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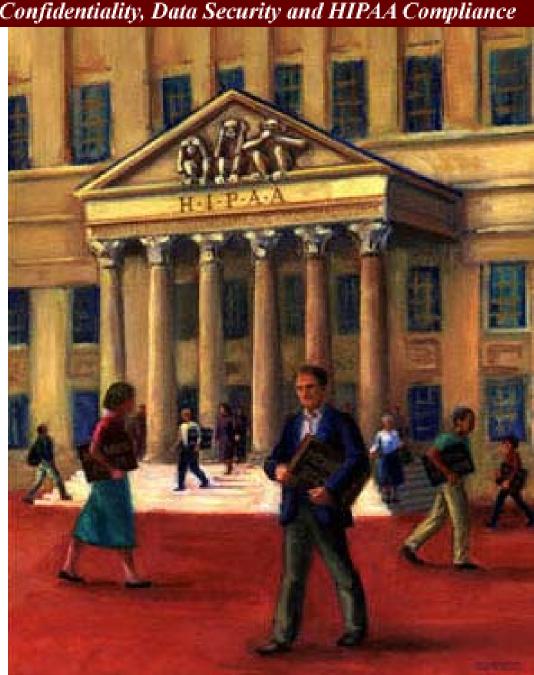
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# Claims Update

Attachments and Acknowledgments

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# **Topics**

- Transactions Latest Update
- Claims Attachments
  - Attachments Concepts
  - Future HIPAA Standard Transaction
  - The WEDI/CMS Attachments Pilot
  - Lessons Learned
  - How electronic attachments work
  - Generic Attachments
  - Attachments as infrastructure for NHII
- Transactions Acknowledgments
  - Concepts of transaction acknowledgments
  - Closing the loop, avoiding/detecting the "black hole" effect
  - Options considered by WEDI's Policy Advisory Group
  - Work in progress

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# Transactions Update (Yesterday's NCVHS)

- Tony Trenkle new director of OHS
- New NPRM on Attachments to be published this summer.
  - Currently in the clearance process
- Health Plan ID NPRM to be published in the Fall
- Second round of modifications to the Transactions and Code Sets to be published around the end of the year
  - Draft of Version 5010 of the Implementation Guides just finished open comment period
  - Much better defined requirements
- Enforcement procedures were published last week
- Enforcement Proposed Rule to be published later this spring for comment. Will have details on penalties
- CMS is 99.32% HIPAA compliant for the claims
  - Tony did not know about Contingency Plan termination
- TCS complaints to date: 325
  - 78% against private sector, 16% against Medicaid, 6% Medicare



# Health Care Claim Attachments



# **Attachments Today**

- Payer receives a claim or a request for referral, and needs more information...
  - Prescription for DME (e.g. wheelchair)
  - Consent form signed by patient
  - Rehabilitation Treatment Plan information
  - Copy of the EOB on primary payer's letterhead
  - X-rays (dental, spinal, etc.)
  - Laboratory reports and/or results
  - Any other piece(s) of clinical information
- Additional information does not belong in the claim form or 837. Sent as "attachment" to it.



#### **Attachments Problems**

- Provider does not understand the specific question from the payer or the additional information needed
  - Send as much as possible and let the payer figure out what is it that they need
- Payer request is not specific enough
  - Send as much as possible...
- Expensive to handle for payers and providers
  - Cost estimates from \$15 to \$50 per attachment
- How do you comply with "Minimum Necessary"?
- Between 3 and 50% of the claims (depending on the payer, the provider and the specialty) are sent with attachments or need attachments later

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# **Attachments Problems (cont.)**

- Some payers: One strike and you are out
  - If you don't send ALL the additional information required by the payer, the claim is denied.
  - Because of the high cost of processing attachments, there is no "interaction" between provider and payer "until you get it right"
- High claim denial rate
- Clinical data is normally not kept in the "administrative" system that generates claims
  - Expensive manual process



#### **Attachment Nirvana**

- Provider understands what to send as "attachment" to the claim or referral
  - Because it is predictable
    - E.g., State Law requires signed consent form
    - Payers publish their attachment requirements
      - Better: Industry consensus on attachment requirements
  - Because the payer requests are clear to the provider
    - Standard definitions. Codified requests.
- Provider only sends the required data as attachment
  - Better: The attachment is in a standard format and codified by provider
- Payer automatically processes codified attachments
  - Human intervention required only for non-codified attachments



#### Standard Electronic Attachments

#### Standards:

- Standard codified questions in the requests from the payers to the providers
- Standard attachment format for:
  - Structured and codified attachments
  - Structured, non-codified attachments
  - Not structured attachments

#### Benefits:

- Provider knows what the payer wants
- Payer gets it electronically
  - If codified, it could be processed automatically
- Cost reduction for both providers and payers
  - Predictability of reimbursement cycle



#### The HIPAA Attachments

- Electronic attachment standard
  - Familiar X12 transaction sets
    - Request for attachment: 277 (new IG)
    - Response with attachment: 275 (new IG)
    - Unsolicited attachment with claim: 275 (new IG)
  - Clinical Document in HL7/CDA encapsulated inside the X12 "attachment" transaction
    - Bridge between clinical and administrative
- Standard data content
  - Certain attachments standard data content adopted by HIPAA



#### The HIPAA initial set

The upcoming NPRM with propose the adoption of attachment standards for:

- 1. Ambulance
- 2. Emergency Department
- 3. Rehabilitative Services
- 4. Lab Results
- 5. Medications
- 6. Clinical Notes

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# The HIPAA Law (1996)

- "SEC. 1175. (a) CONDUCT OF TRANSACTIONS BY PLANS.—
- "(1) IN GENERAL.—If a person desires to conduct a transaction referred to in section 1173(a)(1) with a health plan as a standard transaction—
  - "(A) the health plan may not refuse to conduct such transaction as a standard transaction;
  - "(B) the insurance plan may not delay such transaction, or otherwise adversely affect, or attempt to adversely affect, the person or the transaction on the ground that the transaction is a standard transaction; and
  - "(C) the information transmitted and received in connection with the transaction shall be in the form of standard data elements of health information.



# Keeping the focus on the goal

- The goal is not HIPAA compliance
- The goal is to reduce the administrative cost, fewer rejections and to simplify the process
- The initial 6 HIPAA attachments are only a step in the right direction
- Other attachment standards are in the works:
  - Home Health claim and pre-certification
  - Medicaid: Consent forms, CPHS
  - Periodontal Charts (HL7 working with ADA)
  - DME
  - Unspecified Content "generic" attachment
    - A standard for "Non-standard attachments"

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# The attachments bigger picture

- A mechanism to transmit clinical information in support of the administrative process
  - Not just in support of a "claim"
- The standardization of the data content by HIPAA is a good step in the right direction
  - The attachment mechanism, even with nonstandard data content, still has very positive ROI
- Same infrastructure can be used to support generic clinical data transfers

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#### The Attachments Pilot

- Coordinated by WEDI, X12, HL7 and CMS
- Funded by CMS
- Prove the feasibility and interoperability of attachments independently implemented by a Medicare contractor and several providers
  - Empire Medicare
  - Memorial Sloan Kettering
  - Montefiore
  - NextGen brings several smaller providers
- Measure the ROI of standard electronic attachments
- Attachment Industry Survey
  - WEDI, HL7, X12, AFEHCT
  - Separate surveys for Providers, Payers, Vendors



# Lessons Learned (by Kepa)

- It is important to read the Implementation Guides
  - Don't try this without reading the instructions
- Start with one attachment type
  - You can get the others on an "as needed" basis
  - Most providers will not implement all 6 of them at the same time
- Walk before you run
  - Start with simple scanned images in attachments
  - Advance to structured attachments later
  - Graduate to codified attachments when you can
- Here is why...

