

CHAPTER 8:

Billing on the CMS 1500 Claim Form

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8.0 INTRODUCTION

The CMS 1500 claim form is used to bill for non-facility services, including professional services, freestanding surgery centers, transportation, durable medical equipment, ambulatory surgery centers, and independent laboratories. FQHC services may also be billed on the CMS 1500 claim form. This chapter covers paper claim submission only, for additional information on electronic claim submission and general billing requirements please see Chapter 7 *General Billing Rules*.

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8.1 SUCCESSFUL CMS 1500 CLAIM SUBMISSION TIPS

Format:

- Do not print, hand-write, or stamp any extraneous data on the form.
- No hand-written corrections, no highlighting.
- Enter all information on the same horizontal plane within the designated field.
- Ensure data is in the appropriate field and does not overlap into other fields.
- Use individual's name in provider signature, not a facility or practice name.
- If required fields are not completed or if any fields are completed incorrectly, an error code will be identified for the claim. For example, if the date is "December 10, 2016" it must be recorded as 12/10/2016 (MM/DD/YYYY format).

Accurate information is key:

- Put member's name and ID number as it appears on member card
- Include all applicable NPI numbers
- Indicate the correct address including ZIP code where service was rendered,
- Ensure that the # of units/days and the dates of service range are not contradictory
- Ensure that the quantity indicated in the procedure codes description are not contradictory
- If Prior Authorization (PA) is required the PA number must be reported with

all numbers including leading zeros (i.e. 0000123456).

Coding tips:

- Assign current ICD-10 diagnosis codes and code them to the highest level of specificity available.
 - Primary diagnosis (The primary diagnosis should describe the main condition or symptom of the patient).
 - Secondary/Additional Diagnosis
 - ✓ This field should be used if there is a secondary and/or additional conditions or symptoms that affect the treatment.
 - ✓ Diagnosis which relate to a previous illness and which have no bearing on the current encounter should not be reported.
- The number of anesthesia minutes should always be reported on each claim in Field 24G.
- Use current valid CPT and HCPCS codes.
- Use current valid modifiers when necessary.

8.2 COMPLETING THE CMS 1500 CLAIM FORM

The following instructions explain how to complete the paper CMS 1500 claim form and whether a field is “Required,” “Required if applicable,” or “Not required.”

1. Program Block

Required

Check the second box labeled “Medicaid”:

<input type="checkbox"/> (Medicare#)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Medicaid#)	<input type="checkbox"/> (ID# / DoD#)	<input type="checkbox"/> (member ID #)	<input type="checkbox"/> (ID#)	<input type="checkbox"/> (ID#)	<input type="checkbox"/> (ID#)
MEDICARE	MEDICAID	TRICARE	CHAMPVA	GROUP HEALTH PLAN	FECA BLK LUNG	OTHER

1a. Insured's ID Number

Required

Enter the recipient's AHCCCS ID number, whichever is applicable. If there are questions about eligibility or the AHCCCS ID number, review eligibility via the Health Choice Arizona Provider Portal, the AHCCCS online Eligibility System or contact Health Choice Arizona at (800) 322-8670 (see Chapter 2: Member Eligibility and Member Services for additional guidance).

1a. INSURED'S ID NUMBER (FOR PROGRAM IN ITEM 1) A12345678

2. Patient's Name

Required

Enter the recipient's last name, first name, and middle initial as shown on the AHCCCS ID card.

2. PATIENT'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial) Holliday, John H.

3. Patient's Date of Birth and Sex

Date of Birth is Required

Sex is Required if applicable

Enter the recipient's date of birth. Check the appropriate box to indicate the patient's gender.

3. PATIENT'S BIRTH DATE			SEX
MM	DD	YY	
08	14	1851	M <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>

4. Insured's Name

Not Required

5. Patient Address

Not Required

6. Patient Relationship to Insured

Not Required

7. Insured's Address

Not Required

8. Reserved for NUCC Use

Not Required

9. Other Insured's Name

Required if applicable

If the recipient has no coverage other than Health Choice Arizona, leave this section blank. If other coverage exists, enter the name of the insured. If the other insured is the recipient, enter "Same."

9a. Other Insured's Policy or Group

Required if applicable

Enter the group number of the other insurance.

9b. Reserved for NUCC Use

Not Required

9c. Reserved for NUCC Use

Not Required

9d. Insurance Plan Name or Program Name

Required if applicable

Enter name of insurance company or program name that provides the insurance coverage.

