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PREFACE

This Companion Guide supplements the ASC X12 837 (005010X224A2) 5010 Technical Report Type 3 (TR3) adopted under HIPAA. Its purpose is to clarify the rules and specify the data content when data is electronically transmitted to Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (hereinafter "BCBSRI"). The rules for transmitting data detailed herein are compliant with both X12 syntax and the 5010 Technical Report Type 3 (TR3). This Companion Guide does not convey information that in any way exceeds the requirements or usages of data expressed in the 5010 Technical Report Type 3 (TR3 and Errata).

DISCLAIMER

This Companion Guide is considered a living document, and as such, the information provided herein will be subject to change prior to and after July 1, 2011 in the event that BCBSRI revises its policies or HIPAA Transactions and Code Sets law is updated or amended.
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1.0 Introduction

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that all health insurance payers in the United States comply with the electronic data interchange (EDI) standards for health care as established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The ANSI X12N 5010 Technical Report Type 3 (TR3) and Errata adhere to the final HIPAA Transaction Regulations and have been established as the standards of compliance for electronic transactions. The 5010 Technical Reports Type 3 (TR3s) are available electronically at www.wpc-edi.com.

2.0 Scope

This 837 Dental Health Care Claim Companion Guide is designed for use in conjunction with the ANSI ASC X12N 837 (005010X224A2) Dental Health Care Claim 5010 Technical Report Type 3 (TR3 and Errata). The specifications contained within this Companion Guide define current functions and provide supplemental information specific to Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI). The information presented is for clarification and does not contradict any requirements in the ANSI X12N 5010 Technical Report Type 3 (TR3 and Errata).

The table in Section 7.0 details the additional information directly related to loops, segments, or data elements specific to BCBSRI transactions.

3.0 Trading Partners

A BCBSRI EDI trading partner is any business partner (provider, billing service, software vendor, employer group, financial institution, etc.) who transmits to or receives electronic data from BCBSRI.

In order to register as a BCBSRI Trading Partner and begin testing, it is necessary to complete the Trading Partner Registration (TPR) form. In addition, trading partners must print out and complete a copy of the Trading Partner Agreement (TPA) before partner testing can begin. Both documents are located on the BCBSRI Web site (https://www.bcbsri.com/BCBSRIWeb/providers/provider_network_system/companion_guides.jsp). Both original documents must be returned to:

EDI & Electronic Information Exchange
ATTN: EDI Trading Partner Agreement & Registration
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island
500 Exchange Street
Providence, RI 02903

4.0 Working with BCBSRI

BCBSRI will work closely with its trading partners to establish effective communication protocols and to resolve any connectivity issues that may arise regarding the exchange of HIPAA-related electronic transactions.
4.1 Contact Information

The following contact information is provided to assist in the process of implementing 837 transactions:

Call the Information Technology (IT) Service Desk, which supports BCBSRI, at 401-751-1673 or 1-855-721-4211.

5.0 Payer Connectivity/Communications

5.1 Transmission Administrative Procedures

BCBSRI will establish logons, passwords and a HIPAA transaction mailbox for each trading partner approved for testing.

5.2 Retransmission Procedures

In the event that issues arise requiring trading partners to resubmit transactions, BCBSRI support personnel will confirm that it is necessary to retransmit the file(s) in question and will forward specific information to the trading partner.

5.3 Communications Protocols

The initial communications will utilize Internet browser technology (IP Protocol) to the secure BCBSRI Web site. It is required that all trading partners have Internet access with an industry standard browser.

BCBSRI provides a Web-based application known as BCBSRI Connect Enterprise System that enables trading partners to:

- Submit (send) HIPAA transactions;
- Receive HIPAA transaction responses; and
- View history files (directory) of all transactions sent and received.

5.3.1 Passwords

Trading partner access will be verified by the logon ID and password whenever the BCBSRI Connect Enterprise system is accessed. Operation procedures will assure that logons and passwords are initiated, monitored and maintained in a secure manner.

5.3.2 Connecting to BCBSRI via EDI Gateway

Please go to www.bcbsri.com and select the Providers tab, HIPAA and Documentation to view or print BCBSRI EDI Gateway, a document that provides detailed instructions on how to connect to the BCBSRI Blue Gateway. If necessary, also reference the BCBSRI Blue Gateway HTTPS or SFTP Connection & Transmission Procedures Document for specific data communications set-up instructions.
6.0 Receiver/Sender Identifiers

6.1 ISA-IEA Control Segments

Sender ID interchange control segments: Use ID Qualifier code ZZ in ISA05. The Submitter ID provided by BCBSRI in the Trading Partner Agreement must be used in ISA06 and GS02. ID limited to 8 characters with a leading alpha prefix. Prefixes: \texttt{P = Production, T = Test}.

Receiver ID interchange control segments: Use ID Qualifier code ZZ in ISA07. The Receiver ID of 222774 for BCBSRI must be used in ISA08 and GS03.