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# A range of possibilities

- Attachments can be simple
  - Paper records → Scanned image → Attachment
  - Technologically simple
    - Replaces fax or paper mailings
    - Document "indexing" provided by healthcare provider
      - E.g. "The attached image is the lab report you requested on 2/28/05 for claim #1234567890"
      - No more paper attachments getting lost
  - Inexpensive
  - Substantial ROI
    - For both providers and payers



# **Getting to Nirvana**

- Codified structured attachments require the existence of an EMR system that can produce the information codified in HL7
- Codified attachments can be automatically processed by the payer
- Highest ROI and fastest payment of claims
- More complex implementation than the simpler "scanned paper" option
  - Higher investment
  - Higher return on your investment

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#### **Electronic Attachments 101**

- Three types of attachments:
  - Structured and codified attachments
  - Structured, non-codified attachments
  - Not structured attachments
- One code set
  - LOINC
  - Codified request for additional information
    - E.g. "I need the patient's weight"
  - Codified response
    - E.g. "Here is the patient's stated weight"



#### **Non-Structured Attachment**

Submitter (Provider) Information (Name, ID)

Receiver (Payer) Information (Name, ID)

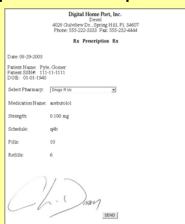
Patient Information (Name, ID)

Claim Information (Date, type, reference, control number)

Attachment type

Question that was asked by payer (LOINC)

Response from provider (LOINC)



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(fax, pdf, rtf, html, or jpeg)



# Non-codified, Structured Attachment

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Submitter (Provider) Information (Name, ID)
Receiver (Payer) Information (Name, ID)
Patient Information (Name, ID)
Claim Information (Date, type, reference, control number)
Attachment type
Question that was asked by payer (LOINC)
Response from provider (LOINC)
  <section>
  <caption>History of Present Illness</caption>
  <paragraph>
   <content>
 Henry Levin, the 7th is a 67 year old male referred for further
                                                 Marked-up Text
 asthma management. Onset of asthma in his teens the was h
 twice last year, and already twice this year. He has not been
 be weaned off steroids for the past several months.
                                               (HL7 v3 XML CDA mark-up)
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  </paragraph>
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  <caption>Past Medical History</caption>
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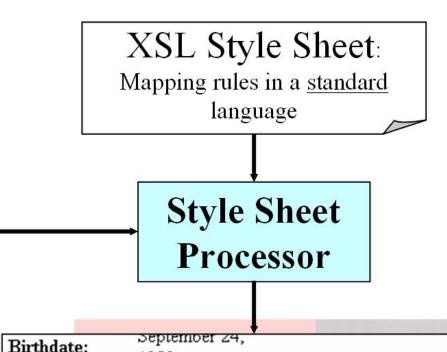
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Question that was asked by payer (LOINC)
Response from provider (LOINC)
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            <caption_cd V="15512-7"/>
      </caption>
      <paragraph>
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            <content>Alfred Newman Neurological Institute
                                                        HL7 CDA codified
            <caption>EMS TRANSPORT. DESTINATION SITE ADDRESS
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                                                       (HL7 v3 XML CDA mark-up)
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#### Past Medical History

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HTML. PDF, Word-Processing, XML, Data File ...



#### **Attachment Models**

- Unsolicited attachment sent with the claim
  - Provider knows the attachment will be required
    - E.g., consent form signed by patient
- Attachment sent to payer as response to a payer's request for additional information
  - HIPAA Standard request for information 277
    - LOINC-codified request
  - Attachment response 275
    - Non-structured, structured, codified
    - LOINC matches answer to the question
- Entity to entity exchange of patient information

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### Linking the Transactions separate transmission

Attachment Request

from the Payer

**ISA** Interchange Control Header

**GS** Functional Group Header

ST 277 Transaction Set Header:

Request

...TRN contains <u>payer's</u> control number

STC specific data requested

SE Transaction Set Trailer

**GE** Functional Group Trailer

IEA Interchange Control Trailer

Attachment Response

from the Provider

ISA Interchange Control Header

**GS** Functional Group Header

ST 275 Transaction Set Header:

Response

...TRN contains payer's control

number

STC specific data requested

...BIN specific data response

**SE** Transaction Set Trailer

**GE** Functional Group Trailer

**IEA** Interchange Control Trailer

# Too Many LOINC Codes?

Not Very Many for the HDV

Codes Needed to Prepare 277 Codes Needed to Prepare Human-Decision Variant

Codes Needed to Prepare Computer-Decision Variant

Booklet	Questions	Answers (HDV)	Answers (CDV)
Ambulance	16	1	21
Emergency	29	1	55
<u>Rehab</u>			
Alcohol/Subst Abuse	39	1	45
Cardiac	26	1	32
Social Services	26	1	32
Physical Therapy	26	111	32
Psychiatric	26	1	33
Respiratory	26	1	32
Skilled Nursing	26	1	32
Speech	26	1	32
Clinical Reports	181	181	> 500
Lab	18	18	> 20,000
Medications	6	6	22
Request Modifiers	18	18	18
Total	444	310	> 20,800



# **Unspecified Content (generic) Attachment**

- Request for Additional Information 277
  - LOINC-codified request
- Standard response 275
  - Echo LOINC code from request
  - Include the requested data
    - Not structured (scanned, text, pdf, etc.)
    - Structured, non-codified (HL7 CDA XML mark-up)
    - Structured and codified (HL7 CDA codified)
- Entity to entity exchange of patient information
  - Not a HIPAA attachment. Voluntary adoption
  - Transmission mechanism for EMR or anything else

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#### **Non-Structured Attachment**

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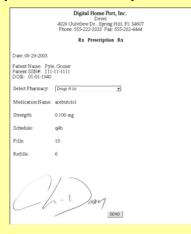
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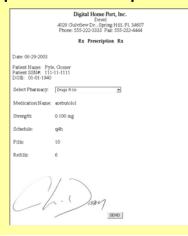
Patient Information (Name, ID)

Claim Encounter Information (Date, type, reference, control number)

Attachment type

Question Document that was requested asked by payer (LOINC)

Response from provider (LOINC)



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# **Summary**

- Claim attachments are a bridge between administrative and clinical data
- Can be implemented as simple image or text data transfer. Later migrate to codified HL7
- Low startup cost. Low technology impact
- Impact on cash flow today. Very high ROI
- Can be leveraged for clinical data transfer
- Full functionality available today. The HIPAA will only standardize a small part. Catalyst.

