

!!!Announcement!!!

Information on TAR Files *(for eMedNY eXchange Users only)*

As of Cycle 1520 on October 9th, 2006 all 835, 820 and Supplemental Remittance Advices distributed via eMedNY eXchange are delivered to all Inboxes as TAR files.

What is TAR?

TAR stands for Tape Archive and is a time-tested way for many files to be concatenated into a single file which is easier to download, transmit, or backup. While similar to some functionality in the popular ZIP file format, TAR performs no compression to the file on its own.

Why TAR?

TAR was selected in order to minimize the number of potential downloads eXchange users need to perform. Users can now receive the same number of files with fewer errors and a manageable number of downloads.

How do I extract my remittances from a TAR file?

TAR is an open standard that is natively supported by most UNIX-Style systems such as Linux, HP-UNIX, AIX, and FreeBSD. On these platforms, if you have no other way of extracting files, files may be extracted on the command line with:

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tar -x yourfilename.tar
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This will extract the files from the tar archive into the current directory which you may then process as you did previous to this change.

Windows does not natively support TAR files, however many 3rd party applications exist that will open, extract, and even create TAR files. Most applications that handle ZIP files on Windows are also designed to support TAR.

Can you walk me through extracting my remittances?

Because of the heterogeneous nature of platforms in the eMedNY Provider Community, our support staff cannot offer per-user support for extracting remittances from TAR files. Online resources will be sufficient for a vast majority of users, and when in doubt consult with an IT professional.