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1. Background Summary

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1.1. CORE Overview

CORE is an industry-wide facilitator committed to the creation and adoption of healthcare operating rules that support standards, accelerate interoperability, and align administrative and clinical activities among providers, health plans, and patients. Guided by over 130 participating organizations including healthcare providers, health plans, government entities, vendors, associations, and standards development organizations, CORE Operating Rules drive a trusted, simple, and sustainable healthcare information exchange that evolves and aligns with market needs.

To date, this cross-industry commitment has resulted in operating rules addressing many pain points of healthcare business transactions, including: eligibility and benefits verification, claims and claims status, claim payment and remittance, health plan premium payment, enrollment and disenrollment, prior

12 authorization, and aspects of value-based healthcare such as patient attribution methodologies and

13 addressing social determinants of health (SDOH).

1.2. Industry Interest in Health Care Claims Data Content Operating Rules

In 2015, CORE published its Health Care Claim (837) Infrastructure Rule, which it updated in 2022.1 The rule is a byproduct of years of research on improvement opportunities related to health care claim processing and contains requirements related to:

- Processing mode
- Connectivity
- System availability
 - Real time processing mode response time
 - Batch processing mode response time
- 23 Real time acknowledgments
 - Batch acknowledgments
 - Companion guides

To complement the CORE Health Care Claim (837) Infrastructure Rule vHC.2.0, CORE undertook a comprehensive environmental scan to identify industry challenges surrounding the submission and adjudication of claims that could be addressed by specifying data requirements in a data content rule for the health care claim transaction. Initially identified areas of focus ranged from data content gaps in widely used and accepted transactions to the exchange of patient information using APIs (application programming interfaces).

32 The CORE Health Care Claims Focus Group convened in 2022 to prioritize operating rule opportunities. 33 Focus Group participants confirmed their support for the development of data content operating rules for 34 a refined list of claims-related opportunities including claim acknowledgment and error reporting, 35 telehealth, value-based payments (VBP), and clean claim requirements. Insights from the Focus Group 36 directly informed the launch agenda for the Health Care Claims Subgroup for data content operating rule 37 development.

38 Launched in April 2023, the Health Care Claims Subgroup met six times to continue to specify

opportunities that enhance claims transmission between providers, health plans, and vendors. Remote 39 40 care delivery, coordination of benefits, and matching information between initial and supplementary

41 claims to submit additional diagnoses for a single encounter rose to the top of the priority list for Subgroup

42 participants. Accordingly, this rule outlines data content specifications for each. As with all CORE

43 Operating Rules, these requirements are intended as a base or minimum set of requirements, and it is

44 expected that many entities will go beyond these requirements as they work towards the goal of

administrative simplification and interoperability. 45

¹ CAQH CORE (2022). CORE Health Care Claim (837) Infrastructure Rule vHC.2.0. CAQH. Retrieved from: https://www.caqh.org/sites/default/files/CAQH CORE Health Care Claim %28837%29 Infrastructure Rule vHC2.0.pdf

- 46 Building on the CORE Health Care Claim (837) Infrastructure Rule vHC.2.0, which established the
- 47 "electronic highway" for claims processing, the CORE Health Care Claim (837) Data Content Rule
- outlines requirements for the data payloads that are processed when conducting the X12 005010X222
- 49 Health Care Claim: Professional (hereafter referred to as the X12 v5010 837 Professional), X12
- 50 005010X223 Health Care Claim: Institutional (hereafter referred to as the X12 v5010 837 Institutional),
- 51 and X12 005010X224 Health Care Claim: Dental (hereafter referred to as the X12 v5010 837 Dental)
- 52 transactions and their respective errata (collectively hereafter X12 v5010 837 transactions).

2. Issues to Be Addressed and Business Requirement Justification

2.1. Problem Space

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According to the 2022 CAQH Index, 97% of health care claims are submitted electronically using the HIPAA-mandated X12 v5010 837 transaction. This is among the highest electronic adoption rates of all HIPAA administrative standards, yet providers report ongoing challenges with claim submission.² According to the Change Healthcare 2022 Revenue Cycle Denials Index, the average initial denial rate across 1,500 hospitals in the United States was almost 12% in the first half of 2022, compared to just 10% in 2020 and 9% in 2016.³ On the surface, an increase in denial rates stands in direct opposition to the increase in automation reported in the CAQH Index. Challenges to successful claim submission are many; however, some are rooted in the use of the health care claim transaction itself.

Within the health care claims processing landscape, efficiency remains a key challenge. Over 9 billion claims transactions are sent electronically between providers and health plans each year – even a small increase in automation could result in \$2.5 billion of savings annually.⁴

The CORE Health Care Claims (837) Data Content Rule requirements aim to strengthen the data content of the claim transactions to meet current and emerging industry needs. The rule requirements ensure that healthcare providers, health plans, and clearinghouses communicate, exchange, and process claims more accurately and efficiently. Enhancements reduce unnecessary back and forth between providers and health plans, enable shorter adjudication timeframes, and reduce staff resources needed for manual follow-up. The rule supports industry by:

- Outlining data needed to submit claims for high frequency, non-standard scenarios including telehealth, coordination of benefits, and multiple claims for a single encounter.
- Using an industry reference to simplify interpretation of telehealth place of service (POS) and modifier code use.
- Requiring display of claim submission requirements for the scenarios to which the rule applies.

2.1.1. Remote Care Delivery Claims

Telehealth services provide flexibility in care delivery for providers and patients. The growth of telehealth over the past few years introduced complex requirements to indicate where services are delivered and how.⁶ Providers use the X12 v5010 837 transaction to indicate these data points, but minor differences in reporting requirements between health plans necessitate costly, manual intervention to confirm what POS codes and associated modifiers are required for a claim to be accepted.

