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This Companion Guide is to be used with, and not as a replacement for, the ASC X12N 5010 version of the HIPAA Transaction Technical Report Type 3 (TR3).

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This Companion Guide is considered a living document, and as such, the information provided herein will be subject to change. A copy of the document and any changes to the document will be posted via the NE Medicaid website located at: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Electronic-Data-Interchange-Submission-Requirements.aspx>

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**Preface**

This Companion Guide to the ASC X12N Technical Report Type 3 (TR3) adopted under HIPAA clarifies and specifies the data content when data is transmitted electronically to or from Nebraska Medicaid (NE Medicaid). Transmissions based on this Companion Guide, used in tandem with the X12N TR3, are compliant with both X12N syntax and those guides.

This Companion Guide is intended to convey information that is within the framework of the ASC X12N TR3 adopted for use under HIPAA. The Companion Guide is not intended to convey information that in any way exceeds the requirements or usage of data expressed in the TR3.

All transactions must be submitted in accordance with the regulations contained within the Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) Title 471, Nebraska Medical Assistance Program and Title 482, Nebraska Managed Care Program.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 SCOPE

This Companion Guide contains the format and establishes the data content of the **Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry (270) and Response (271)** HIPAA X12 transactions.

### 1.2 OVERVIEW

This Companion Guide governs the **Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response (270/271)** HIPAA X12 transaction (ASC X12N 270/271 (005010X279A1)).

### 1.3 REFERENCES

- ASC X12 Version 5010X279A1 Implementation Guides: <http://store.x12.org>
- CAQH/CORE: <https://www.caqh.org/>
- NE Medicaid Program Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Home Page: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Provider-Electronic-Data-Interchange.aspx>
- NE Medicaid EDI Help Desk 866-498-4357 or 402-471-9461 (in Lincoln) or via email at [DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov).

### 1.4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Nebraska Medicaid currently supports both batch and real-time transactions for HTTP/S and batch only for SFTP for the 270/271.

## 2 GETTING STARTED

### 2.1 WORKING WITH NEBRASKA MEDICAID

Trading Partners interested in submitting the 270/271 transaction for either real-time or batch should contact the NE Medicaid EDI help desk at 866-498-4357 or 402-471-9461 (in Lincoln) or via email at: [DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov).

### 2.2 TRADING PARTNER ENROLLMENT

Trading Partners are required to enroll with NE Medicaid in order to submit 270 requests and receive 271 responses. Required forms for testing/production submission are:

- i. Nebraska Medicaid Trading Partner Agreement
- ii. Nebraska Medicaid Trading Partner Profile
- iii. Nebraska Medicaid Trading Partner Authorization

Forms required to initiate the enrollment process can be found on the NE Medicaid EDI web page at: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Electronic-Data-Interchange-Partner-Enrollment.aspx>

## 2.3 TESTING OVERVIEW

After all required forms are submitted and accepted by Nebraska Medicaid, you may begin to submit test transactions. Nebraska Medicaid's testing region will mirror the production region.

For more information on testing, please visit the NE Medicaid EDI testing web page at:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Electronic-Data-Interchange-Submission-Requirements.aspx>

## 3 TESTING WITH NEBRASKA MEDICAID

- For SFTP batch transactions:
  - Trading Partners must submit a minimum of two test files, where the majority of inquiries process correctly.
  - Each file should contain different inquiries than in previous files.
  - Batch Files received before 2:30 p.m. will be processed on the day they are received. If they are received after 2:30 p.m., they will be processed with the next day's test files.
  - Test results will be placed in your outbox and sent via email.
- For HTTP/S batch transactions:
  - Trading Partners must submit a minimum of two test files, without exceeding 99 inquiries per transaction set, where the majority of inquiries process correctly.
  - Each file should contain different inquiries than in previous files.
  - All batch files received will be processed in the order they are received. Acknowledgements will be available within an hour of receipt of the 270 batch transaction. The 271 Response will be available no later than 6:00 a.m. CT, if submitted before 8:00 p.m. CT.
  - Trading Partners will be required to submit a completed "[Nebraska Medicaid Program HTTP/S Trading Partner Testing Status Form](#)" to the EDI Help Desk at [DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov) to receive test results.
    - A blank copy of this form is available by contacting the EDI Help Desk at: [DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov) or in Appendix A.
- For HTTP/S real-time transactions:
  - Trading Partners must submit a minimum of five test inquiries that process correctly without exceeding one inquiry per transaction set.
  - Trading Partners will be required to submit the

“[Nebraska Medicaid Program HTTP/S Trading Partner Testing Status Form](#)” to the EDI Help Desk at [DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov) to receive test results.

