

Key Fields Must be Entered Correctly on CMS-1500 (08/05) to Avoid Claim Returns or Rejections



Since the introduction of the revised CMS-1500 (08/05), we have received a significant number of claims with incorrect information entered in key fields.

The revised CMS-1500 (08/05) cannot be completed in the same manner as its predecessor, CMS-1500 (12/90), as many fields have been moved or changed. In addition, several new fields have been added to the CMS-1500 (08/05) to accommodate NPI.

CMS-1500 (08/05) submissions with incorrect or incomplete information entered in key fields may be rejected or returned to the provider.

The following key fields must be entered correctly on the CMS-1500 (08/05) to ensure timely and accurate claims processing.

Highlighted fields are NPI specific.

| Box | Instructions |
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| 17a | Enter referring provider's two-character qualifier ID (G2) in the first segment, and referring provider's legacy provider ID in the second segment. |
| 17b | Enter referring provider's NPI. |
| 19 | Enter ZZ qualifier ID and billing provider's primary taxonomy code. |
| 24I (shaded) | Enter rendering provider's two-character qualifier ID (G2). |
| 24J (shaded) | Enter rendering provider's legacy provider ID. |
| 24J (unshaded) | Enter rendering provider's NPI. |
| 32a | Enter service facility NPI. |
| 32b | Enter service facility two-character qualifier ID (G2) and legacy provider ID. |
| 33a | Enter billing provider NPI. |
| 33b | Enter billing provider two-character qualifier ID (G2) and legacy provider ID. |

Please contact your Network Coordinator if you have any questions about completing the CMS-1500 (08/05) form and refer to the illustration on the next page for additional information.

