condition is related to employment. **S**
- 10B. Select whether the patient's condition is related to an auto accident and enter the state in which the accident occurred. Use two-character abbreviation, i.e. MT. **S**
- 10C. Select whether the patient's condition is related to any other type of accident. **S**
- 10D. **CLAIM CODES (DESIGNATED BY NUCC)** **NR**  
(11 thru 11d, refer to BCBS subscriber coverage)
11. **INSURED'S POLICY GROUP OR FECA NUMBER** **R**  
Enter the subscriber's group number from their Blue Cross and Blue Shield ID card.
- 11A. **INSURED'S DATE OF BIRTH, SEX** **R**  
Enter the subscriber's date of birth using the eight-digit date format (MM/DD/CCYY) and select the subscriber's gender.
- 11B. **OTHER CLAIM ID (DESIGNATED BY NUCC)** **NR**  
Enter the subscriber's employer or school name.
- 11C. **INSURANCE PLAN NAME OR PROGRAM NAME** **R**  
Enter the subscriber's insurance plan name, include name of state, i.e., Blue Shield of MT.
- 11D. **IS THERE ANOTHER HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT PLAN** **R**  
Select whether there is another health insurance plan. Remember, if there is another health insurance plan, you will need to complete fields 9, 9a, and 9d. This information is necessary to coordinate benefits with other insurance companies.
12. **PATIENT OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE** **NR**  
Not required in filing Blue Shield claims.
13. **INSURED OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE** **NR**  
Not required in filing Blue Shield claims.
14. **DATE OF CURRENT ILLNESS, INJURY, OR PREGNANCY (LMP)** **R**  
Enter the date using an eight-digit date format (MM/DD/CCYY).
15. **OTHER DATE** **S**  
Enter the date using an eight-digit date format (MM/DD/CCYY).
16. **DATES PATIENT UNABLE TO WORK IN CURRENT OCCUPATION** **S**  
Enter the date using an eight-digit date format (MM/DD/CCYY).
17. **NAME OF REFERRING PROVIDER OR OTHER SOURCE** **S**  
Enter the referring, ordering or supervising provider's first name, middle initial, last name and credentials. This field is required only if there is a referring, ordering or supervising provider.
- 17A. **OTHER ID#** **NR**  
Not required, reserved for taxonomy code (preceded by "ZZ" qualifier).
- 17B. **NPI #** **S**  
Enter the 10-digit NPI number of the referring, ordering or supervising provider.
18. **HOSPITAL DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES** **S**  
Enter the hospital dates using an eight-digit date format (MM/DD/CCYY).
19. **ADDITIONAL CLAIM INFORMATION (DESIGNATED BY NUCC)** **NR**  
Not required in filing Blue Shield claims.
20. **OUTSIDE LAB/CHARGES** **R**  
Select "Yes" or "No" to indicate if the claim includes charges for lab services performed outside of the physician's office. If "Yes," enter the total charges.
21. **DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY** **R**  
Enter the ICD-9-CM codes. The primary diagnosis should be entered first, followed by other diagnoses if applicable. Up to three additional ICD-9-CM codes can be entered.
22. **RESUBMISSION** **NR**  
Not required in filing Blue Shield Claims.
23. **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER** **NR**  
Not required in filing Blue Shield Claims.
24. **SHADED AREA – SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION –**  
The shaded area of field 24a - 24h was created to accommodate supplemental information, i.e., Anesthesia. For more information, see the National Uniform Claim Committee's website at [www.nucc.org](http://www.nucc.org).
- 24A. **DATE(S) OF SERVICE** **R**  
Enter the dates of service using an eight-digit date format (MM/DD/CCYY).
- 24B. **PLACE OF SERVICE** **R**  
Enter the appropriate two-digit Place of Service code.
- 24C. **EMG** **S**  
If this service was an emergency, enter "Y" for "Yes," or leave blank if "No".
- 24D. **PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES** **R**  
Enter the CPT or HCPCS code for the procedures, services or supplies, and enter a modifier if applicable.
- 24E. **DIAGNOSIS POINTER** **R**  
Enter the appropriate ICD-9-CM diagnosis code or codes for each procedure performed. Enter one code per line of service.
- 24F. **CHARGES** **R**  
Enter the charge for each line of service. Do not include discounts.
- 24G. **DAYS OR UNITS** **R**  
Enter the number of days or units for each line of service.
- 24H. **EPSDT/FAMILY PLAN** **S**  
If applicable, enter the appropriate Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) code or family planning (FP) code.
- 24I. **ID QUALIFIER - SHADED FIELD** **NR**  
Not required, reserved for taxonomy code qualifier, "ZZ."
- 24J. **RENDERING PROVIDER ID. #**  
**SHADED FIELD** **NR**  
Not required, reserved for taxonomy code.  
  