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² CAQH Insights (2023). The 2022 CAQH Index Report. CAQH, January 31, 2023. Retrieved from: https://staging.caqh.org/sites/default/files/2023-01/2022-caqh-index-report%20FINAL%20SPREAD%20VERSION.pdf

³ Change Healthcare (2023). The Change Healthcare 2022 Revenue Cycle Denials Index. Change Healthcare, November 15, 2022. Retrieved from: https://www.changehealthcare.com/insights/denials-index

⁴ CAQH Insights (2023). The 2022 CAQH Index Report. CAQH, January 31, 2023. Retrieved from: https://staging.caqh.org/sites/default/files/2023-01/2022-caqh-index-report%20FINAL%20SPREAD%20VERSION.pdf

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ McKinsey & Company (2021). Telehealth: A Quarter-Trillion-Dollar-Post-COVID-19 reality? Retrieved from: https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/healthcare/our-insights/telehealth-a-quarter-trillion-dollar-post-covid-19-reality

CORE's environmental scan identified opportunities to align telehealth reporting requirements across health plans via operating rules, allowing stakeholders to streamline telehealth claim submission and easily address errors or rejections. A standardized approach to using POS and modifier codes in telehealth billing reduces administrative burden associated with tracking different coding requirements between different entities. Additional guidance on situational use of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) modifiers 93 and 95 and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) modifier GT in conjunction with POS 02 or 10 to indicate remote care delivery received high support. This guidance serves an industry preparing to contend with confusion around divergent requirements driven by the expiration of COVID-19 era flexibilities.

2.1.2. Coordination of Benefits

Managing coordination of benefits (COB) billing guidelines and electronic versus manual claim submission to secondary health plans are burdens on both providers and health plans. Standardization of the X12 v5010 837 transaction can make COB workflows more streamlined, predictable, and expeditious, and reduce denials related to COB, timely filing, or other reasons. In the 2020 Revenue Cycle Denials Index, Change Healthcare found that one in four potentially avoidable denials are registration or eligibility related, and of these denials, over 40% are COB-related.⁷

CORE Participants supported requirements for submitting a claim to a secondary health plan to support COB, increase clean claim submission, and reduce COB-related denials.

2.1.3. Matching Information Between an Initial and Supplementary Claim to Submit Additional Diagnoses for a Single Encounter

Health care claim submissions support VBP methodologies, like risk adjustment and quality measurement, and contribute to the documentation of SDOH through the inclusion of ICD-10 (International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision) Z-codes between Z55-Z65. The latter example is of particular importance as VBP is increasingly used to pilot interventions and strategies to combat health inequities. Despite a general reliance on the claims workflow, the addition of chronic conditions, care processes, and non-medical factors that make up these methodologies are limited by the number of diagnosis fields available to providers in the X12 v5010 837 transaction, particularly the X12 v5010 837 Professional claim that only allows a maximum of 12 diagnosis codes to be included per submission.

As a work around to these limitations, some health plans and their agents permit the submission of multiple claims for a single encounter to empower the inclusion of additional diagnoses that support VBP methodologies and program design. The intended benefit of this workflow is often offset by varying health plan requirements for what information must be included on an "additional" claim for it to not be treated as a duplicate submission and be rejected during adjudication. To reduce variability and create a more predictable submission pathway, CORE Participants reached consensus on several standard data elements on an additional claim for a single encounter that must match the original or "initial" claim. This is a requirement for health plans and their agents that accept the submission of additional claims.

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⁷ Change Healthcare (2020). The Change Healthcare 2020 Revenue Cycle Denials Index. Retrieved from: https://www.ache.org/-/media/ache/about-ache/corporate-partners/the_change_healthcare_2020-revenue_cycle_denials_index.pdf

120 **3. Scope**

121 3.1. What the Rule Applies To

- 122 This Health Care Claims (837) Data Content Rule applies to the exchange of data content to support
- Health Care Claim Submissions sent via the X12 v5010 837 transaction and the X12 005010X221 835
- Health Care Claim Payment/Advice transaction (hereafter referred to as the X12 v5010 835) and their
- 125 associated errata.
- Table 1 defines the transactions in scope for each set of data content requirements addressed by this
- 127 rule.

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Table 1 - In Scope X12 v5010 837 Transactions for Health Care Claim Data Content Requirements			
Data Content Requirements X12 v5010 837 X12 v5010 837 X12 v5010 837 Dental			X12 v5010 837 Dental
Remote Care Delivery Claims	Y	N	N
Coordination of Benefits	Υ	Y	Υ
Additional Diagnoses for a Single Encounter	Y	Y	N

3.2. When the Rule Applies

3.2.1. Remote Care Delivery Claims

- This rule requirement applies when a provider or its agent submits an X12 v5010 837 Professional claim for care delivered remotely, as indicated by the POS and modifier codes on the claim. Only claims with
- POS 02 or 10 on the claim are addressed in this rule. POS 02 and 10 are defined as:
- POS 02: Telehealth provided other than in a patient's home.
 - POS 10: Telehealth provided in a patient's home.
- 135 AND
- 136 This rule requirement applies when a health plan or its agent receives an X12 v5010 837 Professional
- claim for care delivered remotely, as indicated by the POS and modifier codes on the claim. Only claims
- with POS 02 or 10 on the claim are addressed by this rule requirement.

3.2.2. Coordination of Benefits

- This rule requirement applies when the primary health plan returns an X12 v5010 835.
- 141 AND
- 142 A provider or its agent submits an X12 v5010 837 transaction claim to a secondary health plan, to health
- plans providing coverage to members as a secondary insurer, or when a health plan sends a secondary
- 144 claim to a secondary health plan for claims adjudication.8
- 145 AND

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- When the correspondence between health plan and provider aligns with either of the two below
- 147 scenarios:

148 Scenario 1 – Provider to Health Plan COB Interaction

• In this scenario, the provider submits the X12 v5010 837 transaction and sends claim information to the primary health plan. The primary health plan adjudicates the claim and sends an X12 v5010 835 back to the provider, which contains any claim adjustment reason codes that apply to that specific claim. Upon receipt of the X12 v5010 835, the provider sends a second X12 v5010 837 transaction, updated with adjudication information from the primary payer, to the secondary

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⁸ For comprehensive COB requirements, please refer to a health plan companion guides or billing manuals or the X12 Technical Report Type 3 (TR3s) for the respective X12 v5010 837 transaction.

health plan. The secondary health plan adjudicates the claim and sends the provider an X12 v5010 835.

