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Health Care Claim – Institutional (837I)

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PREFACE

This companion guide (CG) to the v5010 ASC X12N Technical Report Type 3 (TR3) adopted under Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) clarifies and specifies the data content when exchanging transactions electronically with UnitedHealthcare.

Transmissions based on this companion guide, used in tandem with the TR3, also called 837 Health Care Claim: Institutional ASC X12N (005010X223A2), are compliant with both ASC X12 syntax and those guides. There are separate transactions for Health Care Claims - institutional (837I) and professional (837P). This companion guide is intended to convey information that is within the framework of the ASC X12N TR3 adopted for use under HIPAA. The companion guide is not intended to convey information that in any way exceeds the requirements or usages of data expressed in the TR3.

The TR3, also known as X12N Implementation Guide (IG), adopted under HIPAA, here on in within this document will be known as IG or TR3.

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1. INTRODUCTION

This section describes how Technical Report Type 3 (TR3), also called 837 Health Care Claim: Institutional (837I) ASC X12N/005010X223A2, adopted under HIPAA, will be detailed with the use of a table. The tables contain a row for each segment that UnitedHealth Group has included, in addition to the information contained in the TR3s. That information can:

1. Limit the repeat of loops, or segments
2. Limit the length of a simple data element
3. Specify a sub-set of the TR3's internal code listings
4. Clarify the use of loops, segments, composite and simple data elements
5. Any other information tied directly to a loop, segment, and composite or simple data element pertinent to trading electronically with UnitedHealthcare

In addition to the row for each segment, one or more additional rows are used to describe UnitedHealthcare's usage for composite and simple data elements and for any other information. Notes and comments should be placed at the deepest level of detail. For example, a note about a code value should be placed on a row specifically for that code value, not in a general note about the segment.

The table below specifies the columns and suggested use of the rows for the detailed description of the transaction set companion guides. The table contains a row for each segment that UnitedHealthcare has included, in addition to the information contained in the TR3s.

The following is an example (from Section 9 – Transaction Specific Information) of the type of information that may be included:

Page #	Loop ID	Reference	Name	Codes	Length	Notes/Comments
71	1000A	NM1	Submitter Name			This type of row always exists to indicate that a new segment has begun. It is always shaded at 10% and notes or comment about the segment itself goes in this cell.
114	2100C	NM109	Subscriber Primary Identifier			This type of row exists to limit the length of the specified data element.
114	2100C	NM108	Identification Code Qualifier			
				MI		This type of row exists when a note for a particular code value is required. For example, this note may say that value MI is the default. Not populating the first 3 columns makes it clear that the code value belongs to the row immediately above it.
184	2300	HI	Principal Diagnosis Code			
	2300	HI01-2	Code List Qualifier Code	BK		This row illustrates how to indicate a component data element in the Reference column and also how to specify that only one code value is applicable.

1.1 SCOPE

This document is to be used for the implementation of the TR3 HIPAA 5010 837 Health Care Claim: Institutional (referred to as Institutional Claim or 837I Claim in the rest of this document) for the purpose of submitting an institutional claim electronically. This companion guide is not intended to replace the TR3.

1.2 OVERVIEW

This CG will replace, in total, the previous UnitedHealthcare CG versions for Health Care Institutional Claim and must be used in conjunction with the TR3 instructions.

This CG is intended to assist you in implementing electronic Institutional Claim transactions that meet UnitedHealthcare processing standards, by identifying pertinent structural and data related requirements and recommendations.

Updates to this companion guide occur periodically and are available online. CG documents are posted in the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) section of our Resource Library on the Companion Guides page:

<https://www.uhcprovider.com/en/resource-library/edi/edi-companion-guides.html>

In addition, trading partners can sign up for the Network Bulletin and other online news:

<https://uhg.csharmony.epsilon.com/Account/Register>.

