837 Institutional Health Care Claim—Encounter

This companion document is for informational purposes only to describe certain aspects and expectations regarding the transaction and is not a complete guide. The details contained in this document are supplemental and should be used in conjunction with the ASC X12 Standards for Electronic Data Interchange Technical Report Type 3 (TR3) as published by the Washington Publishing Company.

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Section 1 - Basic Instructions

1.1 X12 and HIPAA Compliance Checking, and Business Edits

EDI interchanges submitted to UniCare for processing pass through compliance edits. 5010 acknowledgments and reports for accepted/rejected files will be placed in the submitter's trading partner mailbox for pickup.

- TA1 Interchange Acknowledgment. UniCare returns TA1 X12 and proprietary reports to the submitter of inbound 837 files containing envelope errors in the ISA and GS segments.
- Level 1. UniCare returns a 999 Interchange Acknowledgment to the submitter for every inbound 837 transaction received. Each transaction passes through edits to ensure that it is X12 compliant. If the X12 syntax or any other aspect of the 837 is not X12 compliant, the 999 will also report the Level 1 errors in AK segments and indicate that the entire transaction set has been rejected.
- Level 2. In addition to HIPAA TR3 edits, UniCare applies business edits to ensure that the
 necessary information is populated and complete for efficient processing. When encountering
 HIPAA compliance (including balancing), code set or business errors, UniCare returns: 1) 277
 Claims Acknowledgment (CA) and 2) 864 Level 2 Status Report to the submitter identifying which
 claim(s) have failed.

1.2 HIPAA Compliant Codes

Use HIPAA-compliant codes from current versions of the following:

- Physician's Current Procedure Terminology (CPT)
- Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS)
- International Classification of Diseases Clinical Mod (ICD-10-CM) Clinical Modification
- International Classification of Diseases Clinical Mod (ICD-10-PCS) Procedure Coding System
- National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) Codes
- Diagnosis Related Group Number (DRG)
- Provider Taxonomy Codes
- National Drug Code

1.3 Diagnosis Codes

According to the 837I TR3, a transaction is not X12 compliant if decimal points are used in diagnosis codes. Therefore, should a diagnosis code contain a decimal point, UniCare will return a 999 to the submitter indicating that the transaction has been rejected.

1.4 Procedure Codes and Modifiers

All valid CPT and HCPCS codes and modifiers are accepted for claim adjudication. Refer to your billing guidelines or provider contract for submission of these codes. If submitted codes are invalid, a 277CA and an 864 Level 2 Status Report will be returned to the submitter identifying which claim(s) have failed.



1.5 Uppercase Letters, Special Characters, and Delimiters

As specified in the TR3, the basic character set includes uppercase letters, digits, space, and other special characters.

- All alpha characters must be submitted in UPPERCASE letters only.
- Suggested delimiters for the transaction are assigned as part of the trading partner set up. E-Solutions Representative will discuss options with trading partners, if applicable.

Inbound Delimiters					
	Suggested Value				
Data Element Separator	*	Asterisk			
Sub-Element Separator	:	Colon			
Segment Terminator	~	Tilde			
Repetition Separator	۸	Caret			

• To avoid syntax errors, hyphens, parentheses and spaces are not recommended to be used in values for identifiers.

Examples: Recommended: Zip Code 123456789 Medical Record # 1234567

• Since originally submitted values may be returned on outbound transactions, UniCare encourages trading partners to not use the following special characters as part of the value: asterisk (*), less than/greater than signs (<, >), colon (:), and slash (/). This minimizes the risk for a special character to be recognized as a delimiter.

Example: Provider assigns a Patient Control Number '12*3456789'. Although an asterisk (*) is a valid special character, it adversely affects processing since it is also a common delimiter. The value '12*3456789' may incorrectly be identified as two separate data element values '12' and '3456789'.

1.6 Decimal "R" Data Element Type

"R" data element types contain a decimal point; involving monetary amounts, units, visits, weights, and frequency. UniCare recommends using decimal points for monetary amounts, and whole numbers for other types of "R" data elements. Except for monetary amounts, if "R" data element types include a decimal and numbers after the decimal, UniCare adjudicates the claim based on the whole number. Numbers after the decimal will not be considered.

1.7 Numeric Values, Monetary Amounts and Units

- UniCare pays all claims in US dollars and therefore, accepts monetary amounts in US dollars only. If codes related to foreign currencies are used, then a 277CA and an 864 Level 2 Status Report will be returned to the submitter identifying which claim(s) have failed.
- UniCare recognizes units in whole numbers only.
- If a negative service line charge or negative units are used, then a 277CA and an 864 Level 2 Status Report will be returned to the submitter identifying which claim(s) have failed.