156 Scenario 2 – Health Plan to Health Plan COB Interaction

• In this scenario, the provider submits the X12 v5010 837 transaction and sends claim information to the primary health plan. The primary health plan adjudicates the claim and sends an X12 v5010 835 back to the provider, which contains any claim adjustment reason codes that apply to that specific claim. The primary health plan generates the X12 v5010 837 transaction, updated with adjudication information, and sends it to the secondary health plan. The secondary health plan receives the X12 v5010 837 transaction from the primary health plan and adjudicates the claim. The secondary health plan sends an X12 v5010 835 to the provider.

3.2.3. Matching Information Between an Initial and Supplementary Claim to Submit Additional Diagnoses for a Single Encounter

This rule requirement applies when a health plan accepts multiple claim submissions for single encounter using the X12 v5010 837 Professional claim or X12 v5010 837 Institutional claim for the purpose of collecting supplementary diagnoses in support of, but not limited to, the following examples: risk adjustment, quality measurement, or documentation of social determinants of health (SDOH).⁹

3.3. What the Rule Does Not Address

- 171 For all opportunity areas, this rule does not address:
 - Infrastructure requirements applicable to the X12 v5010 837 transactions.
 - Infrastructure and data content requirements applicable to the X12 v5010 835 transaction.

3.3.1. Remote Care Delivery Claims

For the *Remote Care Delivery Claims* requirements this rule does not address the use of coding methodologies other than POS or modifiers.

3.3.2. Coordination of Benefits

This rule has no additional clarification for what it does not address relative to *Coordination of Benefits* beyond what is outlined in §3.3.

3.3.3. Matching Information Between and Initial and Supplementary Claim to Submit Additional Diagnoses for a Single Encounter

For the Matching Information Between an Initial and Supplementary Claim to Submit Additional Diagnoses for a Single Encounter requirements this rule does not address:

- Specific VBP methodologies that health plans and their agents must employ.
- Specific documentation or diagnoses that a health plan and its agent must accept.
- The exchange of a member's longitudinal medical history.

3.4. What the Rule Does Not Require

- This rule does not require any HIPAA-covered entity to modify its use and content of other loops and data elements that may be submitted in the X12 v5010 837 that are not addressed in this rule.
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- Any health plan or its agent to change its current reporting policies if they do not use POS 02 or 10 and
- modifiers 93, 95, or GT for the delivery of remote care.

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⁹ An example of a dataset used to capture SDOH is ICD-10 Z-codes between Z55-Z65.

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Any health plan or its agent to accept the submission of additional claims for single encounter.

3.5. Applicable Loops, Segments, and Data Elements

This rule covers loops, segments, and data elements in the X12 v5010 837 Professional, X12 v5010 837 Institutional, and X12 v5010 837 Dental transactions in supporting the remote care delivery, COB, and multiple claim submission requirements as indicated in the below tables.

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Table 2 – Applicable X12 v 5010 837 Transaction Loops and Segments for Remote Care Delivery Claims		
Data Element Name	X12 v5010 837 Professional	
Place of Service	2300-CLM05-01	
Procedure Modifier	2400-SV101-03	
Procedure Modifier	2400-SV101-04	
Procedure Modifier	2400-SV101-05	
Procedure Modifier	2400-SV101-06	
Place of Service	2400-SV105	

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Table 3 – Applicable X12 v5010 837 Transaction Loops and Segments for COB				
Data Element Name	X12 v5010 837 Professional	X12 v5010 837 Institutional	X12 v5010 837 Dental	
Subscriber Last Name	2010BA-NM103	2010BA-NM103	2010BA-NM103	
Subscriber First Name	2010BA-NM104	2010BA-NM104	2010BA-NM104	
Subscriber Primary Identifier	2010BA-NM109	2010BA-NM109	2010BA-NM109	
Subscriber Supplemental Identifier	2010BA-REF02	2010BA-REF02	2010BA-REF02	
Patient Last Name	2010CA-NM103	2010CA-NM103	2010CA-NM103	
Patient First Name	2010CA-NM104	2010CA-NM104	2010CA-NM104	
Patient Control Number (Claim Submitter's Identifier)	2300-CLM01	2300-CLM01	2300-CLM01	
Place of Service Code	2300-CLM05-01	Facility Type Code 2300-CLM05-01	2300-CLM05-01	
Claim Frequency Code (Claim Frequency Type Code)	2300-CLM05-03	2300-CLM05-03	2300-CLM05-03	
Admission Date and Hour	N/A	2300-DTP02	N/A	
Tooth Number (Reference Identification)	Fixed Format Information 2300-K301	N/A	2300-DN201	