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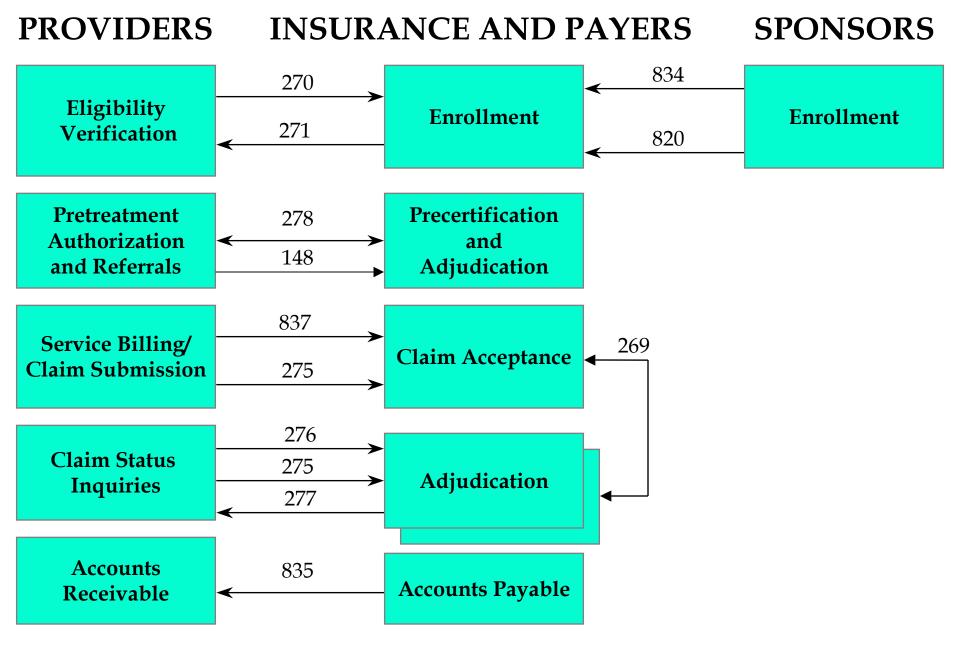


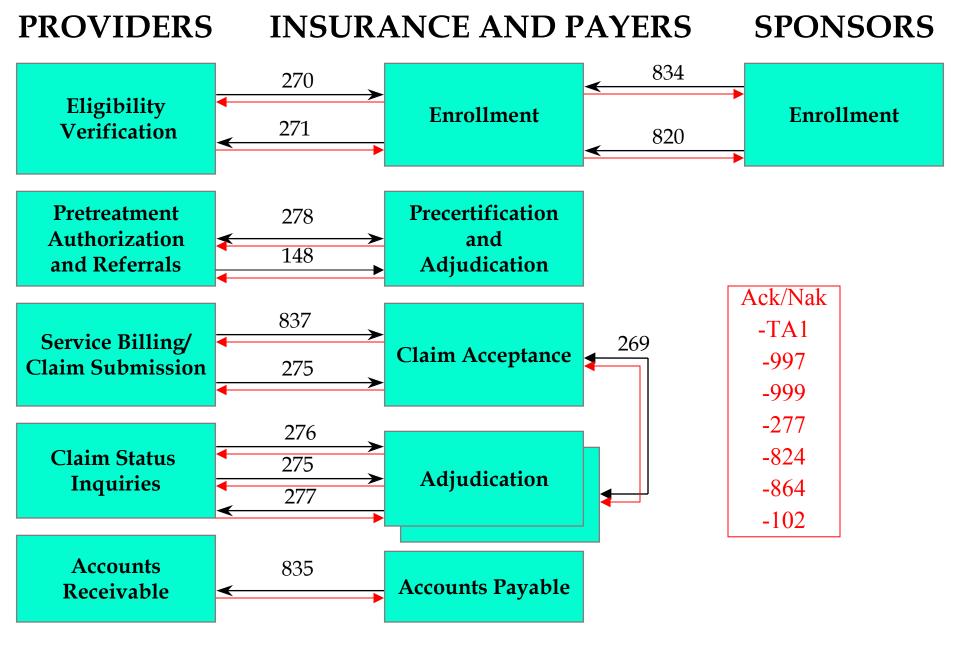
# Making Sense of Transaction Acknowledgments for HIPAA Transactions



# **Topics**

- Transaction Acknowledgement Options
  - Generic Acknowledgements
  - Transaction Specific Acknowledgements
- The details of the Acknowledgement transactions
  - TA1, 997, 999, 277, 824
  - Similarities, differences, advantages, disadvantages





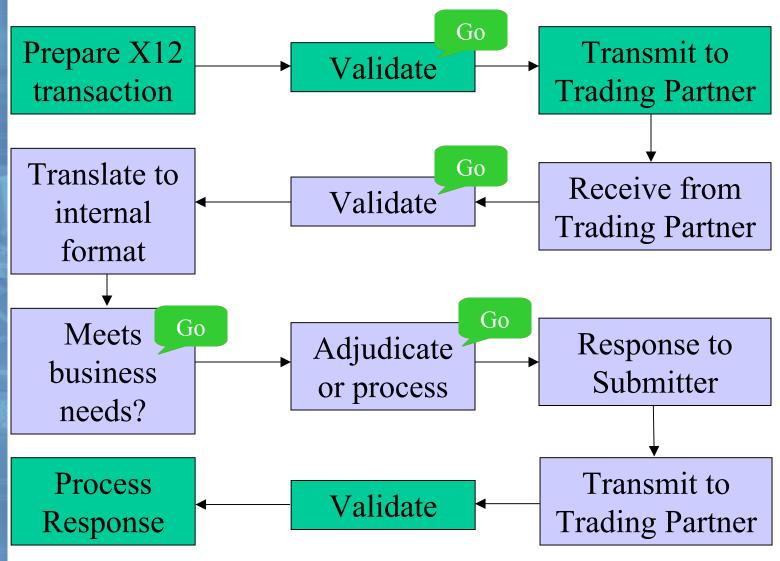


# The Ack/Nak family scope

- Scope of acceptance or rejection
  - X12 interchange
  - Functional Group
  - Transaction Set
  - Part of a transaction set
    - Claim
    - Eligibility Inquiry
    - Claim Status Inquiry
    - Enrollment
    - Claim payment
    - CDA attachment
    - Etc.



## The claim transaction lifetime





## **Ack/Nak Concepts**

- Multiple validation points through lifetime
- Success at one point does not guarantee ultimate success
- Failure at any one point means failure
- As transaction progresses, the granularity of the rejection becomes smaller
- Expect multiple notifications of partial results

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## Standard Acknowledgments

- The beauty of standards is that there are so many to choose from!
  - TA1
  - 997
  - 999
  - · 277
  - 824
  - 102
  - 864
  - 271
  - 278



## **Ack/Nak transactions**

- X12 EDI syntax
  - EDI Interchange, File level
    - TA1
  - Functional Group, Transaction Set
    - **997**
- Implementation Guide requirements
  - Functional Group, Transaction Set
    - **999**

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## **Ack/Nak transactions**

- Application Level
  - Transaction specific
    - 271 Eligibility Response (AAA)
    - 277 Claim Status Response (STC)
    - 278 Healthcare Services Review Response (AAA)
    - 102 for HL7 CDA part of Attachments
  - Claim acknowledgment
    - 277 Health Care Claim Acknowledgement
  - All transactions (including claims)
    - 824 Application Acknowledgement
- Proprietary
  - Text report (encapsulated inside 864 or 102?)