- A blank copy of this form is available by contacting the EDI Help Desk at: [DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov) or in Appendix A.

For further information, please refer to EDI Testing webpage found at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Electronic-Data-Interchange-Submission-Requirements.aspx>

## **4 CONNECTIVITY WITH THE PAYER/COMMUNICATIONS**

Nebraska Medicaid currently supports both batch and real-time transactions for HTTP/S and batch only for SFTP for the 270/271.

### **4.1 PROCESS FLOWS**

**HTTP/S:** Please refer to the HTTP/S Nebraska Medicaid Submission Guide. This can be found on the EDI Submissions Requirements (5010) web page at: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Electronic-Data-Interchange-Submission-Requirements.aspx>

**SFTP:** Please refer to the SFTP Nebraska Medicaid Submissions Guide. This can be found on the EDI Submissions Requirements (5010) web page at: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Electronic-Data-Interchange-Submission-Requirements.aspx>

### **4.2 TRANSMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

Real-time transactions: limited to one inquiry per transaction set.

Batch transactions: All batch files received will be processed in the order they are received. Acknowledgements will be available within an hour of receipt of the 270 batch transaction. HTTP/S batch files are limited to 99 inquiries per transaction set and the 271 Response will be available no later than 6:00 a.m. CT, if submitted before 8:00 p.m. CT.

For further information, please refer to the Nebraska Medicaid Submission guides at:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Electronic-Data-Interchange-Submission-Requirements.aspx>

Information on system maintenance and downtimes can be found at: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Providers.aspx>



### **4.3 Re-TRANSMISSION PROCEDURE**

Please refer to the Nebraska Medicaid Submission guides at:  
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Electronic-Data-Interchange-Submission-Requirements.aspx>

### **4.4 COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL SPECIFICATIONS**

Please refer to the Nebraska Medicaid Submission guides at:  
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Electronic-Data-Interchange-Submission-Requirements.aspx>

### **4.5 PASSWORDS**

Please refer to the Nebraska Medicaid Submission guides at:  
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Electronic-Data-Interchange-Submission-Requirements.aspx>

## **5 CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **5.1 EDI CUSTOMER SERVICE**

866-498-4357 or 402-471-9461 (in Lincoln) or via email at  
[DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov).

### **5.2 EDI TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

866-498-4357 or 402-471-9461 (in Lincoln) or via email at  
[DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov).

### **5.3 PROVIDER SERVICE NUMBER**

Medicaid Claims Customer Service Center at 877-255-3092 or in Lincoln at  
402-471-9128

### **5.4 APPLICABLE WEBSITES/E-MAIL**

- NE Medicaid Program Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Home Page:  
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Provider-Electronic-Data-Interchange.aspx>
- NE Medicaid EDI Help Desk 866-498-4357 or 402-471-9461 (in Lincoln)  
or via email at [DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.MedicaidEDI@nebraska.gov)
- NE Medicaid and Long-Term Care home web page:  
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Providers.aspx>
- ASC X12 Version 5010X279A1 Implementation Guides:  
<http://store.x12.org>

## 6 CONTROL SEGMENTS/ENVELOPES

### 6.1 ISA-IEA

The Trading Partner identifies the ISA05 and ISA06 on the Trading Partner Profile

Loop ID	Segment Type	Element Identifier	Element Name	NE Medicaid Directive
Header	ISA	ISA05	Interchange ID Qualifier	Use code identified on the Trading Partner Profile
		ISA06	Interchange Sender ID	This value cannot be "MMISNEBR". Use code identified on Trading Partner Profile
		ISA08	Interchange Receiver ID	Use "MMISNEBR".

### 6.2 GS-GE

The Trading Partner identifies the ISA05 and ISA06 on the Trading Partner Profile.

Loop ID	Segment Type	Element Identifier	Element Name	NE Medicaid Directive
Header	GS	GS02	Application Sender's Code	This value cannot be "MMISNEBR". Use value identified on Trading Partner Profile.
		GS03	Application Receiver's Code	Use "MMISNEBR".

### 6.3 ST-SE

Please refer to the ASC X12N 5010 version of the HIPAA Transaction Technical Report Type 3 (TR3). The TR3's for each transaction are available electronically from ASCX12 at <http://store.x12.org>.

## 7 PAYER SPECIFIC BUSINESS RULES AND LIMITATIONS

Nebraska Medicaid Provider Handbooks are published on this DHHS web site. Each handbook includes the Medicaid regulations, appendices (forms, reports, and instructions) and provider bulletins applicable to each type of Medicaid provider.

For a complete listing, go to [Rules and Regulations](#) and [Provider Bulletins](#). Provider handbooks are available at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Providers.aspx> .