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Table 3 – Applicable X12 v5010 837 Transaction Loops and Segments for COB				
Data Element Name	X12 v5010 837	X12 v5010 837	X12 v5010 837 Dental	
Tooth Status Code	Professional N/A	Institutional N/A	2300-DN202	
(Tooth Status Code)	IN/A	IN/A	2300-DIN202	
Payer Claim Control	2300-REF02	2300-REF02	2300-REF02	
Number				
Assistant Surgeon NPI	N/A	N/A	2310D-NM109 or	
(Assistant Surgeon			2420B-NM109	
Primary Identifier) Claim Adjustment Group	2320-CAS01	2320-CAS01	2320-CAS01	
Code	2320-CAS01	2320-CA301	2320-CA301	
Adjustment Reason Code	2320-CAS02	2320-CAS02	2320-CAS02	
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Adjustment Reason Code	2320-CAS05	2320-CAS05	2320-CAS05	
	2002 04000	2000 04 000	2002 04000	
Adjustment Reason Code	2320-CAS08	2320-CAS08	2320-CAS08	
Adjustment Reason Code	2320-CAS11	2320-CAS11	2320-CAS11	
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Adjustment Reason Code	2320-CAS14	2320-CAS14	2320-CAS14	
Adjustment Reason Code	2320-CAS17	2320-CAS17	2320-CAS17	
Adjustment Amount	2320-CAS03	2320-CAS03	2320-CAS03	
Adjustinent Amount	2320-CA303	2320-CA303	2320-CA303	
Adjustment Amount	2320-CAS06	2320-CAS06	2320-CAS06	
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Adjustment Amount	2320-CAS09	2320-CAS09	2320-CAS09	
Adjustment Amount	2320-CAS12	2320-CAS12	2320-CAS12	
Adjustment Amount	2320-CAS 12	2320-CAS12	2320-CA312	
Adjustment Amount	2320-CAS15	2320-CAS15	2320-CAS15	
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Adjustment Amount	2320-CAS18	2320-CAS18	2320-CAS18	
D. D. III	2000 414700	0000 414700	0000 414700	
Payer Paid Amount	2320-AMT02	2320-AMT02	2320-AMT02	
Remaining Patient	2320-AMT02	2320-AMT02	2320-AMT02	
Liability	2020 7 11111 02	2020 7 1111 02	2020 7 11111 02	
(COB Patient				
Responsibility)				
Claim DRG Amount	N/A	2320-MIA04	N/A	
Claim Payment Remark	N/A	2320-MIA05	N/A	
Code	14/73	2020 WII/ 100	14/13	
(Inpatient)				
HCPCS Payable Amount	2320-MOA02	2320-MOA02	2320-MOA02	
Claim Daymant Dawart	2220 MOA22	2220 MOA02	2220 MOA02	
Claim Payment Remark Code	2320-MOA03	2320-MOA03	2320-MOA03	
(Outpatient)				
Other Payer Organization	2330B-NM103	Other Payer Last or	Other Payer Last or	
Name		Organization Name	Organization Name	
		2330B-NM103	2330B-NM103	

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Table 3 – Applicable X12 v5010 837 Transaction Loops and Segments for COB				
Data Element Name	X12 v5010 837	X12 v5010 837	X12 v5010 837 Dental	
	Professional	Institutional		
Other Payer Primary Identifier	2330B-NM109	2330B-NM109	2330B-NM109	
Adjudication or Payment Date	2330B-DTP03	2330B-DTP03	2330B-DTP03	
Tooth Code (Industry Code)	Fixed Format Information 2400-K301	N/A	2400-TOO02	
Line Item Control Number	2400-REF02	2400-REF02	2400-REF02	
Other Payer Primary Identifier	2430-SVD01	2430-SVD01	2430-SVD01	
Service Line Paid Amount	2430-SVD02	2430-SVD02	2430-SVD02	
Claim Adjustment Group Code	2430-CAS01	2430-CAS01	2430-CAS01	
Adjustment Reason Code	2430-CAS02	2430-CAS02	2430-CAS02	
Adjustment Reason Code	2430-CAS05	2430-CAS05	2430-CAS05	
Adjustment Reason Code	2430-CAS08	2430-CAS08	2430-CAS08	
Adjustment Reason Code	2430-CAS11	2430-CAS11	2430-CAS11	
Adjustment Reason Code	2430-CAS14	2430-CAS14	2430-CAS14	
Adjustment Reason Code	2430-CAS17	2430-CAS17	2430-CAS17	
Adjustment Amount	2430-CAS03	2430-CAS03	2430-CAS03	
Adjustment Amount	2430-CAS06	2430-CAS06	2430-CAS06	
Adjustment Amount	2430-CAS09	2430-CAS09	2430-CAS09	
Adjustment Amount	2430-CAS12	2430-CAS12	2430-CAS12	
Adjustment Amount	2430-CAS15	2430-CAS15	2430-CAS15	
Adjustment Amount	2430-CAS18	2430-CAS18	2430-CAS18	
Adjudication or Payment Date	2430-DTP03	2430-DTP03	2430-DTP03	
Remaining Patient Liability	2430-AMT02	2430-AMT02	2430-AMT02	

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Table 4 – Applicable X12 v5010 835 Loops and Segments for COB		
Data Element Name	X12 v5010 835	
Check Issue or EFT Effective Date	BPR16	
Patient Control Number (Claim Submitter's Identifier)	2100-CLP01	
Claim Payment Amount	2100-CLP04	

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Data Element Name	5010 835 Loops and Segments for COB X12 v5010 835
yer Claim Control Number	2100-CLP07
laim Adjustment Group Code	2100-CAS01
djustment Reason Code	2100-CAS02
djustment Amount	2100-CAS03
atient Last Name	2100-NM103
atient First Name	2100-NM104
ubscriber Identifier	2100-NM109
oordination of Benefits Carrier Name	2100-NM103
oordination of Benefits Carrier Identifier	2100-NM109
laim DRG Amount	2100-MIA04
laim Payment Remark Code (Inpatient)	2100-MIA05
laim HCPCS Payable Amount	2100-MOA02
laim Payment Remark Code (Outpatient)	2100-MOA03
ther Claim Related Identifier	2100-REF02
ne Item Provider Payment Amount	2110-SVC03
laim Adjustment Group Code	2110-CAS01
djustment Reason Code	2110-CAS02
djustment Amount	2110-CAS03
ne Item Control Number	2110-REF02
emark Code (Line Level)	2110-LQ02

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Table 5 – Applicable X12 v5010 837 Transaction Loops and Segments for Matching Information Between an Initial and Supplementary Claim to Submit Additional Diagnoses for a Single Encounter			
Data Element Name	X12 v5010 837 Professional	X12 v5010 837 Institutional	
Identification Code Qualifier	2010AA-NM108	2010AA-NM108	
(Designation of CMS NPI – Billing Provider)			
Identification Code	2010AA-NM109	2010AA-NM109	
(CMS NPI – Billing Provider)			
Identification Code Qualifier	2010BA-NM108	2010BA-NM108	
(Designation of Subscriber Primary			
Identifier)			

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Table 5 – Applicable X12 v5010 837 Transaction Loops and Segments for Matching Information Between an Initial and Supplementary Claim to Submit Additional Diagnoses for a Single Encounter			
Data Element Name	X12 v5010 837 Professional	X12 v5010 837 Institutional	
Identification Code	2010BA-NM109	2010BA-NM109	
(Subscriber Primary Identifier)			
Identification Code Qualifier	2310B-NM108	2310D-NM108	
(Designation of CMS NPI – Rendering			
Provider)			
Identification Code	2310B-NM109	2310D-NM109	
(CMS NPI – Rendering Provider)			
Date Time Period	Service Date	Statement From and To Date	
	2400-DTP03	2300-DTP03	