SV203 Monetary Amount - Line Item Charge Amount SV205 Quantity - Service Unit Count



1.8 Address Information

- P.O. mailboxes / Lock Boxes are not allowed in the Billing Provider loop. If submitted in the Billing Provider loop, a 277CA and an 864 Level 2 Status Report will be returned to the submitter identifying which claim(s) have failed.
- The Pay-to Address loop does support P.O. Box / Lock Box addresses. Therefore, if payment is expected to be remitted to a P.O. Box / Lock Box, submit the P.O. Box / Lock Box address.
- Full 9-digit zip codes are required in the Billing Provider and Service Facility Location loops. If 5-digit zip codes are used in these loops, a 277CA and an 864 Level 2 Status Report will be returned to the submitter identifying which claim(s) have failed.

1.9 Taxonomy Codes (PRV)

The Healthcare Provider Taxonomy code set divides health care providers into hierarchical groupings by type, classification, and specialization, and assigns a code to each grouping. The Taxonomy consists of two parts: individuals (e.g., physicians) and non-individuals (e.g., ambulatory health care facilities). All codes are 10-alphanumeric positions in length. Health care providers select the taxonomy code(s) that most closely represents their education, license, or certification. If a health care provider has more than one taxonomy code associated with it, a health plan may prefer that the health care provider use one over another when submitting claims for certain services.

It is strongly recommended that the taxonomy be populated in PRV segments for all applicable claims that you are filing. Refer to the CMS website for a listing of codes, www.wpc-edi.com/taxonomy.



Section 2 - Enveloping

EDI envelopes control and track communications between you and UniCare. One envelope may contain many transaction sets grouped into the following:

- Interchange Control Header (ISA)
- Functional Group Header (GS)
- Functional Group Trailer (GE)
- Interchange Control Trailer (IEA)

ISA—Interchange Control Header ISA01 00		nctional Group	ounters) (TR3, A	-	•	
		HC	GE—Functional Group Trailer GE01 refer to TR3		EA—Interchange Control Trailer EA01 refer to TR3	
ISA02 refer to TR. ISA03 00 ISA04 refer to TR. ISA05 ZZ	GS03 E GS04 /	SENDER ID ENCUNICARE refer to TR3 refer to TR3	GE02 refer to TR3		EA02 refer to TR3	
ISA06 SENDER II ISA07 ZZ ISA08 ENCUNICA ISA09 refer to TR	GS07) ARE GS08 (refer to TR3 X 005010X223A2				
ISA10 refer to TR. ISA11 ^ (5E) ISA12 00501	3 NOTE. (*Transac *Unique	NOTE. Critical Batching and Editing Information *Transactions must be batched in separate functional group by GS03. *Unique group control number (GS06) MUST NOT be duplicated within 365 days				
ISA13 refer to TRISA14 refer to TRISA15 refer to TRISA16 refer to TRISA16	group co	ng Partner ID (GS ontrol numbers w	S02); files containing du vill be rejected.	olicate o	r previously received	



Section 3 - Charts for Situational Rules

Listed below are loops, segments, and data elements required for proper adjudication by UniCare per the situational rules in the 837I TR3.