## **8 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

### **8.1 REAL-TIME**

The following responses can be expected from NE Medicaid EDI for a real-time 270 transaction:

- 271 response transaction indicating the requested member's coverage or benefits (or)
- The ASC X12C/005010X231A1 Implementation Acknowledgement for Health Care Insurance (999) TR3 acknowledgement (for a 270 Reject) if the 270 transaction contains HIPAA compliancy errors.
- TA1 acknowledgement for interchange errors.

### **8.2 BATCH SFTP**

The following responses can be expected from NE Medicaid EDI for a batch 270 transaction:

- 271 response transaction will be available within two hours of processing indicating the requested member's coverage or benefits.
- 999 acknowledgement within an hour of the 270 transaction to indicate whether the functional group was either accepted, accepted with errors or rejected.
- Nebraska Medicaid will generate a TA1 transaction for every inbound HIPAA X12 transaction received with a value of "1" in the ISA14 element of the ISA segment.

### **8.3 BATCH HTTP/S**

The following responses can be expected from NE Medicaid EDI for a batch 270 transaction:

- 271 response transaction with the requested member's coverage or benefits.
- 999/TA1 acknowledgement within an hour of the 270 transaction to indicate whether the functional group was either accepted, accepted with errors or rejected.
- Nebraska Medicaid will generate a TA1 transaction for every inbound HIPAA X12 transaction received with a value of "1" in the ISA14 element of the ISA segment.

## **9 TRADING PARTNER AGREEMENTS**

Nebraska Medicaid Trading Partner Agreement is located at:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Electronic-Data-Interchange-Submission-Requirements.aspx>

## 9.1 TRADING PARTNERS

A Trading Partner agreement means an agreement related to the exchange of information in electronic transactions. Nebraska Medicaid Providers can submit or receive electronic transactions directly or through a third party, such as a clearinghouse, to Nebraska Medicaid. The submitter of such transactions is known as a "Trading Partner." NE Medicaid will only exchange transactions with an approved Trading Partner after all required forms are submitted and accepted.

In order to ensure the integrity, security and confidentiality of data exchanged in electronic transactions and to permit appropriate disclosure and use of such data as permitted by law, Nebraska Medicaid and the Trading Partner enter into this Agreement to address the conditions under which data will be exchanged and to ensure data will be exchanged in accordance with the Transaction and Code Set requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), when applicable. Information regarding Trading Partner Enrollment Forms and EDI Testing can be found in Nebraska Medicaid Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Home Page at: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Providers.aspx>

## 10 TRANSACTION SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Data usage requirements for Nebraska Medicaid will be identified throughout the Companion Guide as NE Medicaid directives. Note: Only segments with specific NE Medicaid directives are included in this Companion Guide.

NE Medicaid directives are shown for a specific data element and are used in both required and situational segments for the following circumstances:

- When a specific value is required by NE Medicaid, a Nebraska Medicaid Directive will be included indicating the value to use.
- When a specific qualifier is used by NE Medicaid, a Nebraska Medicaid Directive indicating which qualifiers are used and when they are allowed will be included.

Transactions containing information not ASC X12N compliant will be rejected and will not enter into the adjudication system. An ASC X12N 999 or TA1, when requested, will be used to convey the rejection and associated reason.

## 10.1 270 TRANSACTION

Loop	Segment-Element	Name / Implementation Name	Nebraska Medicaid Directive
ISA		INTERCHANGE CONTROL HEADER	
	ISA05	Interchange ID Qualifier	Use code identified on the Trading Partner Profile
	ISA06	Interchange Sender ID	This value cannot be "MMISNEBR". Use code identified on Trading Partner Profile
	ISA08	Interchange Receiver ID	Use "MMISNEBR"
GS		FUNCTIONAL GROUP HEADER	
	GS02	Application Sender's Code	This value cannot be "MMISNEBR". Use value identified on Trading Partner Profile.
	GS03	Application Receiver's Code	Use "MMISNEBR"
2100A	NM1	INFORMATION SOURCE NAME	
	NM101	Entity Identifier Code	Ne Medicaid will only process "PR"
	NM108	Identification Code Qualifier	Ne Medicaid will only process "PI"
	NM109	Information Source Primary Identifier	Use "NEMEDICAID"
2100B	NM1	INFORMATION RECEIVER NAME	
	NM108	Identification Code Qualifier	Ne Medicaid will only process "XX" or "SV"
2100C	NM1	SUBSCRIBER NAME	
	NM109	Subscriber Primary Identifier	Use the 11-digit NE Medicaid assigned Client ID number
2100C	REF	SUBSCRIBER ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION	
	REF01	Reference Identification Qualifier	Ne Medicaid will only process "EJ" or "SY"