NON-SHADED FIELD **R**  
Enter the performing provider's 10-digit NPI number in the non-shaded area.
25. **FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER** **R**  
Enter the Federal Tax ID Number for the provider of service. Select the appropriate field for SSN or EIN.
26. **PATIENT ACCOUNT NUMBER** **S**  
Enter account number assigned to the patient, if applicable.
27. **ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT** **R**  
Select "Yes" if the provider should be paid, or select "No" if the patient should be paid.
28. **TOTAL CHARGE** **R**  
Enter the total charge for all services (total of all charges in 24f).
29. **AMOUNT PAID** **S**  
Enter any amount paid by the patient only. Do not enter any amount by Medicare or other insurance.
30. **RSVD FOR NUCC USE** **NR**  
Enter the difference, if any, between the total charge and the amount paid.
31. **SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN OR SUPPLIER INCLUDE DEGREES OR CREDENTIALS** **R**  
The claim must be signed by the physician/supplier or an authorized representative. The form must also be dated, using an eight-digit date format (MM/DD/CCYY).
32. **SERVICE FACILITY LOCATION INFORMATION** **S**  
Enter the location where the services were rendered. The provider of service must identify the supplier's information when billing for purchased diagnostic tests.  
  
Note: Per the NUCC Instruction Manual, Field 32 is required if Field 20 is checked "yes."  
For more information, see the National Uniform Claim Committee's website at [www.nucc.org](http://www.nucc.org).
- 32A. **NPI** **S**  
Enter the 10-digit NPI number of the service facility location.
- 32B. **OTHER ID#** **NR**  
Not required, reserved for taxonomy code (preceded by "ZZ" qualifier).
33. **BILLING PROVIDER INFO AND PH#** **R**  
Enter the information of the billing provider or supplier to be paid for services.
- 33A. **NPI** **R**  
Enter the 10-digit NPI number of the billing provider.
- 33B. **OTHER ID #** **NR**  
Not required, reserved for taxonomy code (preceded by "ZZ" qualifier).

# Place of Service Codes

CODES	DEFINITIONS
01	Pharmacy
02	Unassigned
03	School
04	Homeless Shelter
05	Indian Health Service Free-standing Facility
06	Indian Health Service Provider-based Facility
07	Tribal 638 Free-standing Facility
08	Tribal 638 Provider-based Facility
09	Prison Correctional Facility
10	Unassigned
11	Office
12	Home
13	Assisted Living Facility
14	Group Home
15	Mobile Unit
16	Temporary Lodging
17	Walk-in Retail Health Clinic
18	Place of Employment-Worksite
19	Unassigned
20	Urgent Care Facility
21	Inpatient Hospital
22	Outpatient Hospital
23	Emergency Room Hospital
24	Ambulatory Surgical Center
25	Birthing Center
26	Military Treatment Facility
27-30	Unassigned
31	Skilled Nursing Facility
32	Nursing Facility
33	Custodial Care Facility
34	Hospice
35-40	Unassigned
41	Ambulance (Land)
42	Ambulance (Air or Water)
43-48	Unassigned
49	Independent Clinic
50	Federally Qualified Health Center
51	Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
52	Psychiatric Facility Partial Hospitalization
53	Community Mental Health Center
54	Intermediate Care Facility/Mentally Retarded
55	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Center
56	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center
57	Non-residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility
58-59	Unassigned
60	Mass Immunization Center
61	Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
62	Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
63-64	Unassigned
65	End-Stage Renal Disease Treatment Facility
66-70	Unassigned
71	Public Health Clinic
72	Rural Health Clinic
73-80	Unassigned
81	Independent Laboratory
82-98	Unassigned
99	Other Place of Service

Note: For more information on Place of Service Codes, see the National Uniform Claim Committee's website at [www.nucc.org](http://www.nucc.org).

# Instructions and Examples of Supplemental Information in Item Number 24

The following are types of supplemental information that can be entered in the shaded areas of Item Number 24:

- Narrative description of unspecified codes
- National Drug Codes (NDC) for drugs
- Contract rate
- Tooth numbers and areas of the oral cavity

The following qualifiers are to be used when reporting these services.

- ZZ** Narrative description of unspecified code
- N4** National Drug Codes (NDC)
- CTR** Contract rate
- JP** Universal/National Tooth Designation System
- JO** ANSI/ADA/ISO Specification No. 3950-1984 Dentistry Designation System for Tooth and Areas of the Oral Cavity

For additional information for reporting NDC units, see the National Uniform Claim Committee's website at [www.nucc.org](http://www.nucc.org).

## Reminders

Complete all required fields. Make certain to enter the following identifying information:

- Put the insured's alpha prefix and identification number in Field 1a.
- Put the insured's policy group number in Field 11.
- Put the physician or supplier's billing name, address, ZIP code, telephone number and NPI number in Field 33.

The information required to file electronic claims is the same as for paper claims but there are major advantages to submitting electronic claims versus paper claims:

- You will reduce your overhead, electronically submitted claims can save hours of clerical time.
- You have better control and accuracy. Electronic claims are entered in the BCBSMT's system just the way they leave your office.
- You know when your claims are received because your office receives special reports detailing which claims were accepted. If there is a problem with your claim, you can correct it before the claim is processed.

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