

To: AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire Providers

Date: June 27, 2023

Subject: AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire upgrades for EDI claims compliance

to Strategic National Implementation Process (SNIP) Level 4, effective

August 1, 2023.

Summary: AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire is upgrading its claims editing process to SNIP Level 4 to meet industry compliance standards, effective August 1, 2023.

AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire is upgrading its claims editing process to SNIP Level 4 to meet industry compliance standards. This will increase auto adjudication and reduce pending claims. Please ensure your 837 claims (837 is a HIPAA-compliant way to perform electronic submission of health care claim information) are compliant with SNIP Level 4.

(See https://www.cms.gov/research-statistics-data-and-systems/computer-data-and-systems/mmis/downloads/vol2map3.pdf for more details on SNIP levels.) Any claims not in compliance with SNIP Level 4 will be rejected and will not make it through the claim adjudication process.

Background:

Incorporating SNIP Level 4 validation into EDI processing allows for a clear assessment of the degree to which an EDI claim conforms to a schema outline in the EDI standards. Furthermore, employing more advanced levels of SNIP validation serves to validate the data within the EDI document, particularly in X12 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant EDI solutions. Below are the high-level constraints established by SNIP Validation Type,

- SNIP 1: validates the basic syntactical integrity of the EDI data
- SNIP 2: validates the number of times EDI segments, elements, and qualifiers appear in the document
- SNIP 3: validates that the sum of each claim line item is equal to the total claim amount
- SNIP 4: validates inter-segment value relationships: if element A has the value "X," then
 element B must have the value "Y"

Impact:

We are Implementing the SNIP level 4 validation and edits to enhance our capability in supporting the front-end electronic claims intake process. These improvements will subsequently enhance the accuracy, security, and efficiency of the downstream claims



adjudication process. However, we are bypassing one exception to SNIP level 4 edits to allow provider secondary identification numbers (provider legacy, commercial, state ID, UPIN, and location numbers). Any claims not in compliance with SNIP level 4 will be rejected upfront and will not make it through the claim adjudication process.

Action Needed:

All 837 claims should be compliant with SNIP level 4 standards, with the exception of provider secondary identification numbers (provider legacy, commercial, state ID, UPIN, and location numbers).

Questions:

You can access the updated claims filing instructions at https://www.amerihealthcaritasnh.com/assets/pdf/provider/claims-filing-instructions.pdf. If you have questions about this communication, please contact your Provider Network Management Account Executive or the Provider Services department at 1-888-599-1479.

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