## 10.2 271 TRANSACTION

Loop	Segment-Element	Name / Implementation Name	Nebraska Medicaid Directive
ISA		INTERCHANGE CONTROL HEADER	
	ISA08	Interchange Receiver ID	"MMISNEBR" will be sent.
GS		FUNCTIONAL GROUP HEADER	
	GS03	Application Receiver's Code	"MMISNEBR" will be sent.
2100A	NM1	INFORMATION SOURCE NAME	
	NM101	Entity Identifier Code	NE Medicaid will use code "PR"
	NM103	Information Source Last or Organization Name	"NEBRASKA MEDICAID" will be sent.
	NM108	Identification Code Qualifier	NE Medicaid will use code "PI" only
	NM109	Information Source Primary Identifier	"NEMEDICAID" will be sent.
2100A	PER	INFORMATION SOURCE CONTACT INFORMATION	
	PER02	Information Source Contact Name	"MEDICAID INQUIRY LINE" will be sent.
	PER03	Communication Number Qualifier	NE Medicaid will use code "TE".
	PER04	Information Source Communication Number	NE Medicaid Customer Service Center Phone No. 4024719128 will be returned.
	PER05	Communication Number Qualifier	NE Medicaid will use code "TE".
	PER06	Information Source Communication Number	NE Medicaid Customer Service Center Phone No. 8772553092 will be returned.
2100A	AAA	REQUEST VALIDATION	
	AAA03	Reject Reason Code	NE Medicaid will use codes "42" or "T4".
2100B	AAA	INFORMATION RECEIVER VALIDATION REQUEST	
	AAA03	Reject Reason Code	NE Medicaid will use codes "43" or "50".

Loop	Segment-Element	Name / Implementation Name	Nebraska Medicaid Directive
2100C	NM1	SUBSCRIBER NAME	
	NM103	Subscriber Last Name	The subscriber name on file with NE Medicaid will be returned.
	NM104	Subscriber First Name	The subscriber name on file with NE Medicaid will be returned.
	NM105	Subscriber Middle Name or Initial	The subscriber name on file with NE Medicaid will be returned.
2100C	REF	SUBSCRIBER ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION	
	REF01	Reference Identification Qualifier	Code "SY" and "EJ" will be returned only if received for search. Other codes will not be returned.
2100C	DTP	SUBSCRIBER DATE	
	DTP01	Date Time Qualifier	NE Medicaid will only use code "307".
2100C	EB	SUBSCRIBER ELIGIBILITY OR BENEFIT INFORMATION	
	EB02	Benefit Coverage Level Code	NE Medicaid will use code "IND".
	EB07	Benefit Amount	In the case where the subscriber is required to pay a co-payment, NE Medicaid will report all of the possible co-pay amounts along with a message in the 2110C MSG segment. The message will include a link to the Program's Rules and Regulations regarding copayments.  In the case where the subscriber is required to fulfill a spenddown contribution, the monthly spenddown amount will be reported.
2100C	DTP	SUBSCRIBER ELIGIBILITY/ BENEFIT DATE	
	DTP01	Date Time Qualifier	Code "292" will be used to indicate Managed Care full risk capitation.
2100C	MSG	MESSAGE TEXT	

Loop	Segment-Element	Name / Implementation Name	Nebraska Medicaid Directive
	MSG01	Free Form Message Text	<p>Used to further describe how and why client's benefits or services are restricted.</p> <p>The following messages do not affect Medicaid Eligibility:  SDP=State Disability Program  RRP=Refugee Resettlement Program</p>
2120C	NM1	SUBSCRIBER BENEFIT RELATED ENTITY NAME	
	NM101	Entity Identifier Code	<p>NE Medicaid will use codes "1P", "P3", "PR" or "X3".</p> <p>Code "1P" will be used to convey the name of the provider that the subscriber is restricted to.</p> <p>Code "P3" will be used to convey the name of the PCP if the subscriber is enrolled in Medicaid managed care.</p> <p>Code "X3" will be used to convey the name of the MCO (Med/Surg HMO).</p> <p>Code "PR" will be used to convey the TPL insurance company, if applicable.</p>



## **APPENDIX**

A. [Nebraska Medicaid Program HTTP/S Trading Partner Testing status form](#)

### **B. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Electronic-Data-Interchange-FAQ.aspx>

### **C. CHANGE SUMMARY**

For each version of this Companion Guide a summary of the information changed since the previous version will be located in this section. Actual changes will be incorporated into the new version of the Companion Guide which will be published as a complete document.

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