The 02/12 1500 Claim Form: Understanding the Changes to the Form
Common Myth

The 1500 claim form (AKA – HCFA 1500 or CMS 1500) is developed by the federal government.

False.

• The 1500 claim form is developed and maintained by the NUCC.
• The form is in the public domain.
• The form is used by federal payer programs, e.g., Medicare, TRICARE, Black Lung, etc.
National Uniform Claim Committee

- The NUCC was formed in 1995 taking over for the Uniform Claim Form Task Force that initially developed the standard professional claim form
- NUCC assumed responsibility for the development and maintenance of the 1500 claim form
- Its members represent a broad base of payers, providers, standards developers, data content committees, public health organizations, and vendors
- The AMA is the Secretariat of the NUCC
- NUCC’s Web site: www.nucc.org
1500 Claim Form Revision Work

- Goal: Align the 1500 with changes in the 5010 837P and accommodate ICD-10 reporting needs
- Work started in 2009
- Reviewed existing data and needs for new
- Held a public comment period in October 2009
- Defined the scope of the work to not change the existing look of the form or underlying layout
- Made changes and mock-up of the form
- Held a public comment period in June 2011 on proposed changes
- Completed final draft of form
1500 Claim Form Approval

- Updated form approved by NUCC in February 2012 (version 02/12)
- NUCC submitted updated form to CMS for approval
- CMS held a public comment period June 2012
- OMB held a public comment period October 2012
- NUCC received word of final approval in June 2013
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NUCC Instruction Manual available at: www.nucc.org
Form Changes – Header

- Replaced 1500 rectangular symbol with black and white two-dimensional QR Code (Quick Response Code)
  - Changed symbol to give visual difference for 02/12 form
- Changed 08/05 to 02/12
Form Changes – 1

- Changed “TRICARE CHAMPUS” to “TRICARE”
- Replaced “SSN” with “ID#”
Form Changes – 8

- Deleted “PATIENT STATUS” and content of field
  - “PATIENT STATUS” is not reported in 837P so not needed on the 1500
- Changed title to “RESERVED FOR NUCC USE”
Form Changes – 9b

- Deleted “OTHER INSURED’S DATE OF BIRTH, SEX”
  - “OTHER INSURED’S DATE OF BIRTH, SEX” is not reported in 837P so not needed on the 1500
- Changed title to “RESERVED FOR NUCC USE”
Form Changes – 9c

- Deleted “EMPLOYER’S NAME OR SCHOOL”
- “EMPLOYER’S NAME OR SCHOOL” not reported in 837P so not needed on 1500
- Changed title to “RESERVED FOR NUCC USE”
Form Changes – 10d

• Changed title from “RESERVED FOR LOCAL USE” to “CLAIM CODES (Designated by NUCC)”
  • Title changed to reflect usage of field
Form Changes – 11b

- Deleted “EMPLOYER’S NAME OR SCHOOL”
  - “EMPLOYER’S NAME OR SCHOOL” not reported in 837P so not needed on 1500
- Changed title to “OTHER CLAIM ID (Designated by NUCC)”
- Added dotted line in the left-hand side of the field to accommodate a 2-byte qualifier
  - Valid qualifiers are provided in the 02/12 Instruction Manual
Form Changes – 14

- Changed title to “DATE OF CURRENT ILLNESS, INJURY, or PREGNANCY (LMP)”
- Removed the arrow and text in the right-hand side of the field
- Added “QUAL.” with a dotted line to accommodate a 3-byte qualifier
  - Valid qualifiers are provided in the 02/12 Instruction Manual
Form Changes – 15

- Changed title from “IF PATIENT HAS HAD SAME OR SIMILAR ILLNESS. GIVE FIRST DATE” to “OTHER DATE”
- Added “QUAL.” with two dotted lines to accommodate a 3-byte qualifier
  - Valid qualifiers are provided in the 02/12 Instruction Manual
Form Changes – 17

- Added a dotted line in the left-hand side of the field to accommodate a 2-byte qualifier
- Valid qualifiers are provided in the 02/12 Instruction Manual
Form Changes – 19

- Changed title from “RESERVED FOR LOCAL USE” to “ADDITIONAL CLAIM INFORMATION (Designated by NUCC)”
- Title changed to reflect usage of field
Form Changes – 21

- Added “ICD Ind.” and two dotted lines to accommodate a 1-byte indicator
  - Indicators provided in the 02/12 Instruction Manual
- Added 8 additional lines for diagnosis codes
- Changed labels of the diagnosis code lines to alpha characters (A – L)
- Removed the period within the diagnosis code lines
Form Changes – 22

- Changed title from “MEDICAID RESUBMISSION” to “RESUBMISSION.”
  - Title changed to reflect usage of field
Form Changes – 30

- Deleted “BALANCE DUE.” Changed title to “Rsvd for NUCC Use.”
- “BALANCE DUE” is not reported in 837P so not needed on 1500
Transitioning to the Updated Form

- The NUCC approved the following transition timeline:
  - January 6, 2014: Payers begin receiving and processing paper claims submitted on the revised 1500 Claim Form (version 02/12).
  - January 6 through March 31, 2014: Dual use period during which payers continue to receive and process paper claims submitted on the old 1500 Claim Form (version 08/05).
  - April 1, 2014: Payers receive and process paper claims submitted only on the revised 1500 Claim Form (version 02/12).
- This timeline aligns with Medicare's transition timeline.
What Users of the 1500 Need to Do

- Talk to your practice management system vendor about upgrades to your system for the form
- Use up your stock of 08/05 forms
- Order 02/12 forms
  - Talk to your current forms vendor
- Look at any payer-specific instructions you receive
NUCC Resources

Materials located under the 1500 Claim Form tab:

- NUCC Website: [www.nucc.org](http://www.nucc.org)
- Materials under the “1500 Claim Form” tab on the “02/12 1500 Claim Form” page
- The following resources are available:
  - Sample 02/12 1500 Claim Form
  - Change log of differences between the 08/05 and the 02/12 version
  - NUCC instruction manual and change log
  - 02/12 1500 Claim Form Map to the ASC X12 837P
  - Frequently Asked Questions