1.3 REFERENCE

For more information regarding the ASC X12 Standards for Electronic Data Interchange 837 Health Care Claim: Institutional (005010X223A2) and to purchase copies of the TR3 documents, consult the Washington Publishing Company website: <http://www.wpc-edi.com>

1.4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is the coordinator for information on national and international standards. In 1979 ANSI chartered the Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 to develop uniform standards for electronic interchange of business transactions and eliminate the problem of non-standard electronic data communication. The objective of the ASC X12 Committee is to develop standards to facilitate electronic interchange relating to all types of business transactions. The ANSI X12 standards is recognized by the United States as the standard for North America. EDI adoption has been proved to reduce the administrative burden on providers. Please note that this is UnitedHealthcare's approach to 837 Institutional Claim transactions. After careful review of the existing IG for the Version 005010X223A2, we have compiled the UnitedHealthcare specific CG. We are not responsible for any changes and updates made to the IG.

2. GETTING STARTED

2.1 EXCHANGING TRANSACTIONS WITH UNITEDHEALTHCARE

UnitedHealthcare exchanges transactions with clearinghouses and direct submitters, also referred to as Trading Partners. Most transactions go through the Optum clearinghouse, OptumInsight, the managed gateway for UnitedHealthcare EDI transactions.

2.2 CLEARINGHOUSE CONNECTION

Physicians, facilities and health care professionals should contact their current clearinghouse vendor to discuss their ability to support the 837 Health Care Claim: Institutional transaction, as well as associated timeframes, costs, etc. This includes protocols for testing the exchange of transactions with UnitedHealthcare through your clearinghouse.

Optum: Physicians, facilities and health care professionals can submit and receive EDI transactions direct. Optum partners with providers to deliver the tools that help drive administrative simplification at minimal cost and realize the benefits originally intended by HIPAA — standard, low-cost claim transactions.

- Please contact Optum Support at 800-341-6141 to get set up.
- If interested in using Optum’s online solution, [Intelligent EDI \(IEDI\)](#), contact the Optum sales team at 866-367-9778, option 3, send an email to IEDIsales@optum.com or visit <https://www.optum.com/campaign/fp/free-edi.html>.

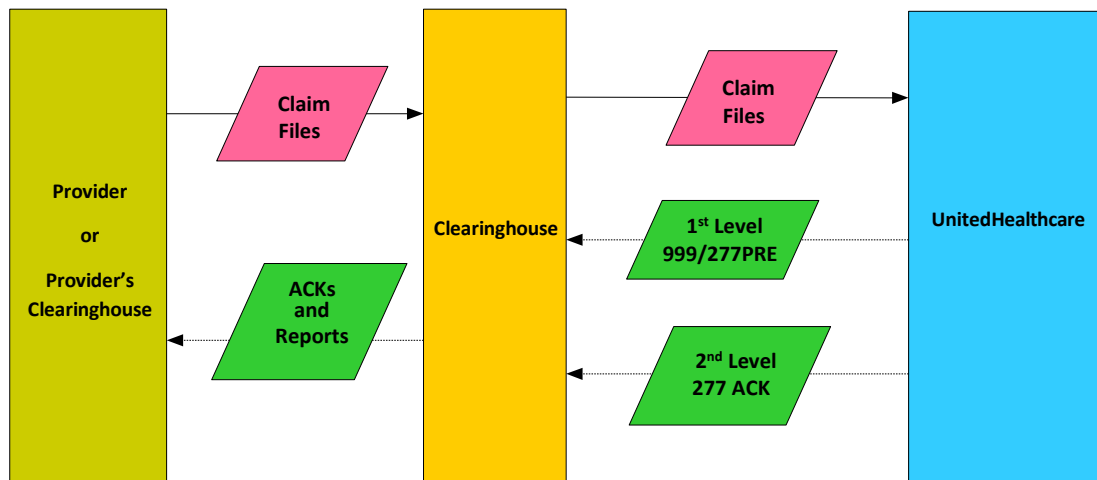
2.3 CERTIFICATION AND TESTING

All trading partners who wish to submit 837I Claim transactions to UnitedHealthcare via the ASC X12 837 (Version 005010X223A2), and receive corresponding EDI responses, must complete testing to ensure that their systems and connectivity are working correctly before any production transactions can be processed.

For testing EDI transactions with UnitedHealthcare, care providers and health care professionals should contact their current clearinghouse vendor or Optum.

