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UB-04 claims submission guide

01/2024

The UB-04 claim form, also known as the CMS-1450 form, is approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the National Uniform Billing Committee for facility and ancillary paper billing. Sample UB-04 forms for inpatient and outpatient claims can be found on pages 4 and 5.

If you have any questions regarding the UB-04 claim form, please call Provider Services at 1-800-ASK-BLUE.

UB-04 data field requirements

Field location UB-04	Description	Inpatient	Outpatient
1	Provider Name and Address	Required	Required
2	Pay-To Name and Address	Situational	Situational
3a	Patient Control Number	Required	Required
3b	Medical Record Number	Situational	Situational
4	Type of Bill	Required	Required
5	Federal Tax ID Number	Required	Required
6	Statement Covers Period	Required	Required
7	Future Use	N/A	N/A
8a	Patient ID	Situational	Situational
8b	Patient Name	Required	Required
9a-e	Patient Address	Required	Required
10	Patient Birthdate	Required	Required
11	Patient Sex	Required	Required
12	Admission Date	Required	Required, if applicable
13	Admission Hour	Required	Required, if applicable
14	Type of Admission/Visit	Required	Required
15	Source of Admission	Required	Required
16	Discharge Hour	Required	N/A
17	Patient Discharge Status	Required	Required
18-28	Condition Codes	Required, if applicable	Required, if applicable
29	Accident State	Situational	Situational
30	Future Use	N/A	N/A
31-34	Occurrence Codes and Dates	Required, if applicable	Required, if applicable
35-36	Occurrence Span Codes and Dates	Required, if applicable	Required, if applicable
37	Future Use	N/A	N/A
38	Responsible Party Name and Address	Required, if applicable	Required, if applicable
39-41	Value Codes and Amounts	Required, if applicable	Required, if applicable
42	Revenue Code	Required	Required
43	Revenue Code Description	Required	Required
	NDC Code	Required, if applicable	Required, if applicable
44	HCPCS/Rates	Required, if applicable	Required, if applicable
45	Service Date	N/A	Required
46	Units of Service	Required	Required
47	Total Charges (by Revenue Code)	Required	Required
48	Non-Covered Charges	Required, if applicable	Required, if applicable

Field location UB-04	Description	Inpatient	Outpatient
49	Future Use	N/A	N/A
50	Payer Name	Required	Required
51	Health Plan ID	Situational	Situational
52	Release of Information Certification	Required	Required
53	Assignment of Benefit Certification	Required	Required
54	Prior Payments	Required, if applicable	Required, if applicable
55	Estimated Amount Due	Required	Required
56	NPI	Required	Required
57	Other Provider IDs	Optional	Optional
58	Insured's Name	Required	Required
59	Patient's Relation to the Insured	Required	Required
60	Insured's Unique ID	Required	Required
61	Insured's Group Name	Situational	Situational
62	Insured's Group Number	Situational	Situational
63	Treatment Authorization Codes	Required, if applicable	Required, if applicable
64	Document Control Number	Situational	Situational
65	Employer Name	Situational	Situational
66	Diagnosis/Procedure Code Qualifier	Required	Required
67	Principal Diagnosis Code/Other Diagnosis Codes	Required	Required
68	Future Use	N/A	N/A
69	Admitting Diagnosis Code	Required	Required, if applicable
70	Patient's Reason for Visit Code	N/A	Situational
71	PPS Code	Situational	Situational
72	External Cause of Injury Code	Situational	Situational
73	Future Use	N/A	N/A
74	Principal Procedure Code/Date	Required, if applicable	N/A
75	Future Use	N/A	N/A
76	Attending Provider Name/NPI	Required	Required
77	Operating Physician Name/NPI	Situational	Situational
78-79	Other Provider Name/NPI	Situational	Situational
80	Remarks	Situational	Situational
81	Code-Code Field/Qualifiers		
	0-A0	N/A	N/A
	A1-A4	Situational	Situational
	A5-AB	N/A	N/A
	AC - Attachment Control number	Situational	Situational
	AD-B0	N/A	N/A
	B1-B2	Situational	Situational
	B3 Taxonony Code Qulifier	Required	Required

Readability requirements

To ensure that all claims are processed against the same requirements, paper claims are converted to an electronic format. However, system limitations can cause data elements to be misinterpreted during the conversion process.