6.1.1 ISA Delimiters

BCBSRI systems will accept the valid delimiters listed below and request that the use of delimiters be restricted to the following:

\begin{itemize}
  \item * = Element Delimiter
  \item : = Composite Delimiter
  \item ~ = Terminator Delimiter
  \item ^, { = Repetition Separator Delimiter
\end{itemize}

6.2 GS-GE Control Segments/Envelopes

Sender ID interchange control segments: Submitter = GS02.

Receiver ID interchange control segments: Receiver = GS03.

Sender IDs will be assigned.

GS Segments/Reference Codes:

\begin{tabular}{|l|l|l|}
  \hline
  Functional Identifier Code & GS01 & HC \\
  Application’s Sender Code & GS02 & TXXXXXXX(test) \\
  & & PXXXXXXX(production) \\
  Application’s Receivers Code & GS03 & 222774 \\
  Date & GS04 & ccymmmdd \\
  Time & GS05 & hhmm \\
  Group Control Number & GS06 & Required \\
  Responsible Agency Code & GS07 & X \\
  Version/Release/Industry Identifier Code & GS08 & 005010X224A2 \\
  \hline
\end{tabular}

7.0 BCBSRI Specific Business Rules and Limitations

\textbf{Claim Models Supported}: BCBSRI will only support the provider to payer claim model with the exception of BCBSRI Blue on Blue coverage. Therefore, if a payer is secondary to BCBSRI, providers must submit their own secondary claims to the payer. BCBSRI will accept claims from Medicare for which BCBSRI is the secondary payer. Therefore, providers will not have to submit these to BCBSRI.
**Valid Submitters:** BCBSRI will only accept transactions from valid trading partners whose submitter IDs are on file. BCBSRI will reject transmissions if the submitter ID cannot be validated.

**Enveloping Data:** BCBSRI will accept multiple GS-GE groupings of the same transaction type within the ISA-IEA.

**Claim Validation:** BCBSRI will verify 837 dental claims in accordance with the HIPAA 5010 Technical Report Type 3 (TR3) data requirements using HIPAA Level I & Level II validation.

**Duplicate Batches:** Duplicate batches of claims should not be submitted for processing. BCBSRI will use GS02, GS03, GS04, GS05, and GS06 to determine batch numbers.

The following are specific BCBSRI rules applicable to dental claims transactions:

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<th>Reference (REF) Designator</th>
<th>HIPAA TR3 Page Number</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Identifying a Batch GS Envelope</td>
<td>GS02, GS03, GS04, GS05, GS06</td>
<td></td>
<td>BCBSRI will accept multiple ST-SEs within one GS-GE. The control number in GS06 will be deemed the batch number for all claims within the GS-GE. This number in addition to the sender ID and the creation date will identify a batch. If the data within this grouping is repeated, the subsequent group will be rejected to the submitter as a duplicate batch.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>1000A - SUBMITTER NAME</td>
<td>NM109</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>Must match the sender ID in the GS02. ID limited to eight characters.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>1000B RECEIVER NAME</td>
<td>NM109</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>Value with 222774. (This is the same value in the GS03.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>2010AA — BILLING PROVIDER NAME</td>
<td>NM101, REF01, REF02</td>
<td>82, 89</td>
<td>Billing provider must be the Pay-to provider, not a billing service. If a group practice, send billing group information at this level and the individual rendering provider information in Loop 2310B. If an individual billing provider is rendering the services, only billing provider information is necessary at this level.</td>
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<td>Reference Identification Qualifier</td>
<td>REF01</td>
<td>89</td>
<td>For EIN use qualifier EI, or SY for Social Security Number.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Billing Provider Tax Identification Number</td>
<td>REF02</td>
<td>89</td>
<td>EIN or Social Security Number.</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>2000B – SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION</td>
<td>SBR01</td>
<td>111</td>
<td>BCBSRI allows values of P, S, T, A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6.</td>
<td>2010BA — SUBSCRIBER NAME</td>
<td>NM109</td>
<td>116</td>
<td>Always required.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Subscriber Primary Identifier</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Use BCBSRI ID exactly as it appears on the member’s ID card, including any alpha prefix.</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>2010BB — PAYER NAME</td>
<td>NM108, NM109</td>
<td>125, 125</td>
<td>PI - Payer Identification</td>
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<td>Identification Code Qualifier</td>
<td>NM108</td>
<td>125</td>
<td>Payer Identifier = 00870</td>
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<td>Payer Identifier</td>
<td>NM109</td>
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<td>2300 — CLAIM INFORMATION</td>
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<td>Related Cause Information</td>
<td>CLM11</td>
<td>149</td>
<td>Required when the condition being reported is accident or employment related.</td>
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<td>Predetermination of Benefits Code</td>
<td>CLM19</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>If requesting predetermination, value with (PB) and do not value dates of service at claim or line level. If both CLM19 is valued and dates of service are present the claim will be returned.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Date — Accident</td>
<td>DTP</td>
<td>152</td>
<td>Required when CLM 11 is equal to AA, EM or OA.</td>
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<td>Attachment Transmission Code</td>
<td>PWK02</td>
<td>160</td>
<td>At this time EL will not be accepted since BCBSRI does not accommodate the 275 transaction. BCBSRI will allow up to 30 days for providers to submit medical documentation when claim is submitted and indicates documentation is forthcoming (by surface mail, fax or electronically).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Payer Claim Control Number</td>
<td>REF02</td>
<td>168</td>
<td>The original BCBSRI claim number must be submitted if the claim frequency type code (CLM05-3) is 7 or 8 or J.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9.</td>
<td>2310A — REFERRING PROVIDER NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td>190</td>
<td>Not currently used for BCBSRI Dental claims.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10.</td>
<td>2310C — SERVICE FACILITY LOCATION</td>
<td></td>
<td>202</td>
<td>If either of these fields are reported, the information will not be used as part of the claim adjudication. It will be saved for informational purposes.</td>
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<td>2310D — ASSISTANT SURGEON</td>
<td></td>
<td>210</td>
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<td></td>
<td>2310E — SUPERVISING PROVIDER</td>
<td></td>
<td>216</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.</td>
<td>2330B — OTHER PAYER NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td>247</td>
<td>If the subscriber has BCBSRI as a secondary coverage file with 00870, otherwise file with the payer ID of the other payer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>Other Payer Primary Identifier</td>
<td>NM109</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12.</td>
<td>2400 — SERVICE LINE</td>
<td></td>
<td>281</td>
<td>Please be advised that BCBSRI processes 50 service lines per claim. Any claims received with greater than 50 lines will be split prior to adjudication.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Procedure Count</td>
<td>SV306</td>
<td>286</td>
<td>The procedure count must be at least one. If zero, the claim will be returned.</td>
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<tr>
<td>13.</td>
<td>2420A — RENDERING PROVIDER NAME</td>
<td></td>
<td>289</td>
<td>While HIPAA allows you to report a second rendering provider at the individual line, please be advised that if this occurs, BCBSRI will split the claim by rendering provider.</td>
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8.0 Functional Acknowledgement/Reports

