EDI Support Services

Billing Ambulance Claims Electronically

When billing ambulance claims electronically, include the following crucial information to ensure correct claim processing:

- The CR1 segment
- The CRC segment
- The DTP segments
- The NTE segment
- Loop 2310D

Implementation Guide Specifics

Loop 2300 (Claim Level)

CR1 segment: Ambulance Transport Information is required on claims involving ambulance services.

Example: CR1*LB*140*X*A*DH*12***TRIP FOR X-RAY~

- CRC segment: Ambulance Certification is required on ambulance claims/encounters, i.e. when CR1 segment is used.
 Example: CRC*07*Y*08~
- DTP Segments:

Date – Admission:

Example: DTP*435*D8*20050101~

- Use the admission date on all ambulance claims/encounters when the patient was known to be admitted to the hospital.
- Submit the admission date with a Date Time Qualifier of 435.
- Express the admission date in format YYYYMMDD.

Date – Discharge:

Example: DTP*096*D8*20041201~

- The discharge date is required for inpatient claims when the patient was discharged from the facility and the discharge date is known.
- The discharge date must be submitted with a Date Time Qualifier of 096.
- The discharge date must be expressed in format CCYYMMDD.
- The NTE segment: use Claim Note, to report the condition of the patient, what services were provided, and other information that explains the reason for the ambulance transport. Example: NTE*ADD*PATIENT W/CHEST PAIN, SOB, HEART RACING~

Loop 2310C (Claim Level)

The segments in this loop are used to report the origin of the ambulance trip, i.e., facility name or patient's residence, as well as the address.

- The NM1 segment, Service Facility Location, is used to report the name of the facility or patient residence from which the ambulance trip originated.
- The N3 segment, Service Facility Location Address, is used to report the street address of the facility or patient residence from which the ambulance trip originated.
- The N4 segment, Service Facility Location City/State/Zip is used to report the city/state/zip of the facility or patient residence from which the ambulance trip originated.

No Transport Claims

EDI is often asked how to bill no-transport claims (i.e., ambulance dispatched but patient is pronounced dead and no transport occurs). All the required ANSI fields as discussed above must be billed with the most appropriate values, even if there are not any that exactly fit the situation.

Here are some suggested values:

- CR103-Ambulance Transport Code: I for initial
- CR104-Ambulance Transport Reason Code: A-Patient was transported to nearest facility for care of symptoms, complaints or both
- CR106 Transport Distance: Enter mileage
- CRC03-Condition Indicator: Report 09 to indicate ambulance trip was medically necessary.

Entering Ambulance Information Using PC-ACE Pro32

When ambulance claims are billed electronically using PC-ACE Pro32, information is entered in several different fields. When a valid ambulance procedure code is entered on the third tab, Billing Line Items, the Ambulance tab will appear. The ambulance transport and patient condition information is entered in the ambulance attachment. The facility information is entered in the Extended Patient/General tab, while the narrative information is entered in the Extended Details tab.

Professional Claim Form					
Patient Info & General Insured Information Billing Line Items Ext. Patient/General Ext. Pat/Gen (2) Ext. Payer/Insured					
Line Item Details Extended Details (Line 1) Ext Details 2 (Line 1) Ext Details 3 (Line 1) (Ambulance)					
Type of Transport	Physical Restraints	Ambulance Pick-Up Location Address City/St/Zip/Cntry Ambulance Drop-Off Location Location Address			
Enleigency situation	Miles				
Purpose of Round Trip	* *	Purpose of Stretcher			
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Ambulance tab:

Facility Information

Facility information is required on ambulance claims. PC-ACE Pro32 has specified fields for this data.

Professional Claim Form			
Patient Info & General Insured Information Billing Line Items	Ext. Patient/General Ext. Pat/Gen (2)	Ext. Payer/Insured	
Patient Legal Representative Information	Miscellaneous Patient & General Information		
Name (L/F)	Date of Death _/_/	Special Program Indicator	
Address	Accident State/Hour	Medical Rec No	
City/St/Zip	Accident Country	IDE Number	
Country Phone []	Responsibility Ind	Form Loc 31	
	FL-10d	EPSDT Referral	
Facility Information	Homebound Ind	Submission Reason Code	
Name	Date Care Assumed//	Delay Reason Code	
Address	Date Care Relinquished/_/	Pregnancy Indicator	
	Date Last Seen _/_/	Claim Tag	
City/St/Zip	Date Last Worked//	Patient Weight (lbs)	
Cntry / IDs	Return To Work Date _/_/		
Fac Type Phone/Ext ()	Prescription Date _/_/		
Contact	First Contact Date _/_/		
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Ext. Patient/General tab:

Enter the appropriate facility information in the Name, Address, City, State, and Zip fields. All these fields are required for ambulance claims.

Narrative Information

To add narrative information to an ambulance claim in PC-ACE Pro32, follow these steps:

Professional Claim Form	×
Patient Info & General Insured Information Billing Line Items Ext. Patient/General Ext. Pat/Gen (2) Ext. Payer/Insured	
Line Item Details Extended Details (Line 1) Ext Details 2 (Line 1) Ext Details 3 (Line 1) Ambulance	
Line-level Miscellaneous Information (continued)	— II
Ordering Provider Address	
Address	
City/St/Zip/Cntry	
Line Supplemental Information (PWK)	
Line Notes (NTE) / File Information (K3)	
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Billing Line Items tab/Extended Details 3 tab:

- 1. Enter ADD in the Type field under Line Notes (NTE) / File Information (K3) within the Narrative field, or right click and select ADD –Additional Information from the pop-up menu.
- 2. Enter the narrative information in the Line Note [NTE]/File Info [K3] field.

This information will now be present on the claim when this claim is saved and prepared.