Follow these guidelines to ensure your claims are successfully converted:

Do	Don't
• Use red drop on UB-04 paper forms only. • Replacement/corrected claims require a Type of Bill with a Frequency Code "7" (field 4) and claim number in the Document Control Number (field 64). • Enter all required data. • All patient details are required (ID number with prefix, last name, first name, and date of birth). • Separate the subscriber/patient last name and first name with a comma. • Ensure the use of proper coding (ICD-10 HIPAA codes, dates of service, and correcting a prior claim). • Use standard fonts and sizes.	• Do not include handwriting anywhere on the claim form. • Do not use stamped data in any field (NPI, provider names, signatures, corrections, etc.). • Do not print claim data out of the designated field; it may not be captured. • Do not print from an older DOT matrix printer; it may not be captured.

Inpatient

1	2	3a PAT. CNTL # / b. MED. REC. #	4 TYPE OF BILL
Any Hospital	Any Hospital	1234	
123 Any Street	456 Any Street	98765	0111
Philadelphia PA 19103	Philadelphia PA 19103		

5 FED. TAX NO.	6 STATEMENT COVERS PERIOD FROM	THROUGH	7
221234567	11 03 06	11 04 06	RESERVED

8 PATIENT NAME	9 PATIENT ADDRESS
a Patient ID if different from Sub	a 1234 Main Street
b Doe, John	b Philadelphia c PA d 19111 e Country code if other than USA

10 BIRTHDATE	11 SEX	12 ADMISSION DATE	13 HR	14 TYPE	15 SRC	16 DHR	17 STAT	18–28 CONDITION CODES	29 ACDT STATE	30
03 20 1971	M	11 03 06	08	3	3	12	01	Condition Codes Required Identifying Events	PA	RESERVED

31 OCCURRENCE CODE / DATE	32 OCCURRENCE CODE / DATE	33 OCCURRENCE CODE / DATE	34 OCCURRENCE CODE / DATE	35 OCCURRENCE SPAN CODE / FROM / THROUGH	36 OCCURRENCE SPAN CODE / FROM / THROUGH	37
Occurrence and Occurrence Span Codes may be used to define a significant event that may affect payer processing						FUTURE USE

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John Doe
1234 Main Street
Philadelphia, PA 19111

	39 VALUE CODES CODE	AMOUNT	40 VALUE CODES CODE	AMOUNT	41 VALUE CODES CODE	AMOUNT
a	A1	952 00				
b	Value Codes and amounts required when necessary to process claim					
c						
d						

	42 REV. CD.	43 DESCRIPTION	44 HCPCS / RATE / HIPPS CODE	45 SERV. DATE	46 SERV. UNITS	47 TOTAL CHARGES	48 NON-COVERED CHARGES	49
1	0129	Semi-Private	200.00		2	400 00	0 00	FUTURE
2	0250	Pharmacy			1	50 00	0 00	USE
3	0360	OR Services				100 00	0 00	
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Red = Required
Black = Situational/Required, if applicable/Optional

	50 PAYER NAME	51 HEALTH PLAN ID	52 REL INFO	53 ASG. BEN.	54 PRIOR PAYMENTS	55 EST. AMOUNT DUE	56 NPI 2222222222
A	Independence Blue Cross	Report HIPAA National Health Plan Identifier when mandatory	Y	Y	Required when indicated payer has paid amount to Provider	Amount estimated to be due	57 1234567890
B	Secondary Payer						OTHER Secondary
C	Tertiary Payer						PRV ID Tertiary

	58 INSURED'S NAME	59 P. REL	60 INSURED'S UNIQUE ID	61 GROUP NAME	62 INSURANCE GROUP NO.
A	Doe, John	18	ABC1234567800	Watch Repair, Inc.	1234
B	Secondary →		→		
C	Tertiary →		→		

