



## Claim Status Category and Claim Status Codes Updates

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### PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

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This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

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This article informs you of updates to the Claim Status and Claim Status Category Codes used for the Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 276/277 Health Care Claim Status Request and Response and ASC X12 277 Health Care Claim Acknowledgement transactions. Please make sure your billing staffs are aware of these updates.

### BACKGROUND

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The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) requires all covered entities to use only Claim Status Category Codes and Claim Status Codes approved by the National Code Maintenance Committee in the ASC X12 276/277 Health Care Claim Status Request and Response transaction standards adopted under HIPAA for electronically submitting health care claims status requests and responses. These codes explain the status of submitted claim(s). Proprietary codes may not be used in the ASC X12 276/277 transactions to report claim status.

The National Code Maintenance Committee (NCMC) meets at the beginning of each ASC X12 trimester meeting (January/February; June; and September/October) and makes decisions about additions, modifications, and retirement of existing codes. The NCMC has decided to allow the industry 6 months for implementation of newly added or changed codes.

The code sets are available at <https://nex12.org/index.php/codes/17-health-care-claim-status-category> and <https://nex12.org/index.php/codes/16-health-care-claim-status>. Included in the code lists are specific details, including the date when a code was added, changed, or deleted.

All code changes approved during the September/October 2020 NCMC meeting will be posted

on these two websites on or about November 1, 2020.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will issue notifications regarding the need for future updates to these codes. When instructed, Medicare contractors must update their claims systems to ensure that the current version of each of these codes is used in their claims status responses. Medicare and shared system changes will be made as necessary as part of a routine release to reflect applicable changes such as retirement of previously used codes or newly created codes.

These code changes will be used in editing all ASC X12 276 transactions processed on or after the date of implementation and to be reflected in the ASC X12 277 transactions issued on and after this CR's implementation date.

Medicare must comply with the requirements contained in the current standards adopted under HIPAA for electronically submitting certain health care transactions, among them the ASC X12 276/277 Health Care Claim Status Request and Response. Medicare systems must use valid Claim Status Category Codes and Claim Status Codes when sending ASC X12 277 Health Care Claims Status Responses. Medicare must also use valid Claim Status Category Codes and Claim Status Codes when sending ASC X12 277 Healthcare Claim Acknowledgments. Reference in this CR to "277 responses" and "claim status responses" encompass both the ASC X12 277 Health Care Claim Status Response and the ASC X12 277 Healthcare Claim Acknowledgment transactions.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 11796, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r10322CP.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

## DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date of Change	Description
August 28, 2020	Initial article released.

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