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1 **1 CAQH CORE Attachments Operating Rules: Background**

2 **1.1 CAQH CORE Overview**

3 CAQH CORE is an industry-wide facilitator committed to the creation, and adoption of healthcare
4 operating rules that support standards, accelerate interoperability, and align administrative and clinical
5 activities among providers, health plans, and patients. Guided by more than 100 participating
6 organizations – including providers, health plans representing 75 percent of insured Americans,
7 government entities, vendors, associations and standards development organizations – CAQH CORE
8 Operating Rules drive a trusted, simple and sustainable healthcare information exchange that evolves
9 and aligns with market needs.¹ CAQH CORE Operating Rules are developed using a consensus-based
10 approach among industry stakeholders, and are designed to facilitate interoperability, improve
11 utilization of administrative transactions, enhance efficiency and lower the cost of information exchange
12 in healthcare. To date, this cross-industry commitment has resulted in operating rules that address
13 many pain points of healthcare business transactions including eligibility and benefits verification, claims
14 and claims status, claim payment and remittance, health plan premium payment enrollment and
15 disenrollment, prior authorization, and aspects of value-based healthcare such as patient attribution.

16 **1.2 Industry Interest in Attachments Operating Rules**

17 Attachments refer to the exchange of patient-specific medical information or supplemental
18 documentation to support an administrative healthcare transaction and are the bridge between clinical
19 and administrative data. They provide health plans vital information for adjudication of a subset of
20 claims, prior authorizations, referrals, post-adjudication appeals, audits and more. However, the
21 attachments workflow is primarily manual and a source of significant administrative burden. According
22 to the 2020 CAQH Index, only 22 percent of attachments are processed using a fully electronic method.²
23 The Index also estimated that adoption of electronic attachment transactions could reduce healthcare
24 industry per-transaction costs for exchange of attachments by over \$377 million annually, \$4.09 per
25 transaction.³

26 Industry has waited for federal action on an attachments standard for many years. In 1996, HIPPA
27 mandated the adoption of an electronic standard for attachments, along with many other
28 administrative transactions. In most cases, the HIPAA-mandated standards have been federally adopted,
29 and companion operating rules have been developed to support these transactions. The extended wait
30 for a federal attachment standard has driven a sense of uncertainty, deterred vendor development of a
31 standardized approach, and resulted in a range of standards and specifications to support the exchange
32 of attachments.

33 Since 2012, CAQH CORE has maintained a focus on attachments, collaborating with industry to provide
34 education and gather insights on industry opportunities via operating rule development input, national
35 webinars, and surveys. In 2019, CAQH CORE published the [CAQH CORE Report on Attachments: Bridge](#)

¹ In 2012, CAQH CORE was designated by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as the author for [federally mandated operating rules](#) under Section 1104 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).

² [2020 CAQH Index](#), CAQH.

³ Ibid.

36 [to a Fully Automated Future to Share Medical Documentation](#), which examines the challenges
37 associated with the exchange of medical information and supplemental documentation used for
38 administrative transactions. The report identifies five areas to improve processes and accelerate the
39 adoption of electronic attachments. These opportunity areas include:

- 40 • Workflows
- 41 • Data Variability
- 42 • Exchange Mechanisms
- 43 • Connectivity, Security and Infrastructure
- 44 • Resources

45 Building on the report findings, CAQH CORE launched a multi-stakeholder Attachments Advisory Group
46 consisting of industry leaders representing health plans, providers, vendors, government entities and
47 advisors. The group evaluated pain points caused by the exchange of additional documentation across
48 use cases, prioritizing a list of opportunity areas for operating rule development to reduce
49 administrative burden for the Prior Authorization and Claims Attachments Use Cases.

50 **2 Issues to be Addressed and Business Requirement Justification**

51 **2.1 Problem Space**

52 Attachments uniquely combine data from two disparate systems – clinical and administrative. Due to
53 limited administrative and clinical system integration, and the lack of a federally mandated electronic
54 transaction standard for attachments by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), health
55 plans, providers and vendors have been hesitant to develop standardized approaches to automate the
56 exchange of attachments. This has led to varied and incomplete electronic solutions and work arounds.