	837 1	Institutional F	lealth Care	Claim—Encounter			
TR3	Segment	Reference Designator(s)	Value	Definitions and Notes Specific to UniCare			
P.67	ST Transaction Set Header	ST03 Implementation Convention Ref	005010X223A2	005010X223A2 - Health Care Claim, Institutional			
P.68	BHT Beginning of Hierarchical Trx	BHT06 Transaction Type Code	RP	RP - Reporting; required to indicate the batch contains all encounters.			
	ID 1000A—Submitte	er Name					
P.71	NM1 Submitter Name	NM109 Identification Code	(Submitter Identifier) UPPERCASE	 EDI assigned Sender ID. Equals the value entered in ISA06 and GS02. 			
P.73	PER Submitter EL	OI Contact Information	n - Refer to TR3				
	ID 1000B—Receive						
P.76	NM1 Receiver Name	NM103 Last Name or Organization Name	UNICARE	Receiver name			
		NM109 Identification Code	80314	80314 - represents UniCare			
		rovider Hierarchical					
		der Hierarchical Level		Te and the state of			
P.80	PRV Billing Provider Specialty Info	PRV03 Reference Identification	(Provider Taxonomy Code)	Enter the taxonomy code to uniquely identify the provider.			
P.81	CUR Foreign Currency Information	CUR02 Currency Code	USD	USD - US dollars • Monetary amounts recognized in US dollars only.			
Loop I	ID 2010AA—Billing						
P.84	NM1 Billing Provid	ler Name - Refer to T	R3				
P.87	N3 Billing Provider Address	N301 Billing Provider Address Line	(Billing Provider Street Address)	Enter the physical address to uniquely identify the billing provider. Submitting PO Box address will result in claim failure, and return of 277CA and Level 2 Status report.			
P.88	N4 Billing Prov	City, State, ZIP Code	- Refer to TR3				
		der Tax Identification					
		der Contact Informatio	on - Refer to TR3				
	ID 2010AB—Pay-To						
P.94		ess Name - Refer to 1	1	Te			
P.96	N3 Pay-to Address	N301 Address Information	(Pay-to Provider Address Line)	Enter the address to uniquely identify the provider. If payment expected to be remitted to PO Box/Lock Box, submit in Pay-to loop.			
P.97							
	oop ID 2010AC—Pay-To Plan Name						
P.101		Pay-to Plan Address - Refer to TR3					
P.102		Pay-to Plan City, State, ZIP Code - Refer to TR3					
P.104	-						
	06 REF Pay-to Plan Tax Identification Number - Refer to TR3						
		er Hierarchical Lev					
P.107	HL Subscriber F	lierarchical Level - Re	efer to TR3				



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		Designator(s)		Specific to UniCare			
	p ID 2000B—Subscriber Hierarchical Level (cont'd)						
P.109	_	SBR03		the card or from eligibility check should be			
	Subscriber	Group Number		t submit 'ITS' or 'ITS PPO', otherwise the claim			
	Information		may be misrouted	and incorrectly priced.			
	D 2010BA—Subsci		La	Io			
P.112		NM109	(Subscriber	Subscriber ID - 8-20 bytes.			
	Subscriber Name	Identification Code	Primary	***ALL ALPHA CHARACTERS MUST BE IN			
			Identifier)	UPPERCASE LETTERS.			
				Enter the ID Number exactly as it appears			
				on the front of the ID card, including ANY PREFIX.			
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P.115		Address - Refer to TR					
P.116		City, State, ZIP Code Demographic Informat					
P.118 P.120		Secondary Identification					
P.121		l Casualty Claim Num					
	D 2010BB—Payer I		ibei - Neiei io TNS				
P.122		NM103	UNICARE	UNICARE - identifies payer			
	Payer Name	Payer Name	ONIOANE	ortionate racriance payer			
	ayor Hamo	NM108	PI	PI - Payer Identification			
		ID Code Qualifier	<i>-</i> 1	F1 - Fayer identification			
		NM109	(Payer Primary	80314 - represents UniCare			
		Identification Code	Identifier)	1000 14 - represents officiale			
P.124	N3 Paver Addre	ss - Refer to TR3	identiner)	<u> </u>			
P.125		Payer City, State, ZIP Code - Refer to TR3					
P.127		ndary Identification - F					
P.129		der Secondary Identifi		R3			
Loop	D 2000C—Patient I						
P.131		archical Level - Refer	to TR3				
P.133	PAT Patient Inform	mation - Refer to TR3					
	D 2010CA—Patient	Name					
P.135	NM1 Patient Nam	e - Refer to TR3					
P.137		ess - Refer to TR3					
		State, ZIP Code - Re					
		ographic Information					
P.142		l Casualty Claim Num	ber - Refer to TR3	3			
	D 2300—Claim Info		I				
P.143		CLM01	(Patient Control	Maximum of 20 alphanumeric characters. Value is returned an authorized 825 and			
	Claim Information	Claim Submitter's	Number)	Value is returned on outbound 835 and			
		Identifier	(T. () () ()	other transactions.			
		CLM02	(Total Claim	Value must equal the sum of submitted			
		Monetary Amount	Charge Amt)	service line charges in Loop 2400 SV203.			
		CLM05-3	(Third Position	If '7' (replacement) or '8' (void/cancel) then			
		Claim Frequency	of Uniform	Loop 2300 REF02 Payer Claim Control # (F8)			
		Type Code	Billing Claim	is required and must contain UniCare			
			Form Bill Type)	originally assigned claim number.			
P.149		our - Refer to TR3		N/ P 1			
P.150		DTP03	(Statement	Valid medical codes will be based on the			
D 451	Statement Dates	Date Time Period	From / To Date)	"Statement From Date"			
	51 DTP Admission Date/Hour - Refer to TR3 52 DTP Date-Repricer Received Date - Refer to TR3						
P.152							
P.153	CL1 Institutional	Claim Code - Refer to	IKS				



