



eMedNY General Updates

Update to 835/820 Remittance Messaging

eMedNY to Update 835/820 Electronic Remittance Advice Messaging for Financial Activity

eMedNY is implementing a change to the information returned to receivers of the **ASC X12 835 Health Care Claim Payment/Advice (005010X221A1)** and **ASC X12 820 Premium Payment Order/Remittance Advice (005010X218)** transactions to improve the ability to track and reconcile financial activity reflected on remittances.

Changes to: ASC X12 835 Health Care Claim Payment/Advice (005010X221A1)

Currently, the 835 remittances convey within the PLB segments only the Remittance Advice Number (RA#) where the financial adjustment originated. As a result, Medicaid providers who receive electronic remittances often encounter challenges interpreting the payment details.

Beginning with check cycle 2541, eMedNY will discontinue inclusion of the literal RA#. Instead, the Financial Control Number (FCN#) and a Financial Reason Code for each financial activity within the PLB, along with a description of the adjustment (up to 27 characters) to further clarify the nature of the transaction.

835 Sample (Table 3)

PLB*1285999999*20251231*WO:FCN#202503271000006-RR1-NEG RETROACTIVE RATE ADJ

Format of the PLB03-2

Position 1-4 = FCN# (Literal)

Position 5-19 = The 15-digit Financial Control Number (FCN) assigned to the transaction. This number will match any related USPS mailed correspondence sent to the provider.

Position 20-22 = Financial Reason Code assigned by the DOH

Position 23-50 = Free form text description of the adjustment (up to 27 characters)

In rare cases where a forward balance has no FCN but must be reported on the remit, the literal 'NEGATIVE CLAIM BALANCE' and/or 'NEGATIVE RETRO BALANCE' will be used in place of the FCN and Financial Reason Code.

835 Sample (Table 3)

PLB*1285999999*20251231*FB:NEGATIVE CLAIM BALANCE

PLB*1285999999*20251231*FB:NEGATIVE RETRO BALANCE

Changes to: ASC X12 820 Premium Payment Order/Remittance Advice (005010X218)

The 820 transaction already conveys the Financial Control Number (FCN#) and a description when adjustments are reported.

Beginning with check cycle 2541, the 820 will be updated to include a Financial Reason Code

within the free-form text in the REF02 segment of the 2300A loop.

820 Sample (2000A Loop)

REF*ZZ* FCN#202603121999999-NB1-NEGATIVE BALANCE RECOVERY

Format of the REF02

Position 1-4 = FCN# (Literal)

Position 5-19 = The 15-digit Financial Control Number (FCN) assigned to the transaction. This number will match any related USPS mailed correspondence sent to the provider.

Position 20-22 = Financial Reason Code assigned by the DOH

Position 23-50 = Free form text description of the adjustment (up to 27 characters)

Changes for both the 835 and the 820 Remittance

When more than one financial adjustment is reported, multiple PLB or RMR segments will be returned, with each segment representing a single financial activity.

NOTE: Paper remits, PTAR remits and HITECH remits remain unchanged.

Questions?

X12 Support:

Updates to these transactions are documented in the [CAQH-CORE HIPAA Transactions Standard Companion Guide](#) on the HIPAA tab of www.emedny.org

For questions related to the X12 changes please contact [eMedNY HIPAA Support](#) via email.

Billing Support:

For questions regarding financial transactions, please contact the eMedNY Call Center at 800-343-9000.