57 The 2018 CAQH CORE Attachments Environmental Scan revealed ~~that~~ most attachments today are
58 submitted manually, as paper forms and records sent through the mail or by fax, presenting an
59 incredible administrative burden to both health plans and providers. A regional health plan participating
60 in the CAQH CORE Attachments Environmental Scan indicated that it takes 792 labor hours, the
61 equivalent of nearly 20 people working full-time, to process the attachments it receives by mail, fax and
62 web portal in the course of one week.

63 In late 2019, CAQH CORE conducted an industry-wide survey to further inform the development of
64 operating rules to support a more standardized workflow. Surveys were received from over 340
65 organizations across three stakeholder types: providers, health plans and vendors/clearinghouses. The
66 results, which showed wide variability in how attachments are exchanged, highlighted the prevalence of
67 mail and fax with nearly 60% of organizations using mail and fax to exchange prior authorization and
68 claims attachments.⁴

69 Health plans and providers participating in CAQH CORE attachments research identified multiple pain
70 points throughout the attachments workflow. For example, ~~because payer requirements to support~~
71 ~~coverage decisions for a prior authorization or claim submission vary and are often unclear,~~ providers
72 ~~are often unaware of the clinical documentation required by the health plan to complete a prior~~
73 ~~authorization or claim submission and~~ frequently send unsolicited attachments with too much, too little

⁴ [CAQH CORE Attachments Survey Issue Brief](#).

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74 or incorrect information to health plans based on past experience with the provision of a specific
75 service. Health plans must sort through the clinical information sent by the provider and **establish**
76 **identify** what is required to complete the prior authorization or claim submission, and what is incorrect
77 or missing from the submission. Once all the necessary clinical documentation is received from the
78 provider, which may require multiple communications back and forth between providers and health
79 plans, **the** health plans must spend additional time linking the original submission with the relevant
80 attachments. Throughout this process, providers are often not aware whether an attachment was
81 received by the health plan, resulting in further unnecessary duplicate attachments sent to the health
82 plan and manual follow up by providers who **want attempt** to confirm if the additional documentation
83 was received successfully.

84 Clearly defined exchange standards, accurate data and supporting infrastructure requirements are
85 needed to ensure attachments flow seamlessly through the healthcare system. During the development
86 of the CAQH CORE Attachments Operating Rules, the following priorities rose to the top:

- 87 • Enhance attachments workflow process via electronic methods for identifying attachment-specific
- 88 data to support adjudication of a claim or prior authorization.
- 89 • Establish standard codes for providers to communicate when additional documentation is being
- 90 sent to a health plan.
- 91 • Streamline attachment documentation requests and reassociation of attachments.
- 92 • Establish requirements for acknowledgements, data errors and response times by health plans when
- 93 attachments are sent electronically.
- 94 • Develop data file format requirements for quality, readability and size efficiency.

95 ***2.2 Business Requirement Justification and Focus of the CAQH CORE Attachments (275/278) Prior***
96 ***Authorization Data Content Rule***

97 The purpose of this operating rule is to identify and standardize the data used for exchanging
98 attachments to support X12 00510X217 278 Prior Authorization Requests (hereafter referred to as the
99 X12 v5010X217 278).

100 When attachments are not submitted in parallel with the original X12 v5010X217 278 Prior
101 Authorization Request, the attachment and Request must be linked, or reassociated. This reflects one of
102 the most significant problem areas in the attachments workflow. The requirements in this operating rule
103 address these issues by reducing the unnecessary back and forth between providers and health plans,
104 enable shorter adjudication timeframes and reduce staff resources spent on manual follow up.

105 The following requirements included in the rule address data content of attachments and additional
106 documentation to support an X12 v5010X217 278 Prior Authorization Requests:

- 107 • Streamline the reassociation and identification process with use of **Code EL** on the X12
- 108 v5010X217 278 Request and Response and **Common Reference Data** on the X12 v6020X316 275
- 109 attachment.
- 110 • Use of **Common CORE Connectivity Headers** and **Common CORE Data Elements** when sending
- 111 additional documentation with the X12 275 transaction and using non-X12 payloads.

