

Quick Points



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Coordination of Benefits (COB) claim balancing edits

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) began accepting electronic claims with previous payer payment information populated per the requirements in the Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides on July 15, 2009. As stated in Quick Points QP15-09 entitled "Administrative Simplification claims enhancements effective July 15" the claims must contain all group codes, ANSI Adjustment Reason Codes and Remittance Advice Remark Codes as you received them from the previous payer for proper adjudication. These claims do not require an attachment showing the other carrier payment when populated within the claim record.

To ensure accurate secondary claim adjudication, Blue Cross will be implementing balancing edits soon to make sure submitted COB data is complete. The implementation date of these new edits is anticipated to be early November 2010.

Edit explanation

The exact edit that will be applied to the submitted claim will depend on whether the Other Insurer payment information is submitted at the claim level, line level or both claim and line level.

- For claim level only, the balancing will verify that the sum of the paid amount and the CARC reduction amounts balance to the total claim charge.
- For line level only, the balancing will verify that the sum of the line level paid amount and the CARC reduction amounts balance to the individual line charge.
- For claims submitted with both claim level and line level COB, both the afore mentioned balancing edits will occur as well as having the sum of all the line level paid amounts balanced to the claim level paid amount.

Claims that fail these balancing edits will be rejected on the PA02 report with error codes 2049 (claim level only unbalanced), 2051 (claim and line level unbalanced) and 2050 (line level only unbalanced). If the line level is unbalanced, the PA02 will report the error code only once and will not specify which line failed the balancing edit.

Additional information

For additional information on these types of claims, please refer to the Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides and related Best Practice documentation on the Administrative Uniformity website at health.state.mn.us/auc/guides.htm.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.