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HIPAA Transaction Standard Companion Guide

Section 2, 837 Professional

Refers to the X12N Technical Report Type 3 ANSI Version 5010A1

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1 Introduction

Wellmark places high priority on making it easy for you to do business with us. Electronic claims submission is one way we can do this. Electronic claims facilitate the transfer of information from your organization to ours in a standard data format. This Section 2-837P of the *Wellmark Companion Guide* provides information about the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) 837 Professional Health Care Claims transaction, Version 5010A1. This transaction is the accepted standard of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

The *Wellmark Companion Guide* is to be used alongside the *HIPAA 837I Technical Report Type 3 (TR3)*, which provides comprehensive information needed to create an ANSI 837P transaction. The *Wellmark Companion Guide* does not change the specifications of the *HIPAA TR3*; rather, it is intended to clarify the areas where the technical report document provides options or choices to be made. [The HIPAA-TR3 can be downloaded/licensed by accessing the following Internet address: https://X12.org/products.](https://X12.org/products)

The purpose of HIPAA-AS is to standardize transactions as much as possible. However, transactions may have some data elements that are treated differently by different payers. There may be some instances where the submitter is required to transmit data to us that we do not require to conduct business. In these instances, we may store the data sent to us, but we may not use the data for our business purposes.

Additional Information

Wellmark has a long history of conducting business with electronic submitters who have realized the advantages of submitting information electronically. Those advantages include:

- Faster delivery and receipt of data
- More efficient delivery and receipt of data
- More accurate data based on system edits for correct data formats and required information

Wellmark has contracted with Availity for clearinghouse batch services. Availity accepts and forwards electronic transmissions to and from Wellmark.

To transmit or receive electronic interchanges with Wellmark you will need to Credential with Wellmark and register your NPI and Tax ID. For questions concerning credentialing or network participation, access [Wellmark.com /Provider/Credentialing](https://www.wellmark.com/Provider/Credentialing) and Enrollment.

If you have questions regarding missing or rejected 837-transactions please contact Wellmark Technical Support by calling 1-800-407-0267 or email techsupport@wellmark.com. Wellmark Technical Support is available Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Billing the Appropriate 837 Version

There are four versions of the 837-transaction:

- 837I (Institutional)
- 837P (Professional)
- 837D (Dental)
- 837COB (Coordination of Benefits claims in all three of the above versions are now accepted by Wellmark. See the Wellmark 837 Coordination of Benefits Companion guide for additional information.)

Please review the following chart to verify that the 837P is the form you should use when filing claims to Wellmark based on your provider type. In general, practitioners bill using the 837P, facilities use the 837I, and dentists use the 837D.

837 Professional Transaction Version	Iowa	South Dakota
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner	X	X
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	X	X
- Nurse Practitioner	X	X
- Certified Nurse Midwife	X	X
- Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist	X	X
Ambulance Services	X	X
Community Mental Health Center	X	X
Dentists	X	X
Doctor of Chiropractic	X	X
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine	X	X
Freestanding Magnetic Resonance Imaging Facility	X	X
Freestanding (FS) Radiology Center	X	X
-FS CT Scan Center	X	X
-FS Mammography Center	X	X
-FS PET Scan Center	X	X
-FS Portable X-Ray	X	X
-FS Radiation Oncology Center	X	X
-FS Radiology Center	X	X
-FS Ultrasound Center	X	X
Home Infusion Therapy Provider	X	X
Home Medical Equipment Supplies & Services Provider	X	X
Independent Laboratory	X	X
Medical Doctor	X	X
Occupational Therapist	X	X
Optometrist	X	X
Oral /Maxillofacial Pathologist	X	X
Oral Surgeon	X	X
Orthotics and Prosthetics Supplier	X	X
Physical Therapist	X	X
Physician Assistant	X	X
Podiatrist	X	X
Psychologist (PhD, PsyD, EdD)	X	X
Qualified Mental Health Provider		X
Social Worker (LISW, LCSW)	X	
-Private Independent Practice (PIP)		X

1. Dentists may file 837P when submitting claims for Wellmark members with accidental injuries involving the teeth.

See the 837I or 837D if your provider type is not listed above.

Wellmark Specific Business Rules and Limitations

This purpose of HIPAA-AS is to standardize transactions as much as possible. However, each transaction has data elements that are treated differently by each payer. Wellmark has worked to keep these to a minimum.

2. LEGEND for Wellmark Matrix for the 837P

SHADED rows represent “segments”; **NON-SHADED** rows represent “data elements.”

“Loop – specific” comments are found in the first segment of the loop.

Page #	Loop ID	Reference	Name	Codes	Length	Notes/Comments
79	1000B	NM1	Receiver Name			
80		NM109	Identification Code		5	Wellmark Receiver ID-88848
87	2010AA	NM1	Billing Provider Name			
89		NM108	Identification Code Qualifier	XX		
90		NM109	Identification Code		10	National Provider Identifier (NPI) as assigned by NPPES Your NPI must be reported to Wellmark prior to submission of claims. Claims will not be processed for reimbursement until the NPI has been communicated to Wellmark and loaded to Wellmark's Provider System.
91	2010AA	N3	Billing Provider Address			
91		N301	Address Information		9	Provider must submit a street address, do not submit PO Box in Address 1. Wellmark utilizes the provider's billing/accounting address from Wellmark's provider files to remit claims payment. When the provider does not have a contract with Wellmark and the claim is a Medicare Crossover claim, Wellmark will use the billing provider address on the incoming claim record to remit payment.
92	2010AA	N4	Billing Provider City, State, Zip Code			
93		N403	Postal Code		9	Providers must submit the 9-digit zip code When the last 4-digits are unknown, Wellmark will accept 9998 as gap fill.
94	2010AA	REF	Billing Provider Tax Identification			
94		REF01	Reference Identification Qualifier	EI SY		EI - Employer's Identification Number (TIN) SY- Social Security Number (SSN)