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112 Additionally, given attachments serve as the bridge between clinical and administrative data, CAQH
113 CORE Attachments Subgroup participants decided to scope this operating rule for attachments sent
114 using the X12 v6020X316 275 transaction and additional documentation sent without using the X12
115 v6020X316 275 transaction (i.e., using CORE Connectivity as the exchange method and any non-X12
116 payload including, HL7 FHIR Resources, HL7 C-CDA, .PDF, etc.) to support the convergence of clinical and
117 administrative data as the healthcare industry continues to move towards a more interoperable
118 ecosystem.

119 **3 Scope**

120 **3.1 What the Rule Applies To**

121 This CAQH CORE Attachments (275/278) Prior Authorization Data Content Rule applies to the exchange
122 of patient-specific information or supplemental documentation sent to support prior authorizations sent
123 via the X12 005010X217 278 Health Care Services Review – Request for Review and Response Technical
124 Report Type 3 and associated errata (hereafter referenced as X12 v5010X217 278).

125 To support the efficient exchange of additional information or documentation to support a pPrior
126 aAuthorization #Request sent in either Batch or Real Time Processing Mode, the rule also applies to the
127 conduct of the following X12 transactions:

- 128 • X12 006020X290 999 Implementation Acknowledgement for Health Care Insurance Technical
129 Report Type 3 (hereafter referred to as X12 v6020X290 999).
- 130 • X12 006020X257 824 Application Advice Technical Report Type 3 (hereafter referred to as X12
131 v6020X257 824).

132 In addition, the rule applies across the following electronic attachment submission methods:

133 **X12 Attachment Submission Method:**

- 134 • X12 006020X316 275 Additional Information to Support a Health Care Services Review Technical
135 Report Type 3 (hereafter referred to as X12 v6020X316 275).^{5,6}

136 **Electronic Non-X12 Additional Documentation Payload Format and Submission Methods:**

137 Other payload types (e.g., HL7 C-CDA, .pdf, .doc, etc.) exchanged via using the most recent CAQH
138 CORE Connectivity Rule (hereinafter “CAQH CORE Connectivity Rule”).

139 **3.2 When the Rule Applies**

140 This CAQH CORE Attachments (275/278) Prior Authorization Data Content Rule applies when:

- 141 • A provider and its agent electronically send patient-specific information or supplemental
142 documentation (solicited or unsolicited) to a health plan to support an X12 v5010X217 278 Prior
143 Authorization Request.

144 And

⁵ Given the X12 attachment standards have not been mandated under HIPAA, health plans, providers and vendors and their agents are not federally required to support the X12 6020X315 275 transaction.

⁶ Stakeholders and their agents may choose to implement higher versions of the X12 X316 275 transaction but must also continue to support X12 v6020X316 275 in accordance with this rule.

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- 145 • A health plan and its agent electronically process patient-specific information or supplemental
146 documentation and respond to a provider to support an X12 v5010X217 278 Prior Authorization
147 Response.

148 ***3.3 What the Rule Does Not Require***

149 While the rule requirements address the optional use of non-X12 additional documentation submission
150 format methods, the rule does not require any entity or its agent to:

- 151 • Exchange documentation using an electronic, non-X12 additional documentation submission
152 format method (e.g., HL7 C-CDA, .pdf, .doc, etc.) exchanged via CORE Connectivity.

153 ***3.4 Outside the Scope of This Rule***

154 Attachments sent to support retail pharmacy benefit electronic prior authorizations are out of scope for
155 this rule, i.e., pharmacist- and/or prescriber-initiated prior authorization for drugs, biologics and other
156 treatments covered under a pharmacy benefit.⁷

157 ***3.5 Maintenance of This Rule***

158 Any substantive updates to change rule requirements will be made in alignment with CAQH CORE
159 processes for updating versions of the operating rules, as determined by industry need, or CAQH CORE
160 Participants.

161 ***3.6 Assumptions***

162 A goal of this rule is to adhere to the principles of electronic data interchange (EDI) in assuring that
163 clinical information sent is accurately received and to facilitate correction of errors for electronically
164 submitted additional documentation requests.