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3.6. Code Sources Addressed

This rule addresses the following code sources:

3.6.1. Remote Care Delivery Claims

- CPT Appendix A Modifier Codes
- CPT Appendix P
- CPT Appendix T
 - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services External Place of Service Codes for Professional Claims¹⁰

X12 External Code Source 974 Claim Adjustment Group Codes Data Element in the CAS

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- segments of the X12 v5010 837 transactions identified in Table 3 above.
 X12 External Code Source 974 Claim Adjustment Group Codes Data Element in the CAS

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segments of the X12 v5010 835 in Table 4 above.
 X12 External Code Source 139 Claim Adjustment Reason Codes Data Element in the CAS segments of the X12 v5010 837 transactions identified in Table 3 above.

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X12 External Code Source 139 Claim Adjustment Reason Codes Data Element in the CAS segments of the X12 v5010 835 in Table 4 above.

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 X12 External Code Source 411 Remittance Advice Remark Codes Data Element in the MOA segments of the X12 v5010 837 transactions identified in Table 3 and the MIA segments of the X12 v5010 837 Institutional identified in Table 3 above.

X12 External Code Source 411 Remittance Advice Remark Codes Data Element in the MIA.

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MOA, and LQ segments of the X12 v5010 835 identified in Table 4 above.
 American Dental Association (ADA) Current Dental Terminology (CDT) in the K3 segments of the X12 v5010 837P, DN2 segment of the X12 v5010 837D, and the TOO segment of the X12 v5010 837D in Table 3 above.

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3.7. Maintenance of This Rule

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Any substantive updates to the rule (i.e., change to rule requirements) are determined based on industry need as supported by the CORE Participants per the CORE Change and Maintenance Process.

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¹⁰ Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Place of Service Code Set. Retrieved from: https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding-billing/place-of-service-codes/code-sets

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236	3.8. Assumptions
237 238 239 240	Goals of this rule are to adhere to the principles of electronic data interchange (EDI) in assuring that transactions sent are accurately received, and to facilitate electronic X12 v5010 837 transaction functionality by minimizing manual intervention and/or the necessity for paper supporting documents.
241	The following assumptions apply to this rule:
242	A successful communication connection has been established.
243 244	 This rule is a component of the larger set of CORE Health Care Claims Operating Rules.¹¹
245	The CORE Guiding Principles apply to this rule and all other rules.
246 247 248	 This rule is not a comprehensive companion document addressing any requirements of Technical Report Type 3 (TR3) specifications for the X12 v5010 835 transaction, the X12 v5010 837 Professional, the X12 v5010 837 Institutional, or the X12 v5010 837 Dental.
249 250	 Compliance with all CORE Operating Rules is a minimum requirement; any entity is free to offer more than what is required in the rule.
251	4. X12 v5010 837 Transaction Technical Requirements
252 253	This section is organized into two main subsections – Requirements for Providers (§4.1) and Requirements for Health Plans (§4.2).
254 255 256	Each subsection contains three sets of unique requirements – Remote Care Delivery Claims (§4.1.1 and §4.2.1), Coordination of Benefits (§4.1.2 and §4.2.2), and Matching Information Between an Initial and Supplementary Claim to Submit Additional Diagnoses for a Single Encounter (§4.1.3 and §4.2.3).
257	Subsection 4.3 addresses detection and display of X12 v5010 837 transaction data elements.
258	4.1. Requirements for Providers
259	4.1.1. Remote Care Delivery Claims
260 261	A provider and its agent must submit the appropriate data content from the X12 v5010 837 transaction for remote care delivery claims as specified in Table 2 of §3.5 as follows:
262	When a provider:
263	 Submits a claim for health care services delivered remotely.
264	AND
265 266 267 268 269 270	 Uses the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services External Place of Service Codes for Professional Claims: Place of Service Code 02 – Telehealth provided other than in patient's home or 10 – Telehealth provided in patient's home to indicate telehealth services were rendered, a provider or its agent must only use the following modifiers for qualifying service type codes covered for telemedicine:

¹¹ The CORE Operating Rules are available at: https://www.caqh.org/core/operating-rules

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HCPCS Modifier GT – Service rendered via interactive audio and video

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 CPT Modifier 93 – Synchronous telemedicine service rendered via a telephone or other real-time interactive audio-only telecommunications system (see CPT Appendix A and Appendix T for additional information).

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 CPT Modifier 95 – Synchronous telemedicine service rendered via a real-time interactive audio and video telecommunications system (see CPT Appendix A and Appendix P for additional information).

CORE-defined combinations of these codes in the table below describe each billing scenario and the corresponding POS + modifier code combination that must be used when billing a telehealth claim with POS 02 or 10.

Table 6 - CORE-defined POS + Modifier Definitions					
Row #	POS	Modifier	Combined Definition	Example Use Case	
1.	02	93	Synchronous telehealth services provided other than in patient's home, rendered via a telephone or other real-time interactive audio-only telecommunications system.	A patient has a phone appointment with their therapist (behavioral health) from the patient's workplace.	
2.	02	95	Synchronous telehealth services provided other than in a patient's home, rendered via a real-time interactive audio and video telecommunications system.	While on vacation and from their hotel, a patient securely uses a video conferencing service to have an urgent care appointment to get a prescription for a rash that appeared.	
3.	02	GT	Telehealth services rendered via interactive audio and video telecommunications systems other than in a patient's home.	While at the airport, a patient uses a provider's secure video conferencing to connect with a provider to review results from a recent series of diagnostic tests.	
4.	10	93	Synchronous telehealth services provided in a patient's home, rendered via a telephone or other real-time interactive audio-only telecommunications system.	A patient has a phone appointment with their therapist (behavioral health) from the patient's home.	
5.	10	95	Synchronous telehealth services provided in a patient's home, rendered via a real-time interactive audio and video telecommunications system.	From the patient's own home, a patient securely uses a video conferencing service to discuss with an ophthalmologist a potential eye infection.	
6.	10	GT	Telehealth services rendered via interactive audio and video telecommunications systems in a patient's home.	A patient uses a provider's secure video conferencing from their inhome office so the provider can screen for signs of depression and remotely assess vital signs.	