3. CONNECTIVITY AND COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

3.1 PROCESS FLOW: BATCH 837 INSTITUTIONAL CLAIM



3.2 TRANSMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

UnitedHealthcare supports both batch and real-time 837I Claim transmissions. Contact your current clearinghouse vendor to discuss transmission types and availability.

3.3 RE-TRANSMISSION PROCEDURES

Physicians, facilities and health care professionals should contact their current clearinghouse vendor for information on whether resubmission is allowed or what data corrections need to be made for a successful response.

3.4 COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL SPECIFICATIONS

Physicians, facilities and health care professionals should contact their current clearinghouse for communication protocols with UnitedHealthcare.

3.5 PASSWORDS

Physicians, facilities and health care professionals should contact their current clearinghouse vendor to discuss password policies.

3.6 SYSTEM AVAILABILITY

UnitedHealthcare will accept 837 claim transaction submissions at any time, 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. Unplanned system outages may occur occasionally and impact our ability to accept or immediately process incoming transactions. UnitedHealthcare will send an email communication for scheduled and unplanned outages.

3.7 COSTS TO CONNECT

Clearinghouse Connection: Physicians, facilities and health care professionals should contact their current clearinghouse vendor or Optum to discuss costs.

Optum:

- Optum Support – 800-341-6141
- Optum’s online solution, [Intelligent EDI \(IEDI\)](#)
 - Call 866-367-9778, option 3
 - Email IEDIsales@optum.com
 - Visit <https://www.optum.com/campaign/fp/free-edi.html>

4. CONTACT INFORMATION

4.1 EDI SUPPORT

Most questions can be answered by referring to the EDI section of our resource library at UHCprovider.com > Menu > Resource Library > Electronic Data Interchange (EDI): <https://www.uhcprovider.com/en/resource-library/edi.html>. View the [EDI 837: Electronic Claims](#) page for information specific to 837 Claim transactions.

If you need assistance with an EDI 837 transaction accepted by UnitedHealthcare, please contact EDI Support by:

- Using our [EDI Transaction Support Form](#)
- Sending an email to supportedi@uhc.com
- Calling 800-842-1109

For questions related to submitting transactions through a clearinghouse, please contact your clearinghouse or software vendor directly.

4.2 EDI TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Physicians, facilities and health care professionals should contact their current clearinghouse vendor or Optum for technical support. If using Optum, contact their technical support team at 800-225-8951, option 6.

For issues with encounters, send an email to the Encounter Data Collection Team:

encountercollection@uhc.com

4.3 PROVIDER SERVICES

Provider Services should be contacted at 877-842-3210 instead of EDI Support if you have questions regarding 837 Claim transactions that do not pertain to EDI. Provider Services is available Monday - Friday, 7 am - 7 pm in the provider's time zone.

4.4 APPLICABLE WEBSITES/EMAIL

Companion Guides: <https://www.uhcprovider.com/en/resource-library/edi/edi-companion-guides.html>

Optum: <https://www.optum.com>

Optum EDI Client Center - <https://iedi.optum.com>

UnitedHealthcare Administrative Guide:

https://www.uhcprovider.com/content/dam/provider/docs/public/admin-guides/UnitedHealthcare_Administrative_Guide_2017.pdf

UnitedHealthcare EDI Support: supportedi@uhc.com or [EDI Transaction Support Form](#)

UnitedHealthcare EDI Education website: <https://www.uhcprovider.com/en/resource-library/edi.html>

Washington Publishing Company: <http://www.wpc-edi.com>

5. CONTROL SEGMENTS/ENVELOPES

5.1 ISA-IEA

Transactions transmitted during a session or as a batch are identified by an interchange header segment (ISA) and trailer segment (IEA) which form the envelope enclosing the transmission. Each ISA marks the beginning of the transmission (batch) and provides sender and receiver identification.

The table below represents only those fields that UnitedHealthcare requires a specific value in or has additional guidance on what the value should be. The table does not represent all of the fields necessary for a successful transaction; the TR3 should be reviewed for that information.