165 The following assumptions apply to this rule:

- 166 • A successful communication connection has been established.
- 167 • This rule is a component of the larger set of CAQH CORE Operating Rules; as such, all the CAQH
168 CORE Guiding Principles apply to this rule and all other rules.
- 169 • This rule is not a comprehensive companion document addressing any content requirements of
170 the X12 v5010X217 278, X12 v6020X316 275, X12 v6020X290 999, X12 v6020X257 824 or HL7
171 C-CDA.
- 172 • Compliance with all CAQH CORE Operating Rules is a minimum requirement; any HIPAA-covered
173 entity is free to offer more than what is required in the rule.

⁷ [NCPDP is the Standards Setting Organization](#) responsible for standards for retail pharmacy.

174 **4 Data Content Rule Requirements for Attachments using the X12 275 Transaction**

175 The rule requirements in this section apply only when an entity and their agent use an the X12
176 attachment method listed in §3.1.

177 **4.1 Reassociation Requirements**

178 ~~To speed up the adjudication of an X12 v5010X217 278 Request, a provider and its agent may submit~~
179 ~~the necessary additional documentation or attachment along with the initial submission of the X12~~
180 ~~v5010X217 278 transaction, typically referred to as an unsolicited attachment, to support the Request.~~

181 There are two submission methods a provider can use to deliver an attachment that are addressed in
182 this rule⁸:

- 183 1. Using the X12 v6020X316 275 transaction to provide additional documentation.
- 184 2. Using CORE Connectivity⁹ as the payload exchange method without an X12 payload format.

185 The following requirements address the X12 submission method for the reassociation of solicited and
186 unsolicited attachments sent to support an X12 v5010X217 278 Request.

187 **4.1.1 ~~Reassociation of an Unsolicited X12 275 to an X12 278 Request~~ Notification of Electronic**
188 **X12 275 Attachment Submission¹⁰**

189 When a HIPAA-covered provider and its agent send an unsolicited X12 v6020X316 275 in support of an
190 X12 v5010X217 278, PWK02 Code EL in Loop 2000E/Loop 2000F in the X12 v5010X217 278 Request
191 must be used to notify a HIPAA-covered health plan and its agent that additional documentation is being
192 transmitted electronically using the Binary Data Segment (BDS) in X12 v6020X316 275.^{11,12}

193 **4.1.1.1 Common Reference Data Used to Reassociate an X12 275 and an X12 278 Request**

194 When a provider sends an X12 v6020X316 275 to support an X12 v5010X217 278 Prior Authorization
195 Request, CAQH CORE recommends the use of the following common reference data to be included ~~on~~ in
196 the X12 v6020X316 275 and its associated payload for patient identification and reassociation purposes.

⁸ Given the X12 attachments standards have not been mandated under HIPAA, providers and their agents are not federally required to send additional documentation via the X12 v6020X316 275 attachment transaction; however, if a provider and its agent send an X12 v6020X316 275 attachment to a health plan and its agent, the health plan and its agent should follow the reassociation requirements for the X12 v5010X217 278 and X12 v6020X316 275 specified in this rule.

⁹ CORE Connectivity specifies requirements for the exchange of messages using SOAP and REST. Additionally, CORE Connectivity is payload agnostic, meaning the SOAP and REST Services are not aware of the content being transmitted.

¹⁰ This rule does not require providers and their agent to send an unsolicited X12 v6020X316 275 attachment in support of a Prior Authorization Request. However, if an unsolicited X12 v6020X316 275 attachment is sent by a provider or its agent, the rule requirement must be followed.

¹¹ While this requirement does not prohibit providers and their agents from using alternative methods to submit the unsolicited additional documentation (e.g., FHIR, DIRECT messaging, web portals, etc.), it specifies the use of PWK02 Code EL if the additional documentation is sent via an X12 v6020X316 275 transaction.

¹² PWK values may be used for other scenarios as defined in specific companion guides and agreed upon by trading partners.

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197 This list of recommendations is not intended to be either exhaustive or prohibitive. The terms included
198 in the list below are defined in Appendix §6.1: X12 TR3 Data Element and Common Reference Data
199 Mapping.

