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During the second quarter of 2019, eMedNY will enhance front-end translation rules for the Health Care Claim: Dental (837) ("X12N/005010X224A2") as outlined in the *X12 v5010 Technical Report Type 3 (TR3) Implementation Guides.* **The Health Care Claim: Dental (837) TR3 and its 2 Addenda are available for purchase at** http://store.x12.org/store. Specific dates will follow in subsequent communications.

When a submission fails syntax ('testing' or 'checks' or 'validation'), an enhanced 999 Acknowledgement with a distinctive rejection message will be sent back to the submitter. eMedNY has concluded that most 837 Dental Claim submissions will not be impacted by these enhancements. Additionally, Trading Partners will see an improved 999 acknowledgement reporting when errors are detected.

Errors will be returned to the submitter in any of the following situations:

- **Hyphens ("-") in ZIP codes**
- **Trailing empty delimiters**
- **The HL is not incrementing by 1 for each subsequent instance**
- **CAS05 is present, but CAS06 and CAS07 are not valued**
- **PER05 is present, but PER06 is not valued**
- **N407 is present, but N404 is not valued**
- **Trailing negative in a numeric field**
- **Required Data Element missing in the SBR09**

Additionally, **delimiters must be per recommendations in the X12 TR3.** Setting ISA11 to 'U', or any other alphanumeric or space character, establishes that character as a delimiter and causes processing problems.

As outreach to Dental vendors has already commenced, eMedNY strongly encourages trading partners to engage with their vendors or software developers to review, identify, test and remediate these syntax rule enhancements on 837 Dental Claim submissions.

In preparation for production go-live, eMedNY will enrich the Provider Testing Environment (PTE) with the new messaging for testing purposes on January 11, 2019. PTE is eMedNY's end-to-end testing environment for Providers and their Software Developers. Details regarding PTE functionality can be found in the [eMedNY Trading Partner Information Standard Companion Guide](). **Vendors are encouraged to test their 837 Dental claim coding changes prior to production go-live.**

Trading partners must utilize the *837D - Health Care Claim - Dental Addendum 2 (x224A2) Implementation Guides* in conjunction with the eMedNY Transaction Information Companion Guide that is available at the link above. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL TRADING PARTNERS TO MANAGE THEIR SOFTWARE, PROGRAMMING, AND SYSTEM NEEDS.**

Questions regarding these X12 enhancements may be directed to: [emednyHIPAAsupport@csra.com]().

ePACES Users: No changes to the X12 messages on the ePACES application will occur.

Health Care Claim: Professional (837) ("X12N/005010X222A1") and Health Care Claim: Institutional (837) ("X12N/005010X223A2") Enhancements to the 837 Professional and 837 Institutional claims will occur at a later date. The PTE environment will also be ready for testing prior to the production go-live. Specific dates will follow in subsequent communications.