LOOP ID	Reference	NAME	Values	Notes/Comments
None	ISA	ISA Interchange Control Header		
	ISA05	Interchange ID Qualifier	ZZ	ZZ = Mutually defined
	ISA06	Interchange Sender ID	[Submitter ID]	This is the Submitter ID assigned by UnitedHealthcare.
	ISA08	Interchange Receiver ID	87726 (claims)	UnitedHealthcare Payer ID -Right pad as needed with spaces to 15 characters.

5.2 GS-GE

EDI transactions of a similar nature and destined for one trading partner may be gathered into a functional group, identified by a functional group header segment (GS) and a functional group trailer segment (GE). Each GS segment marks the beginning of a functional group. There can be many functional groups within an interchange envelope. The number of GS/GE functional groups that exist in a transmission may vary.

The below table represents only those fields that UnitedHealthcare requires a specific value in or has additional guidance on what the value should be. The table does not represent all of the fields necessary for a successful transaction; the TR3 should be reviewed for that information.

LOOP ID	Reference	NAME	Values	Notes/Comments
None	GS	Functional Group Header		Required Header
	GS03	Application Receiver's Code	87726 (claims)	UnitedHealthcare Payer ID Code
	GS08	Version/Release/Industry Identifier Code	005010X223A2	Version expected to be received by UnitedHealthcare

5.3 ST-SE

The beginning of each individual transaction is identified using a transaction set header segment (ST). The end of every transaction is marked by a transaction set trailer segment (SE). For real time transactions, there will always be one ST and SE combination. An 837 file can only contain 837 transactions.

The below table represents only those fields that UnitedHealthcare requires a specific value in or has additional guidance on what the value should be. The table does not represent all of the fields necessary for a successful transaction; the TR3 should be reviewed for that information.

LOOP ID	Reference	NAME	Codes	Notes/Comments
None	ST	Transaction Set Header		Required Header
	ST03	Implementation Convention Reference	005010X223A2	Version expected to be received by UnitedHealthcare

5.4 CONTROL SEGMENT HIERARCHY

ISA - Interchange Control Header segment
 GS - Functional Group Header segment
 ST - Transaction Set Header segment
 First 837 Transaction
 SE - Transaction Set Trailer segment
 ST - Transaction Set Header segment
 Second 837 Transaction
 SE - Transaction Set Trailer segment
 ST - Transaction Set Header segment
 Third 837 Transaction
 SE - Transaction Set Trailer segment
 GE - Functional Group Trailer segment
 IEA - Interchange Control Trailer segment

5.5 CONTROL SEGMENT NOTES

The ISA data segment is a fixed length record and all fields must be supplied. Fields not populated with actual data must be filled with space.

1. The first element separator (byte 4) in the ISA segment defines the element separator to be used through the entire interchange.
2. The ISA segment terminator (byte 106) defines the segment terminator used throughout the entire interchange.
3. ISA16 defines the component element

5.6 FILE DELIMITERS

UnitedHealthcare requests that you use the following delimiters on your 270 file. If used as delimiters, these characters (* : ~ ^) must not be submitted within the data content of the transaction sets. Please contact UnitedHealthcare if there is a need to use a delimiter other than the following:

1. Data Element: The recommended data element delimiter is an asterisk (*)
2. Data Segment: The recommended data segment delimiter is a tilde (~)
3. Component Element: ISA16 defines the component element delimiter is to be used throughout the entire transaction. The recommended component-element delimiter is a colon (:)
4. Repetition Separator: ISA11 defines the repetition separator to be used throughout the entire transaction. The recommended repetition separator is a caret (^)

