

TO: All Providers
FROM: CareFirst of Maryland, Inc.
DATE: August 20, 2002
SUBJECT: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Institutional 837 Health Care Claim - Direct Data Entry (DDE) Updates

Change Request 2028 noted that an instruction would be forthcoming instructing your intermediary to update their DDE systems. This bulletin provides you with information about the standard systems upgrades to DDE systems:

- Allow for only one investigational device exemption number (IDE) per claim (at the claim level);
- Remove employment status code, employer name, and employer address information;
- Allow Other Subscriber Demographic Information (date of birth and gender) if the other subscriber is a person;
- Allow for discharge hour and minute information in the numeric form of HHMM; and
- Allow for correct processing of the unique physicians identifier number in the 2310A (Attending Physician) loop.

(Source: Program Memorandum A-02-078; Change Request 2211)

The effective date for this instruction is January 6, 2003.

The implementation date for this instruction is January 6, 2003.

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