4.1.2. Coordination of Benefits

General, provider-specific requirements are outlined below. Please refer to X12 TR3s for the respective X12 v5010 837 transaction requirements, along with health plan companion guides and billing manuals for any other information required by the health plan.

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4.1.2.1. Scenario 1: Provider to Health Plan COB Interaction Data Content Requirements

A provider and its agent must submit the appropriate data content from the X12 v5010 837 transaction for coordination of benefits as specified in Table 3 and Table 4 of §3.5 to submit claims to subsequent health plans as follows:

Step 1 – Primary Health Plan Submission Requirements

Providers and their agents must submit the following information to the primary health plans in the X12 v5010 837 transaction, if known:

- In the Subscriber loop (Loop ID-2000B), include the data for the subscriber holding the policy with the primary health plan.
- In Loop ID-2320, include information pertaining to the secondary health plan and the subscriber associated with the secondary health plan.
- To ensure health plans and their agents can accurately coordinate benefits, providers and their agents must submit in the X12 v5010 837 transaction any information specified in Table 3 and Table 4 of §3.5, if known.

Step 2 – After Receipt of the Electronic Remittance Advice X12 v5010 835

Upon receipt of the X12 v5010 835 from the primary health plan, providers and their agents must update the X12 v5010 837 transaction to be submitted to the secondary health plan with the following information: 12

- In the Subscriber loop (Loop ID-2000B), update the information for the subscriber holding the policy with the secondary health plan.
- In Loop ID-2320, update the information for the subscriber related to the primary health plan.
- In Loop ID-2320, enter all total amounts paid at the claim level in the AMT segment.
- Retrieve any claim-level group codes, claim-level adjustment codes and corresponding adjustment amounts from the X12 v5010 835 provided by the primary health plan and place them in the CAS (Claims Adjustment) segment within Loop ID-2320.
- Retrieve any line-level group codes, line-level adjustment codes, and corresponding adjustment amounts from the X12 v5010 835 and insert them into the CAS (Line Adjustment) segment within Loop ID-2430.
- Retrieve any claim-level remark codes from the X12 v5010 835 provided by the primary health plan and place them in the MIA (Inpatient Adjudication Information) or MOA (Outpatient Adjudication Information) segments within Loop ID-2320 as appropriate.
- To ensure health plans and their agents can accurately coordinate benefits, providers and their agents must submit in the X12 v5010 837 transaction any information specified in Table 3 and Table 4 of §3.5, if known.

Step 3 – Tertiary Health Plans

If there are additional health plans, providers and their agents must:

- Repeat Step 2, updating the information for the subscriber holding the policy with the tertiary health plan in the Subscriber Loop (Loop ID-2000B).
- Continue to include COB information specific to the primary health plan in Loop ID-2320, specifying the health plan as primary.
- Include Loop ID-2430 for line-level adjudications specific to the primary health plan, if applicable.
- Include COB information for the secondary health plan by populating Loop ID-2320 and specifying the health plan as secondary.

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¹²Health plans may have additional requirements beyond those outlined in this operating rule; operating rules establish a floor, not a ceiling. Providers should reference health plan companion guides at this step as variability in COB requirements may still exist.

- Include Loop ID-2430 for line-level adjudications related to the secondary health plan, if necessary.
 - To ensure health plans and their agents can accurately coordinate benefits, providers and their agents must submit in the X12 v5010 837 transaction any information specified in Table 3 and Table 4 of §3.5, if known.

4.1.2.2. Scenario 2: Health Plan to Health Plan COB Interaction Data Content Requirements

Step 1 – Provider Claim Submission Requirements

Providers and their agents must submit the following information to the primary health plan in the X12 v5010 837 transaction:

- In the Subscriber loop (Loop ID-2000B), include the data for the subscriber holding the policy with the primary health plan.
- In Loop ID-2320, include information pertaining to the secondary health plan and the subscriber associated with the secondary health plan.
- To ensure health plans and their agents can accurately coordinate benefits, providers and their agents must submit in the X12 v5010 837 transaction any information specified in Table 3 and Table 4 of §3.5, if known, to the secondary health plan.

4.1.3. Matching Information Between an Initial and Supplementary Claim to Submit Additional Diagnoses for a Single Encounter¹³

Submitters must match the information included in an initial claim and the information included in a supplementary claim consistent with the data elements indicated in §4.2.3. using the following loops, segments, and data elements from the X12 v5010 837 Professional and X12 v5010 837 Institutional claims. CORE requirements indicate the data elements that must match. Submitters are responsible for meeting the requirements of the X12 v5010 837 Professional and X12 v5010 837 Institutional TR3s, including the submission of required fields and attendant situational fields in each data segment.

X12 v5010 837 Professional Submission Requirements

- Rendering Provider NPI¹⁴
 - Loop 2300 Claim Information
 - Loop 2310B Rendering Provider Name
 - NM1 Rendering Provider Name
 - NM108 = XX (CMS NPI)
 - NM109 = Rendering Provider NPI
- Billing Provider NPI
 - o Loop 2000A Billing Provider Hierarchical Level
 - Loop 2010AA Billing Provider Name
 - NM1 Billing Provider Name
 - NM108 = XX (CMS NPI)
 - NM109 = Billing Provider NPI

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¹³ Professional claim submissions using the X12 v5010 837 transaction are limited to 12 diagnosis fields, necessitating prioritization by providers of what diagnoses to include on a claim. Providers can submit supplementary claims for a single encounter to add diagnoses, but data content requirements for this process differ between health plans. Though typically encountered for professional claims, this issue can also affect institutional claims.

¹⁴ When applicable and it differs from Billing Provider NPI.