- 200 • ACN
- 201 • Case reference #/Case ID #
- 202 • Date of Birth (DOB)
- 203 • Date of Service (DOS)
- 204 • Internal Medical Facility #
- 205 • Member ID
- 206 • Member Name
- 207 • Prior Authorization Tracking #

208 **4.1.2 ~~Reassociation of a Solicited X12 275 to an X12 278 Request~~ Requesting Electronic**
209 **Submission of an X12 275 Attachment**

210 A HIPAA-covered health plan and its agent must use PWK02 Code EL in Loop 2000E/Loop 2000F in a
211 pending X12 v5010X217 278 Response to request the electronic submission of additional documentation
212 supporting medical necessity in the X12 v6020X316 275.

213 **5 Data Content Rule Requirements for Attachments using the Non-X12 Method**

214 The rule requirements in this section apply only when an entity and their agent use CORE Connectivity
215 without an X12 payload format, such as those listed in §3.1 to exchange an electronic attachment.

216 **5.1 Reassociation Requirements**

217 ~~To speed up the adjudication of an X12 v5010X217 278 Request, a provider and its agent may submit~~
218 ~~the necessary additional documentation or attachment along with the initial submission of the X12~~
219 ~~v5010X217 278 transaction, typically referred to as an unsolicited attachment to support the Request.~~

220 There are two submission methods a provider can use to deliver an ~~unsolicited~~ attachment that are
221 addressed in this rule:

- 222 1. Using the X12 v6020X316 275 transaction to provide additional documentation.
- 223 2. Using CORE Connectivity¹³ as the payload exchange method without an X12 payload format.

224 The following requirements address non-X12 submission method for the reassociation of solicited and
225 unsolicited attachments sent to support an X12 v5010X217 278 ~~Prior Authorization~~ Request.

¹³ CORE Connectivity specifies requirements for the exchange of messages using SOAP and REST. Additionally, CORE Connectivity is payload agnostic, meaning the SOAP and REST Services are not aware of the content being transmitted.

226 **5.1.1 Use of CORE Connectivity Headers to Reassociate Additional Documentation using the**
227 **Non-X12 Method**

228 Reassociation of additional documentation sent via a non-X12 format for the original X12 v5010X217
229 278 Prior Authorization Request varies greatly depending on the submission mode of the additional
230 documentation method. The CAQH CORE Connectivity Rule includes requirements for the exchange of
231 messages using SOAP and REST that is payload agnostic, meaning the SOAP and REST services are not
232 aware of the content. HIPAA-covered providers and their agents using the most recent version of CORE
233 Connectivity to transmit a non-X12 payload must follow the appropriate header requirements to notify
234 health plans and their agents that additional documentation is being transmitted electronically.

235 In the unsolicited non-X12 scenario using CORE Connectivity as the submission method, a provider and
236 its agent can indicate using SOAP or REST headers that an attachment was sent and specify the
237 attachment body type (e.g., .pdf or HL7 C-CDA, etc.).

238 When sending a non-X12 unsolicited attachment using CORE SOAP Connectivity Requirements §4.4.3
239 <SDO>_<PayloadType>_<Version>_<Sub-version> the provider and its agent may identify the
240 <PayloadType> from the following list:

- 241 • HL7 C-CDA
- 242 • .pdf
- 243 • .doc
- 244 • .docx
- 245 • .txt
- 246 • .jpg
- 247 • Additional formats are acceptable

248 When sending a non-X12 unsolicited attachment using CORE REST Connectivity Requirements §5.3.2
249 Specifications for REST API URI Path Endpoints for Payload Types the provider and its agent may identify
250 the REST API URI Path Endpoint from the following list:

- 251 • HL7 C-CDA
- 252 • .pdf
- 253 • .doc
- 254 • .docx
- 255 • .txt
- 256 • .jpg
- 257 • Additional formats are acceptable

258 As the industry continues to evolve, this rule may be updated to include requirements for additional
259 non-X12 submission methods and attachment types.