## TA1

- Identifies ISA/IEA problems
- If something fails the entire interchange (ISA to IEA) is rejected
- If you get one of these rejections you have a translator issue
  - Typically easy to fix
  - Caught early on in the development / test cycle

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## **TA1 Codes**

000 No error

001 The Interchange Control Number in the Header and Trailer Do Not Match. The Value From the Header is Used in the Acknowledgment.

002 This Standard as Noted in the Control Standards Identifier is Not Supported.

003 This Version of the Controls is Not Supported

004 The Segment Terminator is Invalid

005 Invalid Interchange ID Qualifier for Sender

006 Invalid Interchange Sender ID

007 Invalid Interchange ID Qualifier for Receiver

008 Invalid Interchange Receiver ID

009 Unknown Interchange Receiver ID

010 Invalid Authorization Information Qualifier Value

011 Invalid Authorization Information Value

012 Invalid Security Information Qualifier Value

013 Invalid Security Information Value

014 Invalid Interchange Date Value

015 Invalid Interchange Time Value

016 Invalid Interchange Standards Identifier Value

017 Invalid Interchange Version ID Value

018 Invalid Interchange Control Number Value

019 Invalid Acknowledgment Requested Value

020 Invalid Test Indicator Value

021 Invalid Number of Included Groups Value

022 Invalid Control Structure

023 Improper (Premature) End-of-File (Transmission)

024 Invalid Interchange Content (e.g., Invalid GS Segment)

025 Duplicate Interchange Control Number

026 Invalid Data Element Separator

027 Invalid Component Element Separator

028 Invalid Delivery Date in Deferred Delivery Request

029 Invalid Delivery Time in Deferred Delivery Request

030 Invalid Delivery Time Code in Deferred Delivery Request

031 Invalid Grade of Service Code





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### 997 Functional Acknowledgment

FUNCTIONAL GROUP=FA

This X12 Transaction Set contains the format and establishes the data contents of the Functional Acknowledgment Transaction Set (997) for use within the context of an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) environment. The transaction set can be used to define the control structures for a set of acknowledgments to indicate the results of the syntactical analysis of the electronically encoded documents. The encoded documents are the transaction sets, which are grouped in functional groups, used in defining transactions for business data interchange. This standard does not cover the semantic meaning of the information encoded in the transaction sets.

#### Table 1

		ST	name Transaction Set Header Functional Group Response Header	req.des M M	max 1 1	loop.rep	
1	LOOP II	D - AK2	?			>1	
N	0300	AK2	Transaction Set Response Header	0	1		
1	LOOP II	D - AK3	3			>1	
С	0400	AK3	Data Segment Note	0	1		
	0500	AK4	Data Element Note	0	99		
	0600	<u>AK5</u>	Transaction Set Response Trailer	M	1		<u> </u>
	0700 0800		Functional Group Response Trailer Transaction Set Trailer	M M	1 1		

#### Notes

1/0100 These acknowledgments shall not be acknowledged, thereby preventing an endless cycle of acknowledgments of acknowledgments. Nor shall a Functional Acknowledgment be sent to report errors in a previous Functional Acknowledgment.

1/0100 There is only one Functional Acknowledgment Transaction Set per acknowledged functional group.

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## 997

- Detects Functional Group (GS GE) or Transaction Set (ST- SE) problems
- Reports ONLY problems concerning X12 syntax
- Finest granularity of rejection is at the ST-SE level
- Cannot report on a specific "claim"
- Cannot report on Implementation Guide errors
  - Attempts to report IG errors with 997 result in very obscure reports due to the scarcity of error codes (22)
- Error location referred as segment count (ST = 1)
- Error report only makes sense if you have access to the original X12 file that was transmitted

Most providers cannot use the 997



## 997 Codes

#### Loop/Segment Errors

- 1 Unrecognized segment ID
- 2 Unexpected segment
- 3 Mandatory segment missing
- 4 Loop Occurs Over Maximum Times
- 5 Segment Exceeds Maximum Use
- 6 Segment Not in Defined Transaction Set
- 7 Segment Not in Proper Sequence
- 8 Segment Has Data Element Errors
- 9 Required Segment Missing

#### **Element Errors**

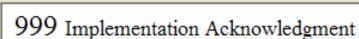
- 1 Mandatory Data Element Missing
- 2 Conditional required data element missing.
- 3 Too many data elements.
- 4 Data element too short.
- 5 Data element too long.
- 6 Invalid character in data element.
- 7 Invalid code value.
- 8 Invalid Date
- 9 Invalid Time
- 10 Exclusion Condition Violated
- 12 Too Many Repetitions
- 13 Too Many Components

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FUNCTIONAL GROUP=FA

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This X12 Transaction Set contains the format and establishes the data contents of the Implementation Acknowledgment Transaction Set (999) for use within the context of an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) environment. The transaction set can be used to define the control structures for a set of acknowledgments to indicate the results of the syntactical and relational analysis of the electronically encoded documents, based upon a full or implemented subset of X12 transaction sets. The encoded documents are the transaction sets, which are grouped in functional groups, used in defining transactions for business data interchange. This standard does not cover the semantic meaning of the information encoded in the transaction sets.

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	•	seg.id		req.des	max	loop.rep	
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LOOP ID - AK2						>1	
N	0300	AK2	Transaction Set Response Header	0	1	_	
1	LOOP I	D - IK3				>1	
С	0400	<u>IK3</u>	Implementation Data Segment Note	0	1		
	0500	CTX	Context	0	10	_	
LOOP ID - IK4					>1		
	0600	<u>IK4</u>	Implementation Data Element Note	0	1		
N	0700	CTX	Context	0	10		
N	0800	<u>IK5</u>	Implementation Transaction Set Response Trailer	M	1		
	0900	<u>AK9</u>	Functional Group Response Trailer	M	1		
	1000	SE	Transaction Set Trailer	M	1		

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## 999

- Detects Functional Group (GS GE) or Transaction Set (ST- SE) problems
- Reports problems concerning X12 syntax and also IG requirements
- Finest granularity of rejection is at the ST-SE level
- Cannot report on a specific claim
- Can report on Implementation Guide errors
  - In addition to the 22 error codes for the 997, the 999 has 22 new codes specific for IG error reporting.
  - Can report the "error context" for situational errors
- Error location referred as segment count (ST = 1)
- Error report only makes sense if you have access to the original X12 file that was transmitted
  - Most providers cannot use the 999