6. PAYER SPECIFIC BUSINESS RULES AND LIMITATIONS

6.1 ELECTRONIC CLAIM SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Following these	Guidelines
Allergy Procedure Codes	Instead of submitting medical notes, use the EDI Notes Field* to indicate number of doses, vials or injections as well as the dose schedule.
Corrected Claims	Corrected claims can be submitted electronically using the Claims Reconsideration tool in claimsLink. Learn more online: https://www.uhcprovider.com/en/claims-payments-billing/claimslink-self-service-tool.html
In Network / Out of Network	Under the capitated delegated agreement with UnitedHealthcare to support Medicare Advantage EOB for Part C, all encounter submissions must reflect whether the services provided to the member is “in network” or “out of network.” Any finalized claim or encounter that contains a service that is out of network should be reported using claim adjustment reason code (CARC) 242 – Services Not Provided by Network/Primary Care Provider, at the service line level.
Interest Payments	Under the capitated delegated agreement with UnitedHealthcare to submit encounter data, any finalized claim in part or in its entirety that contains interest payments must display these payments using a claim adjustment reason code (CARC) 225 – Payment or Interest Paid by Payer. This code should only be used for plan to plan encounter reporting. According to Section 1.1.1.1 of the 005010X222A1, balancing to the claim payment involves the subtraction of adjustments from the service line payment total. A positive dollar amount for interest would reduce the payment of the claim. A negative dollar amount would increase the payment on the claim. As a result, reporting the payment of interest by a prior payer in the 837 would require a “negative dollar” amount in order to balance.

Laboratory Services	When performed in the office on an urgent basis, use modifier “ST” in the modifier field.
Lifetime Events	A lifetime event is described as a medical procedure that can only occur once in a lifetime. Such events include but are not limited to Hysterectomy, Prostatectomy, Appendectomy, and Amputations, etc. Lifetime events must be reported with a unit value of only 1.
Medicare Primary claims	When Medicare is primary, check your Medicare Explanation of Benefits (EOB) for Code MA-18 to indicate the claim has been forwarded to the secondary carrier. If it hasn’t been forwarded or has been sent to the wrong carrier, then submit the claim and the EOB/Coordination of Benefits (COB) information electronically. More information on Medicare Crossover is online in the Secondary/COB or Tertiary Claims section: https://www.uhcprovider.com/en/resource-library/edi/edi-quick-tips-claims.html
Participating Physician Covering Primary Care Physician (PCP)	When a UnitedHealthcare participating physician is covering for a PCP, use the EDI Notes Field* to indicate “Covering for Dr. X” instead of submitting an attachment.
Rejected Claims	Claim rejections that appear on clearinghouse reports have not been accepted by UnitedHealthcare and should be corrected and resubmitted electronically.
Required Member Cost Share / Revenue Reporting	For Commercial and Medicare Advantage plans, UnitedHealthcare requires ¹ contracted providers to submit current, complete and accurate encounter data including member cost share/revenue weekly in order to effectively track member cost share. UnitedHealthcare welcomes and encourages your encounter submissions more frequently than weekly (e.g., twice a week, daily). Greater encounter submission frequency allows us to more effectively administer products where member cost share administration is essential. ¹ Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services mandate for Maximum Allowable Out-of-Pocket Cost Amount for Medicare Parts A and B Services 75 FR 19709, effective Jan. 1, 2011
Secondary Claims	When another commercial insurance plan is primary and UnitedHealthcare is secondary, the secondary claim can be submitted electronically. Information from the primary payer’s EOB/COB can be included in the electronic claim. More information on submitting electronic Secondary/COB or Tertiary Claims, including COB Electronic Claim Requirements and Specifications, is online: https://www.uhcprovider.com/en/resource-library/edi/edi-quick-tips-claims.html
Sequestration	As required by federal law under a sequestration order dated March 1, 2013, Medicare Fee-For-Service claims with dates of service or dates of discharge on or after April 1, 2013, incur a two percent reduction in Medicare payment. [Source: Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services]. Under the capitated delegated agreement with UnitedHealthcare to submit encounter data, any finalized claim in part or in entirety that contains a reduction in payment due to “sequestration” should be reported to UnitedHealthcare using claim adjustment reason code (CARC) 253 – Sequestration. Sequestration reduction should be presented at the service line level.
“Tracers” or Re-Bills	It isn’t necessary to send a paper claim backup for a claim sent electronically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please allow 20-30 business days for your claim(s) to be processed. • To avoid duplicate claim denials, check the status of your claim as a 276/277 EDI transaction or using Link instead of submitting a tracer.
Unspecified CPT and HCPCS codes	Unlisted and Unspecified Service or Procedure Codes can be submitted an electronic claim, however, UnitedHealthcare will need to review medical notes in order to process these claims. Attachments requested can be uploaded using the claimsLink app. More information on submitting unspecified codes on an electronic claim is online: https://www.uhcprovider.com/en/resource-library/edi/edi-quick-tips-claims.html