	63 TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION CODES	64 DOCUMENT CONTROL NUMBER	65 EMPLOYER NAME
A	02468	491234	Watch Repair, Inc.
B	Secondary		
C	Tertiary		

Use the appropriate ICD indicator and code set

66 DX 67 A B C D E F G H 68 Reserved
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69 ADMIT DX	70 PATIENT REASON DX	71 PPS CODE	72 ECI	73
4280		DRG	May be used to report external cause of injury	Reserved

74 PRINCIPAL PROCEDURE CODE	DATE	a. OTHER PROCEDURE CODE / DATE	b. OTHER PROCEDURE CODE / DATE	75
3749	11 03 06			Reserved
c. OTHER PROCEDURE CODE / DATE		d. OTHER PROCEDURE CODE / DATE	e. OTHER PROCEDURE CODE / DATE	

	NPI	QUAL	LAST	FIRST
76 ATTENDING	2222222222		Smith	David
77 OPERATING				
78 OTHER				
79 OTHER				

80 REMARKS

May be used to report additional information.

81CC		
a	B3	282N00000X
b		Secondary
c		Tertiary
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Outpatient

Field	Entry
1	Any Hospital 123 Any Street Philadelphia PA 19103
2	Any Hospital 456 Any Street Philadelphia PA 19103
3a PAT. CNTL #	1234
b. MED. REC. #	98765
4 TYPE OF BILL	0131
5 FED. TAX NO.	221234567
6 STATEMENT COVERS PERIOD FROM / THROUGH	11 03 06 / 11 04 06
7	RESERVED
8 PATIENT NAME a	Patient ID if different from Sub
8 b	Doe, John
9 PATIENT ADDRESS a	1234 Main Street
9 b / c / d	Philadelphia / PA / 19111
9 e	Country code if other than USA
10 BIRTHDATE	03 20 1971
11 SEX	M
ADMISSION 12 DATE	11 03 06
13 HR	08
14 TYPE	3
15 SRC	3
16 DHR	
17 STAT	01
18–28 CONDITION CODES	Condition Codes Required Identifying Events
29 ACDT STATE	PA
30	RESERVED
31–36 OCCURRENCE / OCCURRENCE SPAN (CODE, DATE, FROM, THROUGH)	Occurrence and Occurrence Span Codes may be used to define a significant event that may affect payer processing
37	FUTURE USE
38	John Doe 1234 Main Street Philadelphia, PA 19111
39 VALUE CODES a (CODE / AMOUNT)	A1 / 952 00
39–41 VALUE CODES b	Value Codes and amounts required when necessary to process claim

42 REV. CD.	43 DESCRIPTION	44 HCPCS / RATE / HIPPS CODE	45 SERV. DATE	46 SERV. UNITS	47 TOTAL CHARGES	48 NON-COVERED CHARGES	49
0310	Laboratory N400093723106	88173	11 03 06	1	100 00	0 00	Future Use
0402	Ultrasoud	76942	11 04 06	1	100 00	0 00	
0360	OR Services	3749	11 04 06	1	100 00	0 00	
	PAGE 1 OF 1	CREATION DATE		TOTALS	300 00	0 00	

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56 NPI	2222222222
57 OTHER PRV ID	1234567890 Secondary Tertiary

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70 PATIENT REASON DX	May be used to report reason for visit
71 PPS CODE	DRG
72 ECI	May be used to report external cause of injury
73	Reserved
74 PRINCIPAL PROCEDURE CODE / DATE; a.–e. OTHER PROCEDURE CODE / DATE	
75	Reserved
76 ATTENDING NPI	2222222222
76 LAST / FIRST	Smith / David
77 OPERATING NPI / QUAL / LAST / FIRST	
78 OTHER NPI / QUAL / LAST / FIRST	
79 OTHER NPI / QUAL / LAST / FIRST	
80 REMARKS	May be used to report additional information.
81CC a	B3 282N00000X
81CC b	Secondary
81CC c	Tertiary
81CC d	

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