10. Is Patient's Condition Related to:

Required if applicable

Check "YES" or "NO" to indicate whether the patient's condition is related to employment, an auto accident, or other accident. If the patient's condition is the result of an auto accident, enter the two-letter abbreviation of the state in which the person responsible for the accident is insured.

10. IS PATIENT'S CONDITION RELATED TO:	
a. EMPLOYMENT? (CURRENT OR PREVIOUS)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
b. AUTO ACCIDENT?	PLACE (State)
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
c. OTHER ACCIDENT?	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

10d. Claim Codes (Designated by NUCC) **Not Required**

11. Insured's Group Policy or FECA Number **Required if applicable**

11a. Insured's Date of Birth and Sex **Required if applicable**

11b. Other Claim ID (Designated by NUCC) **Not Required**

11c. Insurance Plan Name or Program Name **Required if applicable**

11d. Is There Another Health Benefit Plan **Required if applicable**

Check the appropriate box to indicate coverage other than Health Choice Arizona. If "Yes" is checked, you must complete Fields 9a-d.

12. Patient or Authorized Person's Signature **Required**

If the signature is on file, then stating that the signature is on file is acceptable.

13. Insured's or Authorized Person's Signature **Required if applicable**

14. Date of Illness, Injury, or Pregnancy (LMP) **Required if applicable**

15. Other Date **Not Required**

16. Dates Patient Unable to Work in Current Occupation **Not Required**

17. Qualifier / Name of Provider or Other Source **Required if applicable**

If applicable, enter the Qualifier:

- DN Referring Provider
- DK Ordering Provider*
- DQ Supervising Provider

Then enter the Name of the Provider or Other Source

- * The ordering provider is *required* for:
 - Laboratory

- Radiology
- Medical and Surgical Supplies
- Respiratory DME
- Enteral and Parenteral Therapy
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Drugs (J-codes)
- Temporary K codes
- Orthotics
- Prosthetics
- Temporary Q codes
- Vision codes (V-codes)
- 97001-97546

Ordering providers can be a M.D., D.O., Optometrist, Physician Assistant, Registered Nurse Practitioner, Dentist, Podiatrist, Psychologist or Certified Nurse Midwife.

17a. ID Number of Provider **Required if applicable**

17b. NPI # of Referring Provider **Required**

18. Hospitalization Dates Related to Current Services **Not Required**

19. Additional Claim Information **Required if applicable**

Any additional information required for the processing of a claim (that is not found in another field) shall be entered under the Additional Claim Information field. The standard format is as follows: FQHC/MSIC Indicator\Any other additional information.

For additional information on how to indicate that the provider is an FQHC please see Chapter 10 Addendum, FQHC/RHC, of the AHCCCS Fee-For-Service Provider Billing Manual.

20. Outside Lab and (\$) Charges **Not Required**

21. Diagnosis Codes **Required**

Enter at least one *ICD-10 diagnosis code* describing the recipient’s condition. Diagnosis codes are required to the 6th/7th character level when applicable. Up to twelve diagnosis codes in priority order (primary condition, secondary condition, etc.) may be entered.

Health providers must **not** use DSM-4 diagnosis codes

21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Relate A-L to service line below (24E)				ICD Ind. 0
A. <u> O139 </u>	B. <u> O6012x0 </u>	C. <u> J0190 </u>	D. <u> </u>	
E. <u> </u>	F. <u> </u>	G. <u> </u>	H. <u> </u>	
I. <u> </u>	J. <u> </u>	K. <u> </u>	L. <u> </u>	

22. Medicaid Resubmission Code**Required if applicable**

Enter the appropriate code "A" (paper) "7" for adjustment or "8" for void to indicate whether this claim is a resubmission of a denied claim, an adjustment of a paid claim, or a void of a paid claim. Enter the Health Choice Arizona Claim Reference Number (CRN) of the denied claim being resubmitted or the paid claim being adjusted or voided in the field labeled "Original Reference No." See Chapter 7: *General Billing Rules*, for information on resubmissions, adjustments, and voids.

22. MEDICAID RESUBMISSION CODE	ORIGINAL REF. NO.
A	030010004321

23. Prior Authorization Number**Not Required**

If Prior Authorization (PA) is required the PA number must be reported with all numbers including leading zeros (i.e. 0000123456). See Chapter 6: *Authorizations and Notifications*, for information on prior authorization.

