

The Revised CMS-1500 Form ... at a Glance

The National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) has approved a revised CMS-1500 health insurance claim form (version 02/12) to replace the current form (version 08/05). TFP Data Systems, the designated provider of the form, worked directly with the NUCC on the form's development and distribution.

The TFP-supported CMS-1500 offers some distinct advantages for healthcare customers. It is 100% compliant and printed to exact specifications. It also uses soy-based OCR "dropout" red ink and SFI (Sustainable Forestry Initiative) 20# paper for greater scanning accuracy. As a result, we're so confident of our CMS-1500 form's acceptance by insurance carriers that we offer **Anti-Rejection Protection™***. Our forms are fully compliant and rejection-proof, to ensure quicker payment by insurance companies.

The revisions, which better align the CMS-1500 with certain changes in the electronic Health Care Claims, are:

<p>1 1500 symbol replaced with a scannable QR code that takes the user to the NUCC CMS-1500 landing page.</p> <p>2 1 – Minor changes to the wording of payer ID number requirements.</p> <p>3 8 - Changed to "RESERVED FOR NUCC USE" ("PATIENT STATUS" removed from the form).</p> <p>4 9b and 9c – Replaced with "RESERVED FOR NUCC USE" ("EMPLOYER'S NAME OR SCHOOL NAME" removed from the form).</p> <p>5 10d – Changed to "CLAIM CODES (Designated by NUCC)."</p> <p>6 11b – Changed to "OTHER CLAIM ID (Designated by NUCC)."</p> <p>7 14 – Minor changes to layout of field.</p> <p>8 15 – Removed "IF PATIENT HAS HAD SAME OR SIMILAR ILLNESS, GIVE FIRST DATE."</p> <p>9 17 – Added a field to report a qualifier to identify which provider is being reported.</p> <p>10 21 – Added eight additional lines for diagnosis or nature of illness/injury.</p> <p>11 30 – Replaced with "Rsvd for NUCC Use" ("BALANCE DUE" removed from the form).</p>	
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Please be aware that the revised form is available for testing and preparation purposes only, and should not be used for official claims submission at this time.

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