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To: All Electronic Claims System Vendors and Submitters
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Subject: EDI Implementation Guide National Standard Format - Version 003.01

The enclosed diskette contains a complete newly redesigned EDI Implementation Guide for National Standard Format (NSF) Version 003.01 effective October 1, 1997. Because of the reorganization of the manual, it cannot be incorporated into any previous specifications you have received from us. This implementation guide is complete and up to date as of October 1, 1997.

This EDI implementation guide is applicable for all users in all the states where we support 1500 electronic claims. *It is imperative that you implement only the lines of business/claim types available in the states in which you support clients.* See list below.

Following is a list of the states that we support and the corresponding lines of business that utilize the National Standard Format 1500 electronic claim format. The implementation guide contains a section for each line of business that defines the NSF field requirements, claims processing requirements, edits, and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) X12 837 version 3051.3B.01 instructions.

TEXAS - Blue Shield, HMO Blue, HMO Blue Medicaid, Medicare Part B, Medicaid, Clearinghouse Commercial

MARYLAND - Medicare Part B

DCMA/DELAWARE - Medicare Part B (**Effective February 1, 1998**)

Note to DCMA/Delaware clients: These instructions are published based on the information available as of October 1, 1997. Changes may occur during the transition based on local medical review policy that are not yet defined. If changes occur that impact the electronic submission of your claims, we will notify you through the transition newsletters.

We will continue to accept and process both NSF versions 001.04 and 002.0 and ANSI X12 837 versions 3030.2B and 3051.3B until further notice. No mandatory sunset date has been established.

In preparation for the rEDI-link Blue EDI Bulletin Board we are distributing this and all future EDI Implementation Guides in a compressed pdf format. Enclosed are four diskettes containing the Adobe Acrobat Reader, 16 bit version 3.01 and one diskette which contains a self extracting file of the EDI Implementation Guide. The Adobe Acrobat Reader program will enable you to view and print the entire implementation guide, or selected sections.

The Adobe Acrobat Reader 16 bit, Version 3.01 will also enable you to view or print documents on the HCFA and Washington Publishing web sites. **This version is not compatible with Windows 95 or Windows NT operating systems.** If your system is Windows 95 or Windows NT, you should download the 32 bit, version 3.01 from the Internet at: <http://www.adobe.com>

The Adobe Acrobat Reader program will require 5.5 MB for installation.
To install the Adobe Acrobat Reader program:

1. Insert the diskette in drive A and choose the **Run** command from the **File** menu in Program Manager.
2. Type **a:\setup.exe** and click OK.
3. The Setup dialogue box will appear and reflect the progression of the install shield program until it reaches 100%.
4. The Adobe Acrobat Reader "Welcome" screen will appear next. Follow the instructions on-screen to progress through the introduction, accept the license agreement and choose the destination location for installation.
5. The installation will begin. You must insert the disks in the appropriate order when prompted by the system. When the installation is successful and complete, the Adobe Acrobat window will appear.

The THIN EDI Implementation Guide will require 2.6 MB to load.
To load the THIN EDI Implementation Guide:

1. Insert the diskette in drive A. In your File Manager program select **File**, choose **Create Directory** and type "THIN301" to create the sub-directory for the guide.
2. Select **Drive A** in File Manager, choose **File**, select **Copy** and enter "**A:*.***" in the From field. Enter "**C:\THIN301**" in the To field. Click OK (or hit Enter) and the file will be copied into the THIN301 sub-directory.
3. In File Manager, choose **File**, select **Run**. In the command line field, type "**C:\THIN301\THIN301.EXE**". Click OK (or hit Enter) and the extraction and decompression information will scroll across the screen. When this process is complete, the File Manager window returns and you have successfully loaded the implementation guide.
4. You may now view or print the manual as necessary.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation and continuing support.

NSF 3.01 - SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

Most of the NSF updates for 3.01 were necessary to support Coordination of Benefits (COB) issues and begin preparation for National Payor IDs and National Provider Identifiers. Following is a summary of the National Standard Format changes for version 3.01 that may impact your file submission to the Texas Health Information Network. For a complete itemization of the changes, you may download the revisions directly from HCFA's web site at: <http://www.hcfa.gov> or the specific URL address of: <http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare.edi.htm>

AA0.17.0	Updated version number.
AA0-28.0 -32.0	New Fields
AA0-33.0	Updated National filler
BA0-27.0	New Field
BA0-28.0	Updated National filler
CA0-30.0	Updated National filler
DA0-29.0 - 31.0	New Fields
DA0-32.0	Updated National Filler
DA1-25.0 - 38.0	New Fields
DA1-39.0	Updated National Filler
DA2-19.0	Updated National Filler
* DA3-01.0 - 30.0	New Record
EA0-21.0 - 23.0	New Fields
EA0-43.0	Added code "30" for Medicare Demonstration Project
EA0-51.0 - 54.0	New Fields
EA0-55.0	Updated National Filler
EA1-25.0 - 29.0	New Fields
EA1-30.0	Updated National Filler
FA0-50.0 - 66.0	New Fields
FB0-34.0	New Field
FB0-35.0	Updated National Filler
* FB3-01.0 - 19.0	New Record
ZA0-10.0 - 11.0	New Fields
ZA0-12.0	Updated National Filler

* Because these records are designed for crossover information only, they will not be accepted as valid record types on incoming claim files

***Note: All of the provider number fields have been updated to include National Provider Identifier in the description.