

**CAQH Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE)
Code Combinations Task Group
Impact Analysis: Potential Compliance-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations v3.9.1 June 2025
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Code Combinations Task Group Compliance-based Review Impact Analysis

1 Background

Per the [CAQH CORE Code Combinations Maintenance Process](#), the *CORE-required Code Combinations for CORE-defined Business Scenarios (CORE Code Combinations)* must be maintained to ensure alignment with the current, published [CARC](#) and [RARC](#) lists maintained by the respective Code Maintenance Committees¹. Two types of adjustments are conducted:

- **Compliance-based Adjustments:** Published updates including deactivations, modifications, and additions to the CARC and RARC lists by the code authors must be reviewed to ensure ongoing alignment between the *CORE Code Combinations* and the published code lists²; compliance-based reviews (CBRs) occur three times per year per the *CORE Code Combinations Maintenance Process*.
- **Market-based Adjustments:** Refinement of existing *CORE Code Combinations* and/or industry identification of the need for additional CORE-defined Business Scenarios and associated code combinations; Market-based Reviews (MBRs) occur once every two years per the *CORE Code Combinations Maintenance Process*.

With the publication of an updated RARC list on 07/01/2025, the Code Combinations Task Group (CCTG) must complete a compliance-based review (CBR). This impact analysis outlines the newly added RARCs and includes recommendations for compliance-based adjustments to the *CORE Code Combinations v3.9.1 June 2025*.

This impact analysis was created by CORE staff and consultants and approved by the Task Group co-chairs based on the most recently published codes and provides context on potential new adjustments. Please review this document carefully when considering your support/non-support of these adjustments. If changes result from this July 2025 CBR, they will be published on 10/01/2025 and the *CORE Code Combinations v3.9.2 October 2025* will supersede all previous versions of the *CORE Code Combinations*.

Three types of CARC and RARC list updates can impact the *CORE Code Combinations*: deactivations, modifications, and additions. Table 1 summarizes the 07/01/2025 adjustments to the published CARC and RARC lists to be considered by the Task Group.

Table 1. Summary of Qualifying Compliance-based Adjustments to *CORE Code Combinations v3.9.1 June 2025* by Type of Code List Adjustment

Type of Code List Adjustments	Total Published Code List Adjustments	Recommended Potential Impact on <i>CAQH CORE Code Combinations</i>
Code List Deactivations in July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 CARCs deactivated • 0 RARCs deactivated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • N/A
Code List Description Modifications in July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 CARC descriptions modified • 0 RARC descriptions modified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • N/A
Code List Additions in July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 CARC added • 5 RARCs added 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • The new RARCs meet the CORE Code Combinations Evaluation Criteria and can be considered for addition.

¹ Claim Adjustment Status Code Maintenance Committee and Remittance Advice Remark Code Committee (<https://x12.org/reference/>).

² "Published code list" refers to the master CARC or RARC list as published.

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2 July 2025 CBR Initial Straw Poll (ISP)

2.1 Potential Compliance-Based Adjustments to CORE Code Combinations v3.9.1 June 2025 (X12 835)

2.1.1 RARC Additions

In the latest update to the published code lists, the RARC authors added the following RARCs to the published list:

Table 2. RARCs Added in June 2025 Code List Update

RARC #	RARC Description
N912	Our records indicate that this beneficiary did not elect hospice.
N913	More than one Electronic Visit Verification record exists for the date and time of this service.
N914	This claim was priced and processed in accordance with California AB-72 Health care coverage.
N915	Predetermination of services is not allowed under the member's plan.
N916	The third party will render payment to the provider, and they will reimburse you for covered services.

2.1.2 RARC N912

New RARC N912 potentially meets the [CORE Code Combinations Evaluation Criteria](#) and can be considered for addition to the *CORE Code Combinations*. Recommendations for inclusion are below.

2.1.2.1 RARC N912 Recommendations: Include RARC N912 with CARCs 96, 170, 272, B1

The request that resulted in the creation of RARC N912 suggested it would be used in combination with CARC A1 *“Claim/Service denied. At least one Remark Code must be provided (may be comprised of either the NCPDP Reject Reason Code, or Remittance Advice Remark Code that is not an ALERT.) Usage: Use this code only when a more specific Claim Adjustment Reason Code is not available.”* Given that CARC A1 is not currently included in the CORE Code Combinations, the July 2025 CBR Initial Straw Poll will ask Task Group members if they agree with the inclusion of RARC N912 with CARCs 96, 170, 272 and/or B1.

Table 3. Summary of RARC N912 Recommendations for Addition to the CORE-required Code Combinations

CARC #	CARC Description	RARC #	RARC Description	ASC X12 CAGC
CORE-defined Business Scenario 3: Billed Service Not Covered by Health Plan				
96	Non-covered charge(s). At least one Remark Code must be provided (may be comprised of either the NCPDP Reject Reason Code, or Remittance Advice Remark Code that is not an ALERT.) Usage: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present.	N912	Our records indicate that this beneficiary did not elect hospice.	CO, PR or PI
170	Payment is denied when performed/billed by this type of provider. Usage: Refer to the 835 Healthcare Policy Identification Segment (loop 2110 Service Payment Information REF), if present.			
272	Coverage/program guidelines were not met.			
B1	Non-covered visits.			