Page #	Loop ID	Reference	Name	Codes	Length	Notes/Comments
94		REF02	Reference Identification		9	Provider submit 9-digit TIN/SSN <i>Wellmark uses the billing provider TIN along with the claim service dates and the reported NPI to positively identify the billing provider.</i>
103	2010AB	N3	Pay To Address-Address			
103		N301	Address Information			<i>Wellmark utilizes the provider's billing/accounting address from Wellmark's provider files to remit claims payment.</i> <i>When the provider does not have a contract with Wellmark and the claim is a Medicare Crossover claim, Wellmark will use the billing provider address (loop 2010AA) on the incoming claim record to remit payment.</i>
105	2000B	SBR	Subscriber Information			
107		SBR09	Claim Filing Indicator Code	BL	2	BL - Blue Cross/Blue Shield
127	2010BA	DMG	Subscriber Demographic Information			
128		DMG03	Gender Code	M F U	1	Submit when the subscriber is also the patient.
133	2010BB	NM1	Payer Name			
134		NM108	Identification Code Qualifier	PI		
134		NM109	Identification Code		5	Must always be 88848 unless otherwise notified.
152	2010CA	DMG	Patient Demographic Information			
153		DMG03	Gender Code	M F U	1	Submit when the patient is different than the subscriber.
157	2300	CLM	Claim Information			
159		CLM02	Monetary Amount			Total Claim Charge Amount: <i>Wellmark requires the total billed charge to be greater than zero.</i>
161	2300	CLM11-1	Related-Causes Code	AA EM OA	2	<i>When the services provided are employment related or the result of an auto accident or other accident, the related Causes code is required. In addition, the date of the accident must also be provided. See Date Accident.</i>
162	2300	CLM11-4	State or Province Code		2	<i>When the services provided are the result of an auto accident, the state where the accident occurred is also required. Enter two-character State abbreviation.</i>
164	2300	DTP	Date-Onset of Current Illness/Symptom			

Page #	Loop ID	Reference	Name	Codes	Length	Notes/Comments
164		DTP01	Date / Time Qualifier	431		Wellmark requires for medical emergencies to be reported within 72 hours of onset.
164		DTP03	Date Time Period			Format: CCYYMMDD
168	2300	DTP	Date- Accident			
168		DTP01	Date/Time Qualifier	439		Wellmark requires for accidental injuries to be reported within 72 hours of the injury. When CLM11-01 is OA or EM this date is also required. Do not send an accident date without the corresponding CLM11-01 value.
168		DTP03	Date Time Period			Format: CCYYMMDD
182	2300	PWK	Claim Supplemental Information			
183		PWK01	Report Type Code	CK	2	Consent Form- Pursuant to the 'No Surprises Act' . Applies to services delivered by the Non-Participating Provider. Non-Participating Providers may not balance bill Wellmark Members if the member has not signed a Notice and Consent form. When the Wellmark Member has signed the Notice and Consent form, Loop 2300 PWK segment is required.
184		PWK02	Report Transmission Code	BM	2	By Mail- The Non-Participating Provider must mail the signed Notice and Consent form to: Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa Station 1E238 PO Box 9291 Des Moines, IA 50306-9291
185		PWK05	Identification Code Qualifier	AC	2	Attachment control number
185		PWK06	Identification code	YES	3	YES- indicates the patient has completed a Notice and Consent form.
262	2310B	NM1	Rendering Provider Name			
264		NM108	Identification Code Qualifier	XX		
264		NM109	Identification Code		10	National Provider Identifier (NPI) as assigned by NPPES Wellmark uses the billing provider TIN along with the claim service dates and the provider's reported NPI to positively identify the Rendering provider.
351	2400	SV1				
354		SV102	Monetary Amount			Wellmark requires the service line billed charge to be greater than zero.

Page #	Loop ID	Reference	Name	Codes	Length	Notes/Comments
423	2410		Drug Identification			
425		LIN02	Prod/Serv ID Qual	N4	02	
425		LIN03	National Drug Code		11	<i>NDC must be reported on Professional claims when drug related HCPCS submitted. See section 3 HCPCS Requiring NDC Codes (found at the end of this document).</i>
426		CTP04	CTP – Drug Quantity		1-15	Required when NDC is reported
427		CTP05-01	Composite Unit of Measure	F2 GR ME ML UN	2	Required when NDC is reported

3 HCPCS Requiring NDC Codes

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90291	90738 - 90740	J0200	J0515
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90371	90746 - 90750	J0205	J0520
90375 - 90378	90756	J0207	J0558
90384 - 90386	90758 - 90759	J0210	J0561
90389	91300 – 91315	J0215	J0565
90393	A4238 – A4329	J0219 – J0224	J0567
90396	A9276 – A9278	J0248	J0570 – J0575
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90581	C9094 – C9098	J0275	J0604
90585 – 90587	C9101	J0278	J0606
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90625 - 90627	C9248	J0285	J0630
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90632 - 90634	C9254	J0295	J0640 – J0642
90636	C9257	J0300	J0670
90644	C9285	J0330	J0690 – J0692
90647 - 90651	C9290	J0348	J0694 – J0699
90653 - 90658	C9293	J0350	J0702
90660 - 90662	C9399	J0360	J0706
90670 - 90677	C9460	J0364 -J0365	J0710
90680 – 90682	C9462	J0380	J0712 – J0717
90685 - 90691	C9482	J0390	J0720
90694	C9488	J0395	J0725
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