## 999 Codes

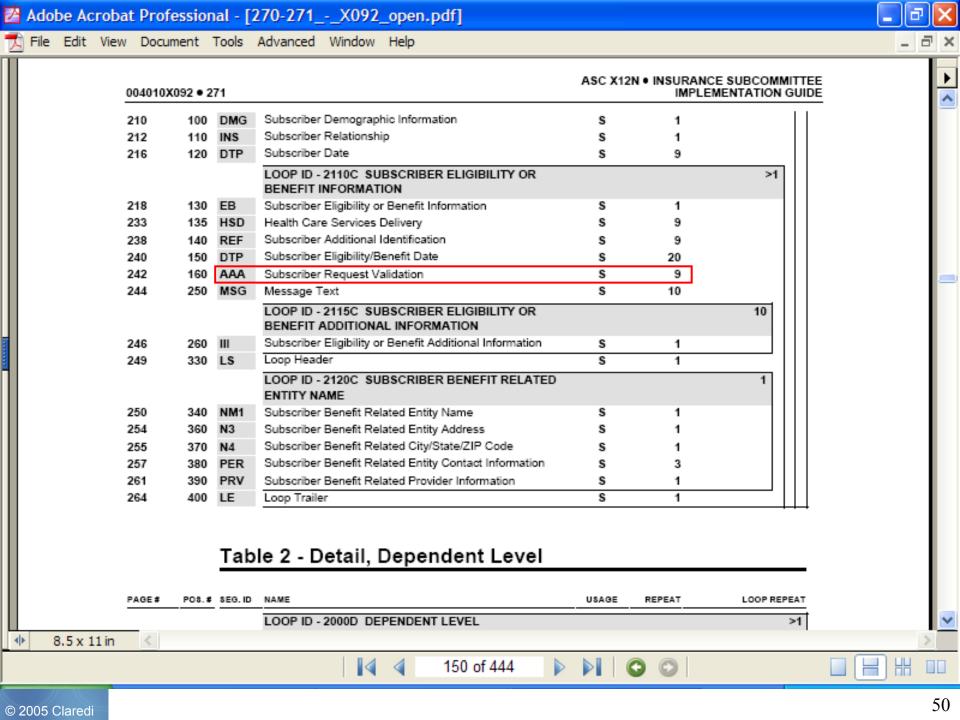
#### All of the same codes of the 997, plus:

#### Segment Errors

- 11 Implementation Required Segment Missing
- 2 Implementation Loop Occurs Over Maximum Times
- Implementation Segment Exceeds Maximum Use
- IA Implementation "Not Used" Segment Present
- 15 Segment Has Implementation Data Element Errors
- 16 Implementation Dependent Segment Missing
- 7 Implementation Loop Occurs Under Minimum Times
- 18 Implementation Segment Below Minimum Use
- 19 Implementation Dependent "Not Used" Segment Present

#### **Element Errors**

- Inplementation Required Data Element Missing
- 12 Implementation Conditional Data Element Missing.
- I3 Implementation Data Element too Short.
- 14 Implementation Data Element too Long.
- 15 Implementation Invalid Character in Data Element.
- 16 Code Value Not Used in Implementation
- 17 Implementation Exclusion Condition Violated
- 18 Implementation Too Many Repetitions
- 19 Implementation Dependent Data Element Missing
- 110 Implementation "Not Used" Data Element Present
- **I11 Implementation Too Few Repetitions**
- **I12** Implementation Pattern Match Failure
- 113 Implementation Dependent "Not Used" Data Element Present





### 271

- Reports errors encountered during the 270 Eligibility Inquiry processing
  - Host not available
  - Data elements missing or invalid in 270 Request
  - Incomplete eligibility search criteria
  - Patient/subscriber not found
- Error codes are sent in AAA segment
- Transaction Accepted/Rejected indicator
- Recommended follow-up action



## 271 AAA Codes

Information Source 2000A (4 codes)

**Authorized Quantity Exceeded** Authorization/Access Restrictions Unable to Respond at Current Time Invalid Participant Identification

Information Source 2100A (6 codes)

**Authorized Quantity Exceeded** Authorization/Access Restrictions Unable to Respond at Current Time Invalid Participant Identification No response received – Transaction terminated

Payer Name or Identifier Missing

Information Receiver 2100B (13 codes)

Required Application Data Missing Authorization/Access Restrictions Invalid/Missing Provider Identification

Invalid/Missing Provider Name Invalid/Missing Provider Specialty

Invalid/Missing Provider Phone Number

Invalid/Missing Provider State

Invalid/Missing Referring Provider

Identification Number

Provider Ineligible for Inquiries

Provider Not on File

Invalid Participant Identification

Invalid or Missing Provider Address

Payer Name or Identifier Missing

Subscriber 2100C (29 codes)