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260 **5.1.1.1 Attachment Data Elements of Unsolicited Additional Documentation using the Non-**
 261 **X12 Method**

262 For health plans to effectively match attachment payloads (e.g., HL7 C-CDA, .pdf, .doc, etc.) to the
 263 correct administrative transaction the need for a uniform identifier data set is required to facilitate
 264 reassociation.

265 *Table 1. Attachment Data Elements* identifies the data elements necessary for successful reassociation
 266 of the non-X12 attachment payload and the X12 v5010X217 278 **Prior Authorization Request**. A provider
 267 and its agent must include all available Attachment Data Elements as part of the attachment payload
 268 when sending additional information to facilitate reassociation to a prior authorization transaction.
 269 Available data elements can be included in some fashion (e.g., a separate document along with the
 270 payload or included in the payload document itself) as part of the attachment payload.

271 This rule does not prohibit a provider and its agent and a health plan and its agent from mutually
 272 agreeing to exchange more data in addition to the required minimum data needed for reassociation.

273 **NOTE:** Data elements included in Table 1 are only required if available to the provider at time of
 274 submission of the attachment. The provider should return as many elements as possible to ensure
 275 reassociation with the prior authorization.

276 **Table 1. Attachment Data Elements for Reassociation using Non-X12 Attachment Methods**

#	Element	CAQH CORE Element Definition
1	Auth #	An <i>authorization ID</i> is a character string that is associated with a process that is checked to determine the authority to perform a specified operation. NOTE: Authorization ID concept/wording is not used in the X12 v5010X217 278 TR3.
2	Date of Birth (DOB)	Date of Birth
3	Date of Service (DOS)	The date of service is the specific date at which a patient has been given medical treatment. It is recorded for billing purposes and as an item in a patient's medical record.
4	Member ID	Identifier assigned to the patient by the health plan. Health plans may assign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a unique identifier to all individuals covered by the contract or • a high-level identifier to the contract subscriber which is used to identify the dependent by adding a suffix There is no adopted standard to identify patients. A common practice is for each provider and plan to use different identifiers for the same individual.
5	NPI	The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Administrative Simplification Standard. The NPI is a unique identifier for HIPAA-covered health care providers. HIPAA-covered health

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#	Element	CAQH CORE Element Definition
		care providers and all health plans and health care clearinghouses must use the NPIs in the administrative and financial transactions adopted under HIPAA. The NPI is a 10-position, intelligence-free numeric identifier (10-digit number). This means that the numbers do not carry other information about healthcare providers, such as the state in which they live or their medical specialty. The NPI must be used in lieu of legacy provider identifiers in the HIPAA standards transactions.
6	Patient ID	The glossary of the accreditation manual defines a patient identifier as "Information directly associated with an individual that reliably identifies the individual as the person for whom the service or treatment is intended." ¹⁴
7	Patient Last Name	Patient name includes a set of words by which a person is known, i.e. First, Middle, and Last or Family Name. A legal name identifies a person for administrative and other official purposes, like insurance payments. It is generally the name that appears on a person's birth certificate but may change over time, as individuals adopt nicknames. Last name/surname: Generational titles such as Jr, Sr, III are considered part of the last name, and should be included in this field.
8	Prior Authorization "Tracking" #	Sometimes health plans provide a set number of services that they will cover, or they provide a certain time period during which they will cover services for a client. They use prior authorization reference or tracking numbers that need to be included in the claims submitted for those services.
9	Procedure	A medical procedure is a course of action intended to achieve a result in the delivery of healthcare. A <i>medical procedure</i> with the intention of determining, measuring, or diagnosing a patient's condition or parameter is also called a <i>medical test</i> .
10	Subscriber/Dependent First & Last Name	The X12 ASC ¹⁵ standard describes <i>subscriber</i> and <i>dependent</i> as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>subscriber</i> is a person who can be uniquely identified to an information source by a unique Member Identification Number (which may include a unique suffix to the primary policy holder's identification number). The subscriber may or may not be the patient. • The <i>dependent</i> is a person who cannot be uniquely identified to an information source by a unique Member Identification Number but can be identified by an information source when associated with a subscriber. • First and last names are generally the name that appears on a person's birth certificate but may change over time, and as individuals adopt nicknames.
11	TIN	The federal taxpayer identification number (TIN) that identifies the physician/practice/supplier to whom payment is made for the line-item

¹⁴ [The Joint Commission.](#)

¹⁵ [X12](#), chartered by the American National Standards Institute, develops and maintains EDI standards which drive business processes globally.