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375	Loop 2000B – Subscriber Hierarchical Level Loop 2010BA – Subscriber Name
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378	NM108 = MI (Member Identification Number)
379	NM109 = <alphanumeric identification="" member="" number=""></alphanumeric>
380	Dates of Service ¹⁶
381	 Loop 2000B – Subscriber Hierarchical Level¹⁷
382	 Loop 2300 – Claim Information
383	 Loop 2400 – Service Line Number
384	 DTP – Date – Service Date
385	 DTP03 = <discreet date="" or="" range="" service=""></discreet>
386	X12 v5010 837 Institutional Submission Requirements
387	Billing Provider NPI
388	 Loop 2000A – Billing Provider Hierarchical Level
389	 Loop 2010AA – Billing Provider Name
390	 NM1 – Billing Provider Name
391	 NM108 = XX (CMS NPI)
392	NM109 = Billing Provider NPI
393	Member ID ¹⁸
394	Loop 2000B – Subscriber Hierarchical Level
395	Loop 2010BA – Subscriber Name
396	■ NM1 – Subscriber Name
397	 NM108 = MI (Member Identification Number)
398	NM109 = <alphanumeric identification="" member="" number=""></alphanumeric>
399	Dates of Service ¹⁹
400	 Loop 2000B – Subscriber Hierarchical Level²⁰
401	Loop 2300 – Claim Information
402	■ DTP – Statement Dates
403	DTP03 = <discreet date="" or="" range="" service=""></discreet>
404	4.2. Requirements for Health Plans
405	4.2.1. Remote Care Delivery Claims
406	When a claim is received with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services External Place of Service
407	Codes for Professional Claims: Place of Service Code 02 – Telehealth provided other than in patient's

home or 10 – Telehealth provided in patient's home to indicate telehealth services were rendered, a

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¹⁵ Required for submission when a claim is submitted for a person, rather than a non-person entity. For dependent coverage member ID is only required when a dependent is individually identifiable from the subscriber ID.

¹⁶ Dates of service must match the date format specified in DTP02 as either a discreet or range of dates.

¹⁷ Loop 2000C (Patient Hierarchical Level) applies when the patient is a dependent of the subscriber identified in Loop 2000B.

¹⁸ Required for submission when claim is submitted for a person, rather than a non-person entity.

¹⁹ Dates of service must match the date format specified in DTP02 as either a discreet or range of dates.

²⁰ Loop 2000C (Patient Hierarchical Level) applies when the patient is a dependent of the subscriber identified in Loop 2000B.

- health plan and its agent may accept the following modifiers for qualifying categories of service covered for telemedicine:
 - HCPCS Modifier GT Service rendered via interactive audio and video telecommunications systems.
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- CPT Modifier 93 Synchronous telemedicine service rendered via a telephone or other real-time interactive audio-only telecommunications system (see CPT Appendix A and Appendix T for additional information).
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 - CPT Modifier 95 Synchronous telemedicine service rendered via a real-time interactive audio and video telecommunications system (see CPT Appendix A and Appendix P for additional information).
- 421 CORE-defined combinations of these codes in Table 6 describe each billing scenario and the
- corresponding POS + modifier code combination that must be used when billing a telehealth claim with
- 423 POS 02 or 10.
- NOTE: Acceptance of the POS and the modifier does not imply that such services are covered by a health plan.
- 426 **4.2.2. Coordination of Benefits**
- General, health plan-specific requirements are outlined below. Please refer to health plan companion guides or X12 TR3s for the respective X12 v5010 837 transaction for comprehensive requirements.
 - 4.2.2.1. Scenario 1: Provider to Health Plan COB Interaction Data Content Requirements
- 431 Step 1 Primary Health Plan Requirements
- Health plans and their agents must accept the following information from the provider in the X12 v5010 837 transaction:
 - In the Subscriber loop (Loop ID-2000B), the data for the subscriber holding the policy with the primary health plan.
 - In Loop ID-2320, information pertaining to the secondary health plan and the subscriber associated with the secondary health plan.
- NOTE: Providers and their agents should expect to receive the data outlined in Table 3 and Table 4 of §3.5 if known. They then must populate the secondary X12 v5010 837 with this information and other relevant adjudication data from the original claim and submit to the secondary health plan.²¹
- 441 Step 2 Secondary Health Plan Requirements
- Health plans and their agents must accept the following information from the provider in the X12 v5010
 837 transaction:
 - In the Subscriber loop (Loop ID-2000B), the information for the subscriber holding the policy with the secondary health plan.
 - In Loop ID-2320, the information for the subscriber related to the primary health plan.
 - In Loop ID-2320, all total amounts paid by the primary health plan at the claim level in the AMT segment.

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²¹ Providers do not receive X12 v5010 837s, but they do receive data from health plan X12 v5010 835s and include that data in subsequent X12 v5010 837s to health plans for the purpose of COB. Many data elements exist in both the X12 v5010 837 and the X12 v5010 835.

- Claim-level group codes, adjustment codes and corresponding adjustment amounts from the X12 v5010 835 provided by the primary health plan in the CAS (Claims Adjustment) segment within Loop ID-2320.
 - Line level group codes, adjustment codes and corresponding adjustment amounts from the X12 v5010 835 and provided by the primary health plan in the CAS (Line Adjustment) segment within Loop ID-2430.
 - Retrieve any claim-level remark codes from the X12 v5010 835 provided by the primary health plan and place them in the MIA (Inpatient Adjudication Information) or MOA (Outpatient Adjudication Information) segments within Loop ID-2320 as appropriate.

NOTE: Providers and their agents should expect to receive the data outlined in Table 3 and Table 4 of §3.5 if known. They then must populate the X12 v5010 837 transaction with this information and other relevant adjudication data from the claim and submit to the tertiary health plan, if needed.²²

Step 3 – Tertiary Health Plan Requirements

If there are additional health plans, health plans and their agents must:

- Repeat Step 2, accepting the information for the subscriber holding the policy with the tertiary health plan in the Subscriber loop (Loop ID-2000B).
- Continue to accept COB information specific to the primary health plan in Loop ID-2320, specifying the health plan as primary.
- Accept Loop ID-2430 for line-level adjudications specific to the primary health plan, if applicable.
- Accept COB information for the secondary health plan by again accepting Loop ID-2320, specifying the health plan as secondary.
- Accept Loop ID-2430 for line-level adjudications related to the secondary health plan, if necessary.