Required Application Data Missing Unable to Respond at Current Time

Invalid/Missing Provider Identification

Invalid/Missing Provider Specialty

Invalid/Missing Provider State

Invalid/Missing Referring Provider Identification Number

Provider Is not Primary Care Physician

Provider Not on File

Service Dates not Within Provider Plan Enrollment

Inappropriate Date

Invalid/Missing Date(s) of Service

Invalid/Missing Date-of-Birth

Date of Birth Follows Date(s) of Service

Date of Birth Precedes Date(s) of Service

Date of Service not within allowable inquiry period

Date of Service in Future

Invalid/Missing Patient ID

Invalid/Missing Patient Name

Invalid/Missing Patient Gender Code

Patient Not Found

**Duplicate Patient ID Number** 

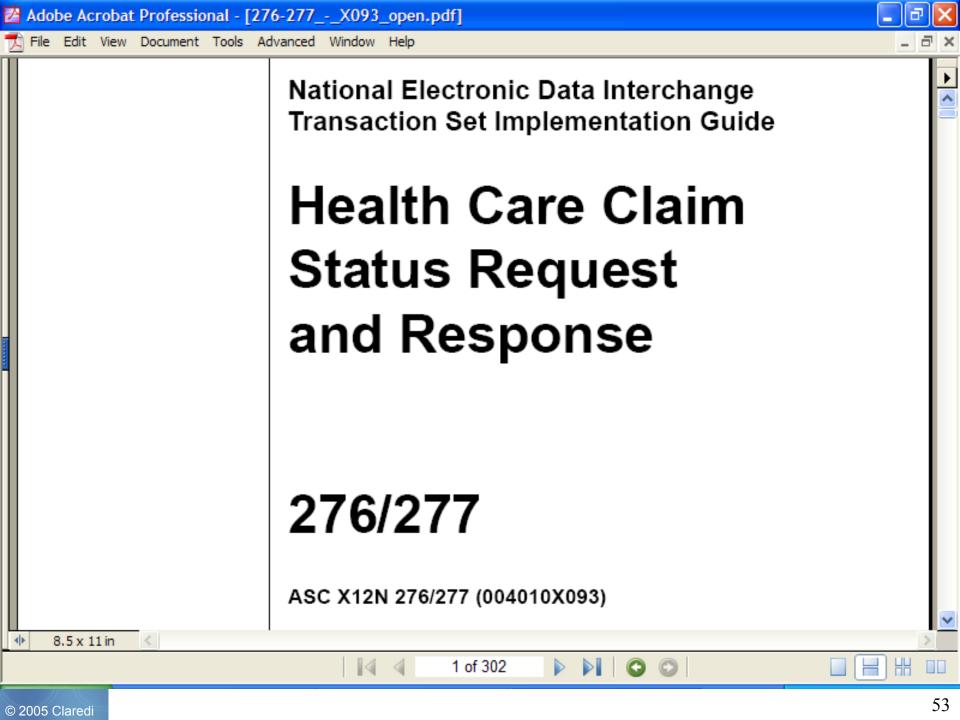
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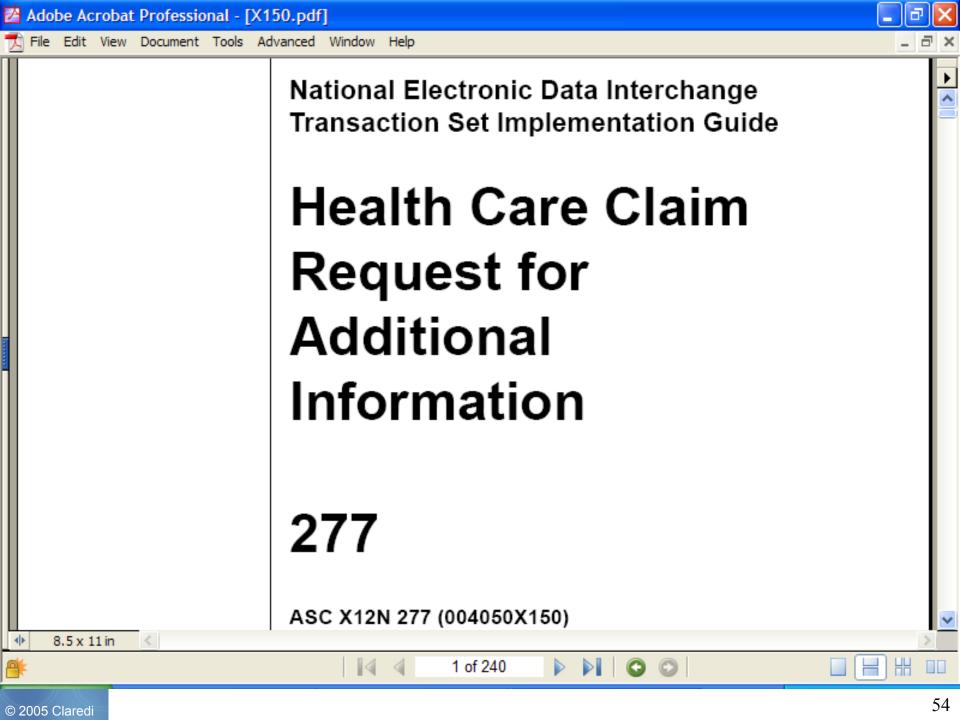
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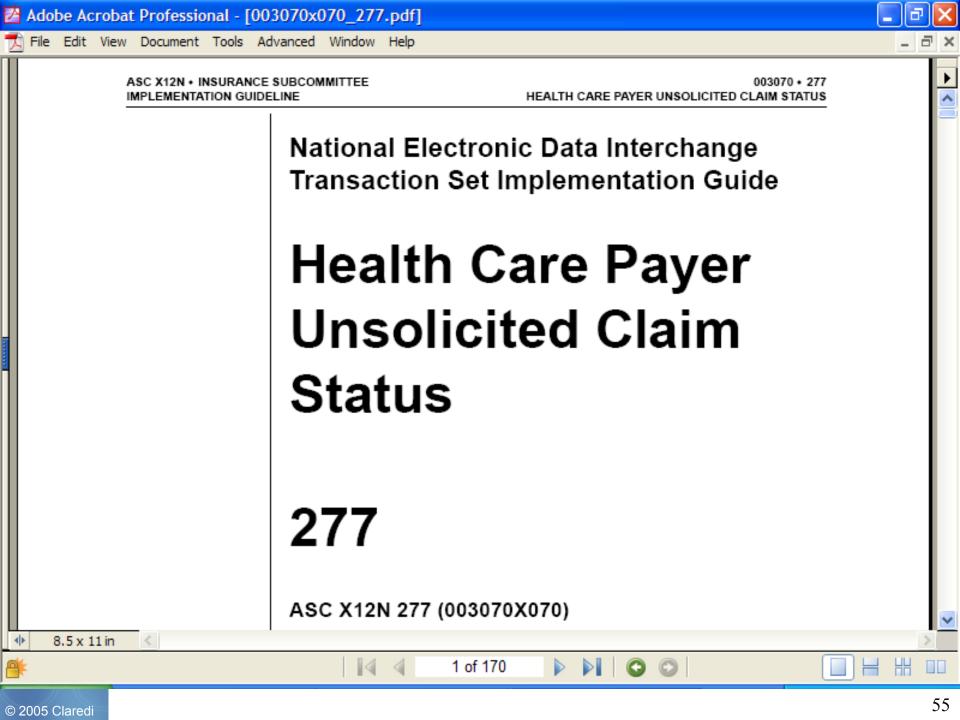
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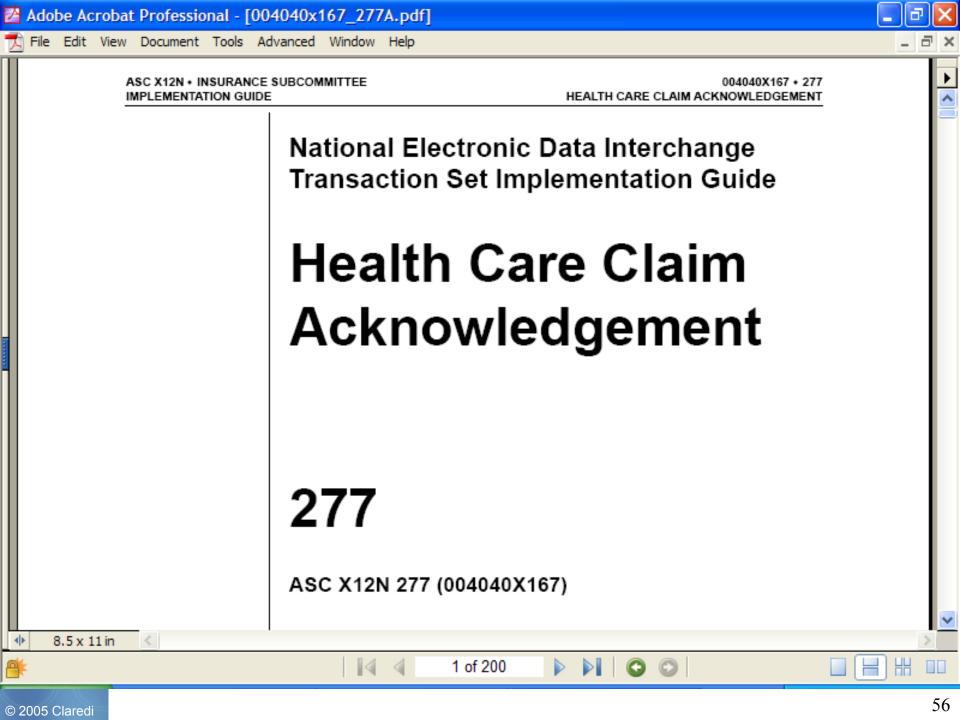
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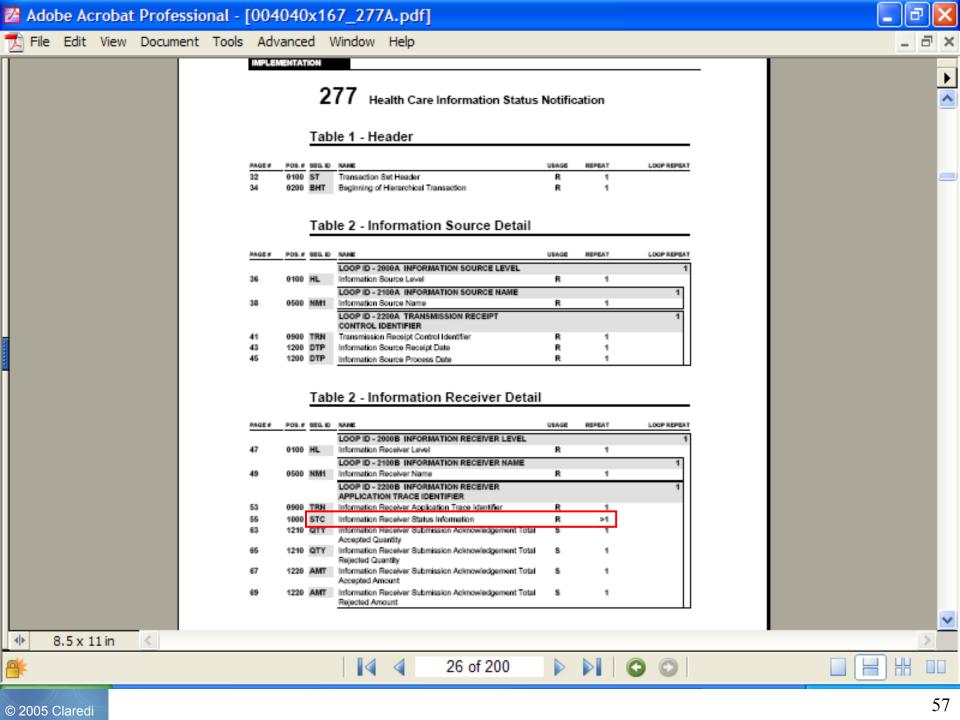
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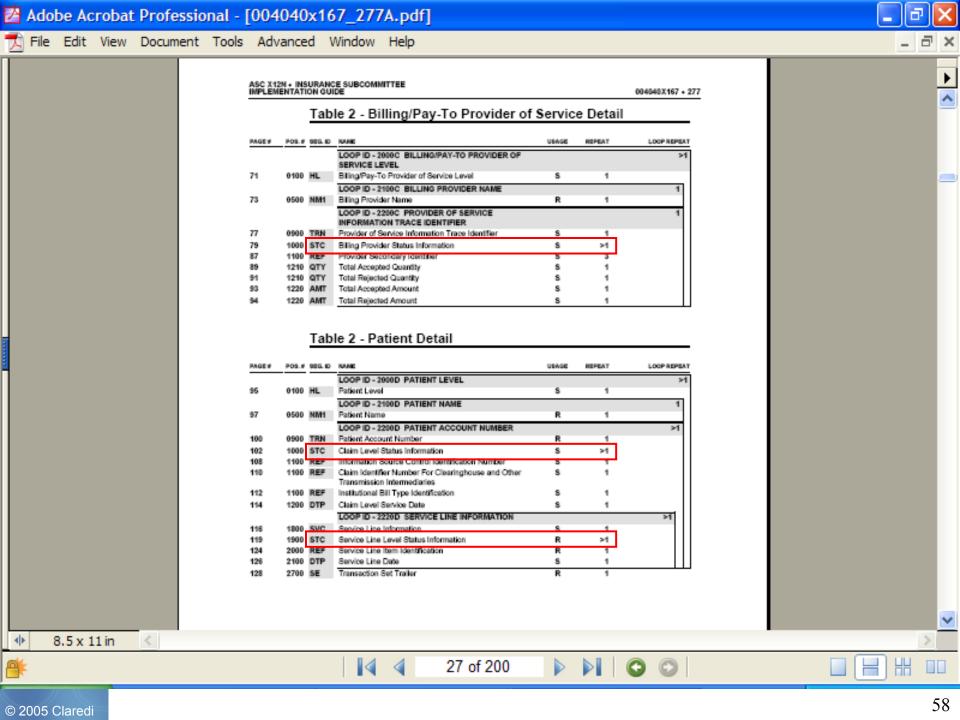














