

## **NUCC Approves a Revised 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form**

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Chicago, IL – The National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) announces the release of a revised version of the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (version 02/12). This revised version will update the current 1500 Claim Form (version 08/05), often referred to as the “HCFA 1500” or “CMS 1500.”

The revised 1500 Claim Form has been submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval for use with federal programs, such as Medicare. The revised form is currently available for testing and preparation purposes only. It is not to be used for the official purpose of claims submission at this time.

The NUCC began revision work on the 1500 Claim Form in 2009. The goal of this work was to align the paper form with some of the changes in the electronic Health Care Claim: Professional (837), 005010X222 Technical Report Type 3 (5010) and 005010X222A1 Technical Report Type 3 (5010A1).

A public comment period was held in October 2009 to obtain feedback on initial research done by the NUCC on the use of certain current data fields and the need for changes. During the revision work, consideration was given to different approaches to revising the form. The NUCC decided to proceed with making “minor changes” to the current form, which was defined as no physical changes to the existing form lines or underlying layout of the form. The limited scope of changes was based on feedback from NUCC members and their constituents who wanted to limit the amount of work and costs that would be required to implement a revised 1500 Claim Form.

A second public comment period was held in June 2011 to obtain feedback on the specific proposed changes to the form. Overall, the majority of responders were in support of the proposed revisions.

### **Form Availability**

Documents related to the release of the revised 1500 Claim Form, including the revised form (with clean, grid, and byte formats), a log of changes from the current form, a revised reference instruction manual, and a transition timeline are available at [www.nucc.org](http://www.nucc.org).

The revised 1500 Claim Form available on the NUCC website will not print to its exact specifications unless using a special printer programmed to print forms. To receive copies of the revised form with the specifications needed for testing purposes, please contact TFP Data Systems at: [JRMagdalen@tfpdata.com](mailto:JRMagdalen@tfpdata.com).

### **CMS Approval Process**

The revised 1500 Claim Form is currently undergoing review by CMS. CMS is expected to review the language on the back of the form and may make updates to it. Although the NUCC does not anticipate major additional changes being made to the front of the revised form, it is possible that changes could be made. The form is expected to go through two public comment periods; one by CMS and one by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Once the revised 1500 Claim Form has been officially approved by OMB, the NUCC will release the final version of the form, which will include the OMB numbers added to the bottom of the form. A timeframe for when this will be completed is not known at this time.

### **About the NUCC**

The NUCC is a voluntary organization of health care industry stakeholders representing providers, payers, designated standards maintenance organizations, public health organizations, and vendors.

The NUCC maintains the uniform data set known as the “National Uniform Claim Committee Data Set” designed for professional/non-institutional claims. The NUCC is one of four national organizations named in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Administrative Simplification regulation for a consultative role in establishing administrative standards for health care. The NUCC is also a signatory to a Memorandum of Understanding with five other organizations designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to collectively serve as the Designated Standard Maintenance Organizations (DSMO) to the HIPAA Transaction Standard Implementation Guides.

For more information on the revision of the 1500 Claim Form, visit the NUCC website at [www.nucc.org](http://www.nucc.org) or contact Nancy Spector, NUCC Chair, at [nancy.spector@ama-assn.org](mailto:nancy.spector@ama-assn.org).

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