

# PROVIDER BULLETIN No. 14-23

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TO: All Providers Participating in the NE Medicaid Program  
All Medicaid EDI Trading Partners

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RE: Affordable Care Act Administrative Simplification (AS)  
Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) and Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA)  
Reassociation (CCD+) Rule

Please Share this information with Administrative, Billing and IT Staff and Trading Partners

**This Provider Bulletin provides information for all providers enrolled in Nebraska Medicaid who render services to Medicaid recipients in the Fee-for-Service (FFS) delivery system.**

**Note:** Providers participating in the NE managed care program should address EFT/ERA questions directly to the applicable managed care organization (MCO).

All HIPAA covered entities, including providers, clearinghouses and payers, are required to comply with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) requirements to implement the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange® (CORE) Phase III Operating Rules for two HIPAA transactions:

- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- Remittance Advice (835).

This bulletin outlines steps for providers to take with their financial institutions to enable efficient reassociation of EFTs and ERAs.

## **EFT & ERA Reassociation (CCD+/835) Rule (CORE Rule 370)**

**Implementation Date:** June 18, 2014.

A reassociation trace number (EFT payment number) is sent with the ERA and associated EFT payment. After the NE Medicaid implementation on June 18, 2014, the reassociation information will be sent to financial institutions in the CCD+ format.

Financial institutions are required to provide the reassociation information if requested by providers. **To receive the reassociation trace number (EFT payment number), providers must contact their financial institution to ensure that the minimum reassociation data elements are delivered.**

A sample letter has been created to assist providers in contacting their financial institutions regarding the minimum CCD+ data elements necessary for reassociation.

The sample letter can be found on the CORE website at:

[http://www.caqh.org/file\\_download.php?fname=%2FHost%2FCORE%2FEFT-ERA%2FSample\\_Provider\\_EFT\\_Reassociation\\_Data\\_Request\\_Letter.pdf](http://www.caqh.org/file_download.php?fname=%2FHost%2FCORE%2FEFT-ERA%2FSample_Provider_EFT_Reassociation_Data_Request_Letter.pdf)

If you are not familiar with the CORE Phase III Operating Rules, they are available at no charge from the CAQH CORE Web site at:

[http://www.caqh.org/ORMandate\\_EFT.php](http://www.caqh.org/ORMandate_EFT.php).

### **Reference:**

- Sample letter from Provider to Financial Institution :  
<http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/documents/CORE-Sample-Provider-EFT-ERA-Reassociation-Letter.docx>
- CORE Phase III Rules: [http://www.caqh.org/CORE\\_phase3.php](http://www.caqh.org/CORE_phase3.php)
- CORE Rule 370: EFT & ERA Reassociation (CCD+/835):  
[http://www.caqh.org/Host/CORE/EFT-ERA/EFTERA\\_Reassociation\\_Rule.pdf](http://www.caqh.org/Host/CORE/EFT-ERA/EFTERA_Reassociation_Rule.pdf)

### **Questions?**

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