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TR3	3 Segment		Reference	Value	Definitions and Notes			
			Designator(s)		Specific to UniCare			
Loop ID 2300—Claim Information (cont'd)								
	4 PWK Claim Supplemental Information - Refer to TR3							
	CN1 Contract Information - Refer to TR3							
P.160	AMT P	atient Estim	nated Amount Due - I	Refer to TR3				
P.161	REF S	ervice Auth	orization Exception C	Code - Refer to TR	3			
P.163		Referral Num	nber - Refer to TR3					
P.164			zation - Refer to TR3					
P.166	REF		REF01	F8	F8 - Original Reference Number			
	Payer Cl		Ref ID Qualifier					
	Control N	Number	REF02	(Claim Original	Represents the claim # assigned by UniCare.			
			Reference	Reference	Providers should submit the original claim #			
			Identification	Number)	indicated on the 835 when Loop 2300 CLM05-			
					3 Claim Freq. Type Code equals '7' or '8'.			
P.167		Repriced Cla	im Number - Refer to	TR3				
P.168			oriced Claim Number					
P.169		nvestigation	al Device Exemption					
P.170	REF		REF01	D9	D9 - Claim Number			
	Claim ID	for	Ref ID Qualifier					
	Transmis	ssion	REF02	(Value Added	Will be returned on Level 2 Status Report, if			
	Intermed	liaries	Reference	Network Trace	submitted.			
			Identification	Number)				
			nt State - Refer to TR					
P.173			ord Number - Refer to					
P.174			on Project Identifier -					
P.175			al Number - Refer to	TR3				
P.176			ion - Refer to TR3					
P.178		Claim Note - Refer to TR3						
P.180								
P.181			rral - Refer to TR3					
			s diagnosis codes t		el of specificity.			
P.184		ı v						
P.187								
P.189			ason for Visit - Refer					
P.193			se of Injury - Refer to) IKS				
P.218			ation - Refer to TR3	for to TD2				
P.220			osis Information - Ret					
P.239			cedure Information - dure Information - Re					
P.242 P.258								
P.256 P.271			Span Information - Re Information - Refer to					
P.271 P.284				ווא				
P.284 P.294		Value Information - Refer to TR3						
P.304								
	P.313 HCP Claim Pricing/Repricing Information - Refer to TR3							
	Loop ID 2310A—Attending Physician Name Required for services (non-emergency ambulance transportation) populated in 2400, SV202-2							
P.319			ovider Name - Refer		ιση ροραίαι ε α III 2400, 3 V 202-2			
P.322		activity PTC	PRV03	(Provider	Enter the taxonomy code to uniquely identify			
1 .322	Attending	n	Reference	Taxonomy	the provider.			
	1	•	Identification	Code)	The provider.			
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			Designator(s)		Specific to UniCare			
Loop I	D 2210	A Attendin	. ,	cont'd)				
	Loop ID 2310A—Attending Physician Name (cont'd) P.324 REF Attending Provider Secondary Identification - Refer to TR3							
	Loop ID 2310B—Operating Physician Name P. 326 NM1 Operating Physician Name - Refer to TP3							
	P.326 NM1 Operating Physician Name - Refer to TR3							
	P.329 REF Operating Physician Secondary Identification - Refer to TR3 Loop ID 2310C—Other Operating Physician Name							
P.331			ing Physician Name					
P.334			ing Physician Second		Refer to TR3			
			g Provider Name	dary radritinoation	110101101110			
P.336			ovider Name - Refer	to TR3				
P.339			ovider Secondary Ide		o TR3			
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P.345			: City, State, ZIP - Re					
P.347			ity Location Seconda		efer to TR3			
			Provider Name	,				
P.349			vider Name - Refer t	o TR3				
P.352			vider Secondary Idei		TR3			
			scriber Information					
			riber Information - Re	fer to TR3				
			Adjustments - Refer to					
	AMT		Paid Amount - Refer t					
P.365			atient Liability - Refer					
P.366			on-Covered Amount					
P.367			nce Coverage Informa		}			
P.369			udication Information					
			djudication Informatio					
			bscriber Name					
P.377	NM1	Other Subsci	riber Name - Refer to	TR3				
P.380	N3	Other Subsci	riber Address - Refer	to TR3				
P.381	N4	Other Subsci	riber City, State, ZIP (Code - Refer to TR	3			
P.383	.383 REF Other Subscriber Secondary Identification - Refer to TR3							
Loop I	Loop ID 2330B—Other Payer Name							
P.384	4 NM1 Other Payer Name - Refer to TR3							
P.386	N3	Other Payer	Address - Refer to TF	73				
P.387	N4	Other Payer	City, State, ZIP Code	- Refer to TR3				
P.389	DTP	Claim Check	or Remittance Date -	Refer to TR3				
P.390	REF	Other Payer	Secondary Identifier -	Refer to TR3				
P.392		Other Payer	Prior Authorization N	umber - Refer to Th	73			
P.393								
P.394	REF Other Payer Claim Adjustment Indicator - Refer to TR3							
P.395	395 REF Other Payer Claim Control Number - Refer to TR3							
	Loop ID 2330C—Other Payer Attending Provider							
	06 NM1 Other Payer Attending Provider - Refer to TR3							
	P.398 REF Other Payer Attending Provider Secondary Identification - Refer to TR3							
	Loop ID 2330D—Other Payer Operating Physician							
P.400								
	P.402 REF Other Payer Operating Physician Secondary Identification - Refer to TR3							
	Loop ID 2330E—Other Payer Other Operating Physician							
	P.404 NM1 Other Payer Other Operating Physician - Refer to TR3							
P.406	REF	Other Payer	Other Operating Phys	sician Secondary Id	lentification - Refer to TR3			