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#	Element	CAQH CORE Element Definition
		service. This number may be an employer identification number (EIN) or social security number (SSN).

277 **6 Appendix**

278 The terms defined below were selected by CAQH CORE Participants as data elements that most
 279 commonly assist with patient identification and reassociation when used by a provider to send an X12
 280 v6020X316 275 attachment to support an X12 v5010X217 278 Prior Authorization Request. The data
 281 elements are referenced in §4.1.1.1 of this rule.

282 This list is based on the X12 transaction implementation guides for the identified transactions used to
 283 address the provider/health plan exchange of additional documentation to support a Prior
 284 Authorization Request. It is informational only. Implementers should rely on the published X12
 285 transaction specifications. The list is not intended to be either exhaustive or prohibitive.

286 **Table 6.1 X12 TR3 Data Element and Reference Identification Mapping**

#	Reference Metadata	Description	X12 v5010217 278 Request	X12 v5010X217 278 Response	X12 v6020X316 275
1	ACN (Attachment Control Number) <i>Also known as Payer's Auth Control Number or Provider's Attachment Control Trace Number.</i>	An alphanumeric value used to associate documentation exchanged electronically between trading partners to a specific transaction	Loop 2000E Patient Event/2000F Service Level Segment PWK05 66 Identification Code Qualifier AC Attachment Control Number Segment PWK06 67 Identification Code – Designated Implementation Name = Attachment Control Number <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Element PWK06 Code AC Attachment Control Number (Means of associating electronic claim with documentation forwarded by other means) 67 - Identification Code is an alphanumeric data element in X12 base standard • Required in Patient Event Loop when provider has additional documentation associated with this health care services review. • Required in Service Level Loop when provider has additional documentation associated with this health care services review that applies to the service(s) requested in this loop 	Loop 2000E Patient Event/2000F Service Level Segment PWK05 66 Identification Code Qualifier AC Attachment Control Number Segment PWK06 67 Identification Code – Designated Implementation Name = Attachment Control Number <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Element PWK06 Code AC Attachment Control Number (Means of associating electronic claim with documentation forwarded by other means) 67 - Identification Code is an alphanumeric data element in X12 base standard • Required in Patient Event Loop when the health plan requests additional patient information. • Required in Service Level Loop when the health plan needs to request additional information that applies to the service(s) requested in this Service loop 	LOOP 2000A TRN Segment Attachment Control Number -required use segment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsolicited 275 requires provider PWK06 ACN from 278 PWK06 request. • Solicited 275 requires health plan PWK06 ACN from 278 PWK06 response.

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2	Case Reference #/ Case ID #	An identifier assigned by the payer to link related attachment requests which may involve single or multiple patients and/or providers.	Loop 2000E — UM Segment Health Care Services Review Information Patient Event Level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UM01 1525 Request Category Code • UM02 1322 Certification Type Code • UM03 1365 Service Type Code 	Loop 2000E — UM Segment Health Care Services Review Information Patient Event Level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UM01 1525 Request Category Code • UM02 1322 Certification Type Code • UM03 1365 Service Type Code 	Loop 2000A Service Trace Number <i>(Required when additional information pertains to specific services, etc. originally referenced in 278 and 278 contains a Service Trace Number in associated Services loop)</i>
3	DOB (Date of Birth)	Patient date of birth	Loop 2010C DMG01/DMG02 Birth Date – use is Situational. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required when birth date is needed to identify the patient. • If not required, do not send 	Loop 2010C DMG01/DMG02 Birth Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required when used by the health plan to determine medical necessity. • If not required, do not send 	N/A
4	DOS (Date of Service)	The date of service is the specific time at which a patient has been given medical treatment. It is recorded for billing purposes and as an item in a patient's medical record. It also matters for insurance purposes, since health insurers base their reimbursement or payment on the date of service, along with other billing factors. Also known as Event Date – meaning the proposed or actual date or range of dates services will be provided to a patient.	Loop 2000E Patient Event DTP Event Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required when the proposed or actual date or range of dates of this patient event are known Loop 2000F Service DTP Service Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required when proposed or actual date or range of dates of service is different from the Patient Event Date 	Loop 2000E Patient Event DTP Event Date/Loop 2000F Service DTP Service Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required when the health plan authorizes service for a specific date or date range. • If not required, do not send 	N/A
5	Internal Medical Facility #	N/A A value identifying the facility where services were performed.	Loop 2000E — UM Segment Health Care Services Review Information Patient Event Level UM04 C023 Health Care Service Location Information	Loop 2000E — UM Segment Health Care Services Review Information Patient Event Level UM04 C023 Health Care Service Location Information	N/A