NOTE: Providers and their agents should expect to receive the data outlined in Table 3 and Table 4 of §3.5 if known. They then must populate the X12 v5010 837 transaction with this information and other relevant adjudication data from the claim, submit the claim and repeat Step 3 as needed.²³

4.2.2.2. Scenario 2: Health Plan to Health Plan COB Interaction Data Content Requirements

Step 1 – Primary Health Plan Requirements

Health Plans and their agents must submit the following information to the secondary health plan in the X12 v5010 837 transaction:

- In the Subscriber loop (Loop ID-2000B), include the data for the subscriber holding the policy with the secondary health plan.
- In the Other Subscriber Information loop (Loop ID-2320), include the data for the subscriber holding the policy with the primary health plan.
- In the Other Subscriber Information loop (Loop ID-2320), include the claim level coordination of benefits (COB) data for the primary health plan.
- In the Line Adjudication Information loop (Loop ID-2430), include the line level coordination of benefits (COB) data for the primary health plan.

NOTE: Health plans and their agents should generate an X12 v5010 835 as a part of claims processing. Health plans and their agents should expect to receive the data outlined in Table 3 and Table 4 of §3.5 if

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²³ Ibid.

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Health plans and their agents must accept the following information from the primary health plan in the X12 v5010 837 transaction:

- In the Subscriber loop (Loop ID-2000B), the information for the subscriber holding the policy with the secondary health plan.
- In Loop ID-2320, the information for the subscriber related to the primary health plan.
- In Loop ID-2320, all total amounts paid at the claim level in the AMT segment.
- Claim-level group codes, adjustment codes and corresponding adjustment amounts provided by the primary health plan in the CAS (Claims Adjustment) segment within Loop ID-2320.
- Line level group codes, adjustment codes and corresponding adjustment amounts provided by the primary health plan in the CAS (Line Adjustment) segment within Loop ID-2430.

NOTE: Health plans and their agents should generate an X12 v5010 835 as a part of claims processing. Health plans and their agents should expect to receive the data outlined in Table 3 and Table 4 of §3.5 if known. They then must populate the X12 v5010 837 transaction with this information and other relevant adjudication data from the claim and submit to the tertiary health plan, if needed.²⁵

Step 3 – Tertiary Health Plan Requirements

If there are additional health plans, health plans and their agents must:

- Repeat Step 1, updating the information for the subscriber holding the policy with the tertiary health plan in the Subscriber loop (Loop ID-2000B).
- Continue to include COB information specific to the primary health plan in Loop ID-2320, specifying the health plan as primary.
- Include Loop ID-2430 for line-level adjudications specific to the primary health plan, if applicable.
- Include COB information for the secondary health plan by again populating Loop ID-2320 and specifying the health plan as secondary.
- Include Loop ID-2430 for line-level adjudications related to the secondary health plan, if necessary.

NOTE: Health plans and their agents should generate an X12 v5010 835 as a part of claims processing. Health plans and their agents should expect to receive the data outlined in Table 3 and Table 4 of §3.5 if known. They then must populate the X12 v5010 837 transaction with this information and other relevant adjudication data from the claim and repeat Step 3 as needed.²⁶

4.2.2.3. Companion Guide Requirements for COB

If a HIPAA-covered entity and its agent publish a Companion Guide covering the X12 v5010 837 transaction, the Companion Guide must follow the format/flow as defined in the *CORE Master Companion Guide Template* for X12 transactions available <u>HERE</u>. Minimum data content requirements for COB must be organized in Section 10 of the *CORE Master Companion Guide Template* – "10. Transaction Specific Information."

²⁴ Providers do not receive X12 v5010 837s, but they do receive X12 v5010 835s from health plans, where the data elements are communicated between health plans using the X12 v5010 837. Health plans then include that data in their X12 v5010 835s sent back to providers.

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²⁶ Ibid.

529	4.2.2.4. Electronic Policy Access of Required Information
530 531 532 533 534 535	Health plans and their agents must make this data requirement easily accessible to submitters of an X12 v5010 837 transaction, either on the plan website or in the transaction-specific companion guide to support a coordination of benefit claims request by any trading partner (e.g., a healthcare provider). Such information must be accurate and current and must clearly communicate to providers what information is needed. This rule DOES NOT establish which policy requirements a health plan and its agent must use for claims adjudication.
536 537	4.2.3. Matching Information Between an Initial and Supplementary Claim to Submit Additional Diagnoses for a Single Encounter
538 539 540	When a health plan or its agent accepts the submission of additional claims for a single encounter, as applicable, they must require the following information to match between the initial claim and supplementary claim:
541 542 543 544	 Rendering Provider NPI²⁷ Billing Provider NPI Member Identification Number Dates of Service
545	4.2.3.1. Electronic Policy Access of Required Information
546 547 548 549 550	Health plans and their agents must make this data requirement easily accessible to submitters of an X12 v5010 837 transaction, either on the plan website or in the transaction-specific companion guide. A health plan and its agent are not required to indicate the attendant loops and segments required by the X12 v5010 837 Professional and X12 v5010 837 Institutional to successfully submit the information indicated above.
551	4.3. Detection and Display of X12 v5010 837 Transaction Data Elements
552 553 554 555	The receiver of an X12 v5010 837 transaction is required to detect and extract all data elements, data element codes, and corresponding code definitions to which this rule applies. Submitted data that is not required by this rule does not need to be made available by the receiver unless that data is outlined in a companion guide or trading partner agreement.
556 557	The receiver must display or otherwise make the data appropriately available to the end user without altering the semantic meaning of the X12 v5010 837 transaction data content.
558	5. Conformance Requirements

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Conformance with this rule is considered achieved when all the required detailed step-by-step test scripts

specified in the Health Care Claims CORE Certification Test Suite are successfully passed.

 $^{^{\}rm 27}$ Rendering Provider NPI for X12 v5010 837 Professional only.