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2.1.3 RARCs N913, N914, N915 and N916

CAQH CORE Staff and Co-chairs do NOT recommend including RARCs N913, N914, N915 and N916 in the CORE Code Combinations.

The request that resulted in the creation of RARC N913 indicates that it is intended to be used to respond to encounter reports, which are not claims. The CORE-defined Business Scenarios do not include situations where an encounter report is being responded to.

The RARC N914 does not appear to meet CORE Code Combinations Evaluation Criteria which include the criteria that “Any RARC paired with a given CARC must be consistent with the definition of the CARC and associated CORE-defined Business Scenario description” and as such, is not recommended for inclusion in the CORE Code Combinations.

RARC N915 is a response to a request for predetermination of the amounts potentially payable for a service. The CORE-defined Business Scenarios do not include situations where predetermination requests are being responded to.

The RARC N916 description indicates that payment will be made. The request that resulted in the creation of the RARC stated that it is needed for use when “a provider submits a claim but there's a third party that manages services under the plan. They bill the payer for services, the payer pays the third party, and the third party reimburses the provider”. As such, RARC N916 does not appear to meet CORE Code Combinations Evaluation Criteria which include the criteria that “Any RARC paired with a given CARC must be consistent with the definition of the CARC and associated CORE-defined Business Scenario description.”

NOTE: The Write-in Code Combinations process permits Task Group members to submit any CARCS currently included in the *CORE Code Combinations v3.9.1 June 2025* whose use in association with RARCs N913, N914, N915 and N916 they believe would meet the [CORE Code Combinations Evaluation Criteria](#).

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2.1.4 Additional Write-in Code Combinations on the June 2025 CBR ISP

CCTG members can write-in CARC(s) currently included in the CORE Code Combinations to which the newly added, non-alert RARCs provide additional specificity. Task Group Participants will be asked to submit any rationale they have in support of/not in support of any such submitted code combinations. Submitted code combinations and rationale comments will then be distributed with the Follow-up Straw Poll for consideration by the Task Group.

2.2 Potential Compliance-Based Adjustments to CORE Error Code Combinations v1.0.1 June 2025 (X12 277CA)

Since there were no updates to the Claim Status Category Code (CSCC) and Claim Status Category (CSC) lists in July 2025, there is no need to conduct a compliance-based review of the Error Code Combinations at this time. The current combinations remain aligned with the most recent code lists, and no additional updates are required to ensure compliance. The CORE Code Combinations Task Group (CCTG) will continue to monitor and evaluate new and updated codes that meet the Error Code Evaluation Criteria as they are published by the X12 code committees, ensuring that the code combinations remain current and appropriate for CORE Operating Rule requirements.

Table 4. Summary of Qualifying Compliance-based Adjustments to CORE-required Error Code Combinations v1.0.1 June 2025 by Type of Code List Adjustment

Type of Code List Adjustments	Total Published Code List Adjustments	Recommended Potential Impact on <i>CAQH CORE Error Code Combinations</i>
Code List Deactivations in July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 CSCCs deactivated • 0 CSCs deactivated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • N/A
Code List Description Modifications in July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 CSCC description modified • 0 CSC descriptions modified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • N/A
Code List Additions in July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 CSCC added • 0 CSC added 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • N/A

3 Next Steps

Listed below are the key next steps for the *CORE Code Combinations* Task Group regarding the July 2025 CBR Review:

1. Complete a Task Group Initial Straw Poll of potential Compliance-based Adjustments to the *CORE Code Combinations v3.9.1 June 2025*.
2. Attend the July 2025 Task Group discussion of the Initial Straw Poll results and agreement on Adjustments to the *CORE Code Combinations v3.9.1 June 2025*.
3. If necessary, complete a Task Group Follow-up Straw Poll on potential Compliance-based Adjustments to the *CORE Code Combinations v3.9.1 June 2025* identified via the Initial Straw Poll and Task Group discussion.
 - a. Prior to the distribution of the Follow-up Straw Poll, Task Group Participants will be asked to submit any rationale they have in support of/not in support of the code combination adjustments to be included on the Follow-up Straw Poll. Comments will be distributed with the Follow-up Straw Poll for consideration by the respondents.
4. Review results of Follow-up Straw Poll and reach agreement on final Compliance-based Adjustments to the *CORE Code Combinations v3.9.1 June 2025*.
5. Goal: Per CORE policy, if adjustments are made to the *CORE Code Combinations v3.9.1 June 2025*, publish the *CORE Code Combinations v3.9.2 October 2025* on the CORE website by 10/01/2025 to ensure compliance is met.