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TR3	S	egment	Reference	Value	Definitions and Notes		
		3	Designator(s)		Specific to UniCare		
Loop I	Loop ID 2330F—Other Payer Service Facility Location						
P.408			Service Facility Loca		}		
P.410					entification - Refer to TR3		
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P.412			Rendering Provider I		73		
P.414			Rendering Provider S				
			yer Referring Provi				
P.416			Referring Provider - I				
P.418	REF	Other Payer	Referring Provider Se	econdary Identifica	ation - Refer to TR3		
Loop I			er Billing Provider	•			
P.420			Billing Provider - Ref	er to TR3			
P.422	REF	Other Payer	Billing Provider Seco	ndary Identification	n - Refer to TR3		
Loop I	D 2400	—Service Li	ne Number				
P.423	LX	Service Line	Number - Refer to TI	R3			
P.424	SV2		SV202-2	(Procedure	Attending Provider (2310A) required for non-		
	Institu	tional Service	Product/Service ID	Code)	emergency ambulance transportation codes		
	Line				A0426, A0428 (without modifier QL).		
P.429	PWK	Line Supplen	nental Information - F	Refer to TR3			
P.433	DTP	Date - Servic	e Date - Refer to TR	3			
P.435	REF	Line Item Co.	ntrol Number - Refer	to TR3			
P.437	REF	Repriced Line	e Item Reference Nu	mber - Refer to TF	R3		
P.438	REF	Adjusted Rep	oriced Line Item Refe	rence Number - R	efer to TR3		
P.439	AMT	Service Tax	Amount - Refer to TR	23			
P.440	AMT	Facility Tax A	Amount - Refer to TR	3			
P.441	NTE	Third Party C	Organization Notes - F	Refer to TR3			
P.442			Repricing Information	- Refer to TR3			
		D—Drug Ident	ification				
P.449			LIN03	(National Drug	NDC # for prescribed drugs and biologics		
		dentification	Product/Service ID	Code)	when required by government regulation.		
P.452			y - Refer to TR3				
P.454			of Compound Drug A	ssociation Numbe	r - Refer to TR3		
			g Physician Name				
P.456			ysician Name - Refe				
			ysician Secondary Id		r to TR3		
			erating Physician N				
P.461							
P.464							
	pop ID 2420C—Rendering Provider Name						
P.466							
	P.469 REF Rendering Provider Secondary Identification - Refer to TR3						
	Loop ID 2420D—Referring Provider Name						
P.471		Referring Provider Name - Refer to TR3					
	P.474 REF Referring Provider Secondary Identification - Refer to TR3						
	Loop ID 2430—Line Adjudication Information						
P.476							
P.480							
P.486							
P.487	P.487 AMT Remaining Patient Liability - Refer to TR3						
P.488	SE	Transaction S	Set Trailer - Refer to	TR3			