8.1 999 Response

Upon receipt of an 837, BCBSRI will respond with a 999 functional acknowledgement transaction to inform the submitter that the transaction has arrived. The 999 transaction may include information regarding the syntactical quality of the 837 transmission, or the extent to which the syntax complies with the standards for transaction sets and functional groups.

8.2 999 Plain Language Report (Acceptance)

The Plain Language Report is a translation of the 999 Response. The sample Plain Language Report below shows the acceptance of a transmission. This report is generated for the convenience of the trading partner.

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BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF RHODE ISLAND
PAPERLESS TRANSMISSION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
FUNCTIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REPORT
Sender ID Number: 222774
ISA CTRL#: 000000012

FUNCTIONAL GROUP INFORMATION
REPORT DATE-20101230
REPORT TIME-17: 15: 29
SUBMITTER ID: P0001799
Report ID: 20101230171529-120001-850

TRANSACTION INFORMATION
FUNCTIONAL GROUP CONTROL #: 850
NUMBER OF INCLUDED TRANSACTION SETS: 1
NUMBER OF RECEIVED TRANSACTION SETS: 1
NUMBER OF ACCEPTED TRANSACTION SETS: 1

TRANSACTION SET INFORMATION
   TRANSACTION SET CONTROL #: 0001
   TRANSACTION SET ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATUS: ACCEPTED
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8.3 999 Plain Language Report (Rejection/Error)

In the event that a transmission or claim(s) are rejected, the Plain Language Report will detail the reasons.

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BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF RHODE ISLAND
PAPERLESS TRANSMISSION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
FUNCTIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REPORT
Sender ID Number: 222774
ISA CTRL#: 000000014

FUNCTIONAL GROUP INFORMATION
REPORT DATE - 20091014
REPORT TIME -17:16:31
SUBMITTER ID: P0001799
Report ID: 20101230171631-140001-848

TRANSACTION INFORMATION
FUNCTIONAL GROUP CONTROL #: 848
NUMBER OF INCLUDED TRANSACTION SETS: 1
NUMBER OF RECEIVED TRANSACTION SETS: 1
NUMBER OF ACCEPTED TRANSACTION SETS: 0

TRANSACTION SET INFORMATION
TRANSACTION SET CONTROL #: 0001
TRANSACTION SET ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATUS: REJECTED
TOTAL NUMBER OF ERRORS IN TRANSACTIONS SET: 1

DATA SEGMENT (S) IN ERROR
ERROR NUMBER: 1
DATA SEGMENT ERROR: SEGMENT HAS DATA ELEMENT ERRORS
ANSI LOOP ID:
POSITION WITHIN TRANSACTION SET: 2
BAD ELEMENT: CLM

DATA ELEMENT (S) IN ERROR
POSITION IN SEGMENT: 9
DATA ELEMENT ERROR CODE: INVALID CODE VALUE
BAD DATA ELEMENT: X
```

9.0 Certification and Testing

If you wish to submit 837 Claim transactions to BCBSRI, complete the Trading Partner Agreement (TPA) and Registration (TPR) forms from the www.bcbsri.com Web site. Return to the appropriate address from the form. An EDI staff member will provide you with your Submitter id (Mailbox id) upon receipt of these signed forms. This id will be used within your 837 transaction as well.

10.0 Document Version Control

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