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6	Member ID	<p>Identifier assigned to the patient by the health plan. Health plans may assign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a unique identifier to all individuals covered by the contract. <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a high-level identifier to the contract subscriber which is used to identify the dependent by adding a suffix. <p>There is no adopted standard to identify patients.</p> <p>A common practice is for each provider and plan to use different identifiers for the same individual.</p>	<p>Loop 2010C Subscriber/2010D Dependent</p> <p>NM1 Segment is Required Segment and conveys name and identification number of the subscriber who may also be the patient</p> <p>NM108/NM109 Member Identification Number in Loop 2010C; NM108/NM109 Member Identification Number not used in Loop 2010D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One subscriber Loop 2010C if the subscriber is the patient. One subscriber Loop 2010C if the dependent is the patient and has a unique member ID. One subscriber Loop 2010C and one dependent Loop 2010D if the dependent is the patient and the dependent does not have a unique identifier different from the subscriber member ID 	<p>Loop 2010C Subscriber/2010D Dependent</p> <p>NM108/NM109 Member Identification Number in Loop 2010C; NM108/NM109 Member Identification Number not used in Loop 2010D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One subscriber Loop 2010C if the subscriber is the patient. One subscriber Loop 2010C if the dependent is the patient and has a unique member ID. One subscriber Loop 2010C and one dependent Loop 2010D if the dependent is the patient and the dependent does not have a unique identifier different from the subscriber member ID 	<p>Loop 1000C Patient Name <i>(Required to identify the patient as identified in the corresponding 278)</i></p>
7	Member Name	<p>Name of patient; patient could be either the health plan subscriber or a dependent of the subscriber.</p>	<p>Loop 2010C Subscriber/2010D Dependent</p> <p>NM1 Segment is Required Segment and conveys name and identification number of the subscriber who may also be the patient</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NM103 Last Name NM104 First Name 	<p>Loop 2010C Subscriber/2010D Dependent</p> <p>NM1 Segment is Required Segment and conveys name and identification number of the subscriber who may also be the patient</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NM103 Last Name NM104 First Name 	<p>Loop 1000A Information Source Name <i>(Required to identify creator and sender of 275)</i></p> <p>Loop 1000B Information Receiver Name <i>(Required to identify receiver of 275)</i></p> <p>Loop 1000C Patient Name <i>(Required to identify the patient as identified in the corresponding 278)</i></p>
8	PA Tracking #	<p>An identifier assigned by the provider to the prior authorization request it is submitting to the health plan.</p> <p>An identifier assigned by the health plan to the prior authorization response it is returning to the provider.</p>	<p>Loop 2000E TRN Segment Patient Event Tracking Number/Loop 2000F Service Level Tracking Number – use is Situational in both loops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Segment can repeat 2 times. If a second clearinghouse needs to assign their own TRN segment, they must replace the TRN from the first clearinghouse and retain it to be returned in the 278 response. 	<p>Loop 2000E TRN Segment Patient Event Tracking Number/Loop 2000F Service Level Tracking Number.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Segment can repeat 3 times Health plan must return TRNs received in request. Health plan must return TRN when it assigns a trace number to this patient event in the response for tracking purposes 	<p>Loop 1000C Patient Name – REF Segment Patient Event Trace Number – Use in both solicited and unsolicited 275</p> <p><i>(Required when Patient Event Tracking Number appears in TRN segment of associated 278)</i></p>