24A. Date(s) of Service and NDC (effective 7/1/12)**Required/NDC if applicable**

- In Field 24A of the CMS-1500 Form in the shaded area, enter the **NDC Qualifier** of N4 in the first 2 positions, followed by the 11-digit NDC (no dashes or spaces) and then,
- A space and the NDC Units of Measure Qualifier, followed by the NDC Quantity.
- All should be left justified in the pink shaded area above the Date of Service.
- The billed units in column **G** (Days or Units) should reflect the HCPCS units and not the NDC units. Billing should not be based off the units of the NDC. Billing based on the NDC units may result in underpayment to the provider.

24. A						B	C	D	
DATE(S) OF SERVICE						Place of Service	EMG	PROCEDURE, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES	
From		To						(Explain Unusual Circumstances)	
M	DD	YY	M	DD	YY		CPT/HCPCS	MODIFIER	
N400074115278 ML10									
07	01	12	07	01	12	11	J1642		

The beginning and ending service dates must be entered in the non-shaded area.

24B. Place of Service**Required**

Enter the two-digit code that describes the place of service.

01 Pharmacy	19 Off Campus-Outpatient Hospital	49 Independent Clinic
02 TeleHealth	20 Urgent Care Facility	50 FQHC
03 School	21 Inpatient Hospital	51 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
04 Homeless shelter	23 ER - Hospital	54 ICF/Mentally Retarded

05	IHS Free-standing Facility	24	ASC	55	Residential Substance Abuse Treat Facility
06	IHS Provider-based	25	Birthing Center	56	Psych Residential Treatment
07	Tribal 638 Free-standing Facility	26	Military Treatment Facility	57	Non-residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility
08	Tribal 638 Provider-based Facility	31	Skilled Nursing Facility	60	Mass Immunization Center
11	Office	32	Nursing Facility	61	Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
12	Home	33	Custodial Care Facility	62	Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
13	Assisted Living Facility	34	Hospice	65	ESRD Treatment Facility
14	Group Home	41	Ambulance – Land	71	State or Local Public Health Clinic
99	Other Place of Service	42	Ambulance – Air or Water	72	Rural Health Clinic
				81	Independent Laboratory

24.	A					B	C	D	
	DATE(S) OF SERVICE					Place of Service	EMG	PROCEDURE, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES	
	From				To			CPT/HCPCS	MODIFIER
	MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY			
							11		

24C.EMG- Emergency Indicator

Required if applicable

Mark this box with a “Y” if the service was an emergency service, regardless of where it was provided.

24.	A					B	C	D	
	DATE(S) OF SERVICE					Place of Service	EMG	PROCEDURE, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES	
	Fro				To			CPT/HCPCS	MODIFIER
	MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY			
	Y								

24D. Procedure and Procedure Modifier

Required

Enter the CPT or HCPCS procedure code that identifies the service provided. If the same procedure is provided multiple times on the *same date of service*, enter the procedure only once. Use the Units field (Field 24G) to indicate the number of times the service was provided on that date. Unit definitions must be consistent with the HCPCS and CPT manuals.

For some claims billed with CPT/HCPCS codes, procedure modifiers must be used to accurately identify the service provided and avoid delay or denial of payment. The modifier field allows for four sets of 2 characters

24. A			B	C	D				
DATE(S) OF			Place	Type	PROCEDURE, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES				
From To			of	of					
MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY	Service	Service	CPT/HCPCS	MODIFIER
								71010	26

24E. Diagnosis Pointer

Required

Relate the service provided to the diagnosis code(s) listed in Field 21 by entering the *number* of the appropriate diagnosis. Enter only the reference number from Field 21 (1, 2, 3, or 4), *not* the diagnosis code itself. If more than one number is entered, they should be in descending order of importance. **To avoid claim denials, ensure the diagnosis code referenced in this field has a direct relationship to the CPT/HCPC code billed.**

D		E	F	G	H
PROCEDURE, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES		DIAGNOSIS POINTER	\$ CHARGES	DAYS OR UNITS	EPSDT Family Plan
CPT/HCPCS	MODIFIER				
		1			
		1, 2			

24F. Charges \$

Required

Enter the total charges for each procedure. If more than one unit of service was provided, enter the total charges for all units. For example, if each unit is billed at \$50.00 and three units were provided, enter \$150.00 here and three units in Field 24G.

D		E	F	G	H
PROCEDURE, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES		DIAGNOSIS CODE	\$ CHARGES	DAYS OR UNITS	EPSDT Family Plan
CPT/HCPCS	MODIFIER				
			150 00		
			79 00		

24G. Days or Units

Required

Enter the units of service provided on the date(s) in Field 24A. Bill all units of service provided on a given date on one line. Unit definitions must be consistent with CPT and HCPCS manuals.