## The 277 transactions IGs

- Four DIFFERENT Implementation Guides
  - 277 Health Care Claim Status Response (4010)
    - The 277 is a response to a request for claim status information.
       It can also respond to errors in the request, much like the 271 does.
       It uses the STC segment instead of AAA.
  - 277 Health Care Claim Request for Additional Information (4050)
    - A payer's request for additional information to support a healthcare claim. Part of the Attachment request/response. Uses LOINC codes. Does not use Claim Status codes.
  - 277 Health Care Payer Unsolicited Claim Status (3070)
    - An unsolicited listing of claims pending adjudication in a payer's system. Sometimes used as front-end acknowledgment.
  - 277 Health Care Claim Acknowledgement (4040)
    - An application acknowledgement response to the 837 claim/encounter transactions. Mandated by NJ DOBI.
- Differences are significant enough to require separate implementation guides for the 277
  - Additional Utah UHIN guide for front-end acknowledgment (4020)
    - The Claim Status Codes are the same in all four cases.



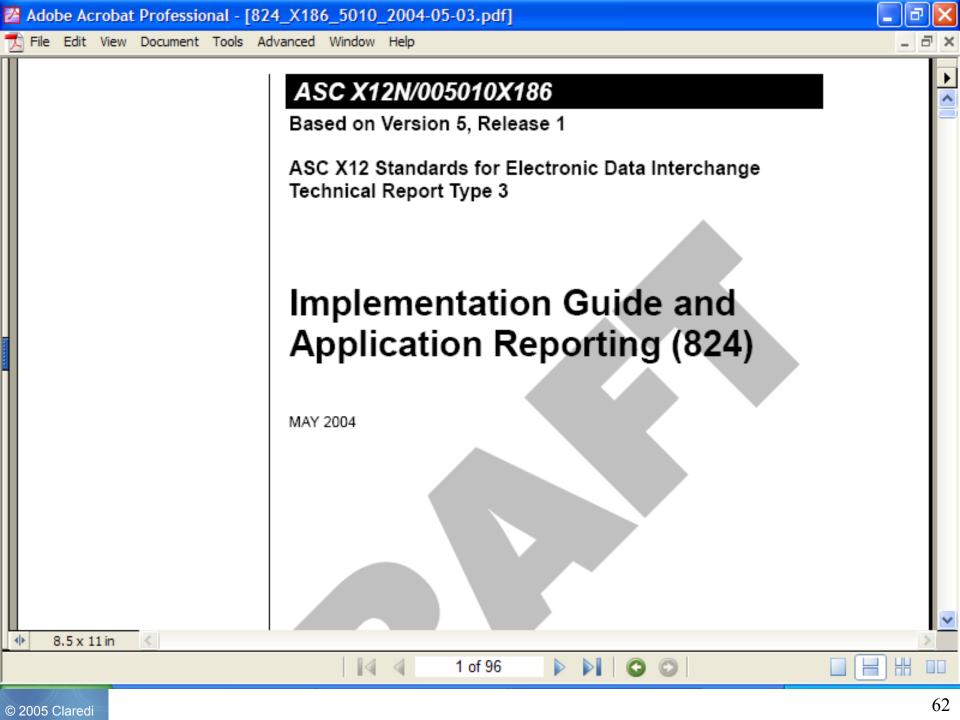
## 277 Front-end Claim Acknowledgment

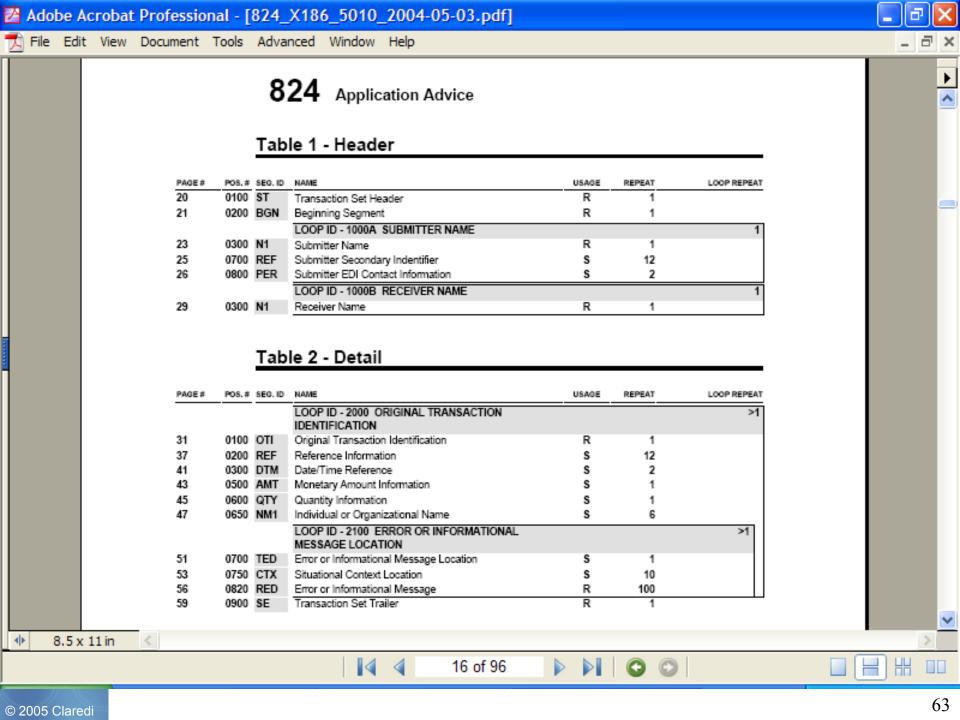
- Standard Implementation Guide 004040X167
- Reports front-end claim validation errors or acknowledgement of receipt of claim
- Reports claim by claim instead of segment by segment or loop by loop.
- Includes batch summary counts and dollars
- Can include the payer's internal claim control number
- Exactly the same claim status codes as the other 277
  - Codes are not yet very specific for acknowledgement
- Allows for free-form error message text
- Relatively easy to produce by application, even after the 837 has been translated to a flat file



## **Claim Status Codes**

- Total of 464 Codes
  - Request for Additional Information
  - Claim Status
  - Error type
- Only about 105 cours us to le for front-end actions the nent
  - Gener (dup) res
    - 21 issi g or Invalid Information
      - Ceturned to Entity
    - 122 Missing/invalid data prevents payer from processing claim.







## 824 Application Acknowledgment

- X12 Standard Technical Report Type 3 Draft 005010X186
- Simple, easy to use transaction set
- Can report at the X12 segment or loop number
- Can also report claim by claim or "item by item" or by batch
- Reports error in the context of a claim and in X12 context
- Includes the "error context" for situational errors (as in 999)
- Very flexible reporting, serves as transaction acknowledgement for all healthcare transactions
- Has been in use by the banking industry to report errors in the 835 and 820 for over 10 years
- Insurance-specific Implementation Guide available in 2003
  - New draft available as TR3 in 2005
- Error codes specific to transaction front-end validation
- Error codes still under development
  - Allows the use of proprietary error codes if no standard code is available
  - Allows for a free-form error message in addition to the error code
  - Facilitates transition to standard codes
  - Expect to see proprietary error codes for some time



## 824 Codes (available as "E" and "W")

E001	Missing/Invalid sumbitter identifier	E030	Required loop missing
E002	Missing/Invalid receiver identifier	E031	Required segment missing
E003	Missing/Invalid member identifier	E032	Required element missing
E004	Missing/Invalid subscriber identifier	E033	Situational loop missing
E005	Missing/Invalid patient identifier	E034	Situational segment missing
E006	Missing/Invalid plan sponsor identifier	E035	Situational element missing
E007	Missing/invalid payee identifier	E036	Data too long
E008	Missing/Invalid TPA/broker identifier	E037	Data too short
E009	Missing/Invalid premium receiver identifier	E038	Invalid external code value
E010	Missing/Invalid premium payer identifier	E039	Data value out of sequence
E011	Missing/Invalid payer identifier	E040	"""Not Used"" data element present"
E012	Missing/Invalid billing provider identifier	E041	Too many sub-elements in composite
E013	Missing/Invalid pay to provider identifier	E042	Unexpected segment
E014	Missing/Invalid rendering provider identifier	E043	Missing data
E015	Missing/Invalid supervising provider identifier	E044	Out of range
E016	Missing/Invalid attending provider identifier	E045	Invalid date
E017	Missing/Invalid other provider identifier	E046	Not matching
E018	Missing/Invalid operating provider identifier	E047	Invalid combination
E019	Missing/Invalid referring provider identifier	E048	Customer identification number does not exist
E020	Missing/Invalid purchased service provider	E049	Duplicate batch
	identifier	E050	Incorrect data
E021	Missing/Invalid service facility identifier	E051	Incorrect date
E022	Missing/Invalid ordering provider identifier	E052	Duplicate transmission
E023	Missing/Invalid assistant surgeon identifier	E053	Invalid claim amount
E024	Amount/Quantity out of balance	E054	Invalid identification code
E025	Duplicate	E055	Missing or invalid issuer identification
E026	Billing date predates service date	E056	Missing or invalid item quantity
E027	Business application currently not available	E057	Missing or invalid item identification
E028	Sender not authorized for this transaction	E058	Missing or unauthorized transaction type code
E029	Number of errors exceeds permitted threshold	E059	Unknown claim number



## Which one to use?

- Consider your audience
  - Who gets the acknowledgment report/transaction?
  - What are they going to do with it?
    - Rejected claims (or equivalent "unit of work") only
    - Accepted claims / acknowledgment of receipt
- Need more than one Ack transaction?
  - TA1 and 997 or 999 for EDI / IG errors
    - Loops, Segments, Elements
    - Error reporting only
  - 277 or 824 for claims / units reporting
    - Business application reporting
    - Both, error reporting and acknowledgment of receipt for valid units of work



## Transactions vs. human readable

- Codified transactions
  - Easily automated
    - Clearinghouse, Vendor
  - Error codes issues
    - Standard codes lose specificity
    - Proprietary codes difficult to automate
- Human readable
  - Should be understandable by providers
  - Reporting granularity
    - Report each "unit of work", rejected, accepted
    - EDI segment reports vs. claim by claim reports



## **Examples**

- Transactions
  - 824 Transaction Set + Batch levels only
  - 824 Rejected and accepted claims, no warnings
  - 824 All claims acknowledged, include warnings
  - 277 Acknowledgment
  - 277 Utah UHIN version

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## Sample 824 – No accepted claims detail

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Transaction Set Summary

Batch Summary

# caredi Sample 824 – Claim by claim Acceptance

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Transaction Set Summary

Batch Summary

Claim by claim detail (no errors)

# caredisample 824 – Claim by claim + Warnings

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Transaction Set Summary

Batch Summary

Claim by claim detail

(including errors/warnings on accepted claims)

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# caredisample 277 004040X167 Acknowledgment

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## Sample 277 004020X070 UHIN

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## **Questions**

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