D PROCEDURE, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES		E DIAGNOSIS CODE	F \$ CHARGES	G DAYS OR UNITS	H EPSDT Family Plan
CPT/HCPCS	MODIFIER			2	
				1	

24H. EPSDT/Family Planning

Not Required

24I. ID Qualifier

Required if applicable

24J. Rendering Provider ID Number

Required

(SHADED AREA) – Use for Taxonomy Code

Required if applicable

Use this SHADED field to report the provider’s 10-digit alpha-numeric Taxonomy Number.

NOTE: Previously this section was used to report Medicare and/or other insurance information. This does not need to be reported on the CMS 1500. Instead, always attach a copy of the Medicare or other insurer’s EOB to the claim.

See Chapter 14 *Medicare and Other Insurance Liability* for details on billing claims with Medicare and other insurance.

24J. (NON SHADED AREA) – RENDERING PROVIDER ID #

Required

Rendering Provider’s NPI is required for all providers that are mandated to maintain an NPI number.

For atypical provider types, the AHCCCS ID must be used. The provider number is required in 24J if the NPI listed in 33A is not the same as the provider rendering services.

E DIAGNOSIS POINTER	F \$ CHARGES	G DAYS OR UNITS	H EPSDT FAMILY PLAN	I ID QUAL	J RENDERING PROVIDER ID #
					Taxonomy Code
					NPI Rendering Provider NPI

25. Federal Tax

Required

Enter the tax ID number and check the box labeled “EIN.” If the provider does not have a tax ID, enter the provider’s Social Security Number and check the box labeled “SSN.”

25. FEDERAL TAX I.D. NUMBER SSN EIN	26. PATIENT ACCOUNT NO.
86-1234567 ? x	

26. Patient Account Number

Required if applicable

This is a number that the provider has assigned to uniquely identify this claim in the provider’s records. Health Choice Arizona will report this number in correspondence, including the Remittance Advice, to provide a cross-reference between the Health Choice Arizona CRN and the provider’s own accounting or tracking system.

27. Accept Assignment

Not Required

28. Total Charge

Required

Enter the total for all charges for all lines on the claim.

27. ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT? (For govt claims. see back) YES NO	28. TOTAL CHARGE \$ 179 00	29. AMOUNT PAID \$	30. Rsvd for NUCC Use \$
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When submitting a claim with multiple pages (a multi-page claim) **all lines must be completed on the first page, before proceeding to the second page** of the claim. (Please note that only the required fields on *all lines* will need filled in.)

Multi-page claims should have the total charges field left blank. The total charges should *only be entered on the last page of a multi-page claim.*

29. Amount Paid

Required if applicable

Enter the total amount that the provider has been paid for this claim by all sources *other than Health Choice Arizona*. Do not enter any amounts expected to be paid by Health Choice Arizona.

30. Reserved for NUCC Use

Not Required

31. Signature and Date

Required

The claim must be signed by the provider or his/her authorized representative. Rubber stamp signatures are acceptable if initialed by the provider representative. Enter the date on which the claim was signed.

31. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN OR SUPPLIER INCLUDING DEGREE OR CREDENTIALS (I certify that the statements on the reverse apply to this bill and are made a part thereof.) SIGNED John Doe DATE 03/01/03

32. Name and Address of Facility

Required if applicable

If the pay to address and the service address are the same, then box 32 is not required unless the rendering provider has multiple locations under the same TIN# then box 32 is required. **Box 32 CANNOT contain a post office box address; it must be a physical address.**

32. SERVICE FACILITY LOCATION INFORMATION	
Arizona Hospital	
123 Main Street Scottsdale, AZ 85252 a. NPI b	

32a. Service Facility NPI

Required if applicable

If the service facility location is indicated, service facility NPI# must be entered.

32b. Service Facility AHCCCS ID# (Shaded area)

Required if applicable

33. Billing Provider Name, Address and Phone Number

Required

Enter the provider name, address, and phone number. If a group is billing, enter the group biller's name, address, and phone number.

33a. Billing Provider NPI Number

Required if applicable

33b. Other ID – AHCCCS ID # (Shaded area)

Required if applicable

33. PHYSICIAN'S, SUPPLIER'S BILLING NAME, ADDRESS, ZIP CODE	
Doc Holliday	
123 OK Corral Drive	
Tombstone, AZ 85999	
a. NPI	b. Taxonomy Code

**** Note – NPI is required for all providers that are mandated to maintain an NPI number. For atypical provider types, box 33b must be completed.**