<p>Voids and Replacements</p>	<p>A “replacement” encounter should be sent to UnitedHealthcare when an element of data on the encounter was either not previously reported or when there is an element of data that needs to be corrected. A replacement encounter should contain a claim frequency code of [7] in Loop 2300 CLM05-3 segment.</p> <p>A “void” encounter should be sent to UnitedHealthcare when the previously submitted encounter should be eliminated. A void encounter must match the original encounter with the exception of the claim frequency type code and the payer assigned claim number. A void encounter should not contain “negative” values within the encounter. It should contain a claim frequency code of [8] in Loop 2300 CLM05-3 segment.</p> <p>The replacement or void encounter is required to be submitted with the “Original Reference Number” (Payer Claim Control Number) in Loop 2300 REF segment. REF01 must be [F8] and REF 02 must be the “Original Reference Number”.</p> <p>If the required information in Loop 2300 REF01 and REF02 is not submitted, the encounter will reject back to the submitter.</p>
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6.2 VALIDATION OF CLAIMS

UnitedHealthcare applies two levels of editing to inbound HIPAA 837 files and claims:

1. Level 1 HIPAA Compliance:

Claims passing Level 1 Compliance are assigned a UnitedHealthcare Payer Claim Control Number and are “accepted” for front end processing.

2. Level 2 Front End Validation:

- Member match
- Provider match
- WEDI SNIP Level 1-5 validation
- Level 1 HIPAA Compliance:

3. Encounters or claims passing front end validation are accepted into the UnitedHealthcare adjudication system for processing.

4. Encounters or claims that do not pass front end validation will be rejected and returned to the submitter.

5. Institutional Claims with the value 'II' (Standard Unique Health Identifier) in Subscriber Name, field NM108 will be rejected by UnitedHealthcare. If this situational segment is used, a value of **MI** should be sent. Note: Mandate date is still not decided for using the Standard Unique Health Identifier.

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REPORTS

7.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

TA1 – Transaction Acknowledgement

This file informs the submitter that the transaction arrived and provides information about the syntactical quality of the Envelope of the submitted X12 file. UnitedHealthcare real-time will only respond with a TA1 when the X12 contains Envelope errors. The submitted 837 will need to be corrected and resubmitted.

999 – Functional Acknowledgement

This file informs the submitter that the transaction arrived and provides information about the syntactical quality of the Functional Groups in a submitted X12 file. UnitedHealthcare will respond with a 999 when the X12 contains Functional errors. The submitted 837 will need to be corrected and resubmitted.

277PRE

This file informs the submitter with more detail about why the claim failed validation. The 277PRE is generated when claims in the batch file failed Level 1 validation. If no claims failed Level 1 validation, then the 277PRE is not created.

277ACK

This file informs the submitter of the disposition of their claims through Level 2 Front End Validation, it reports both accepted and rejected claims.

7.2 REPORT INVENTORY

There are no known applicable reports.

8. TRADING PARTNER AGREEMENTS

8.1 TRADING PARTNERS

An EDI Trading Partner is defined as any UnitedHealthcare customer (provider, billing service, software vendor, clearinghouse, employer group, financial institution, etc.) that transmits to or receives electronic data from UnitedHealth Group.

Payers have EDI Trading Partner Agreements that accompany the standard implementation guide to ensure the integrity of the electronic transaction process. The Trading Partner Agreement is related to the electronic exchange of information, whether the agreement is an entity or a part of a larger agreement, between each party to the agreement.

9. TRANSACTION SPECIFIC INFORMATION

The table below represents only those fields that UnitedHealthcare requires a specific value in or has additional guidance on what the value sent in the response means. The table does not represent all of the fields that will be returned in a successful transaction. The TR3 should be reviewed for that information.

Loop	Reference	Name	Values	Notes/Comments
None	BHT	Beginning of Hierarchical Transaction		
	BHT02	Transaction Set Purpose Code	00	00 = Original 18 = Reissue Code identifying the purpose of the transaction.
	BHT06	Transaction Type Code	CH	CH = Chargeable Use CH when the transaction contains only fee for service claims or claims with at least one chargeable line item.
1000A	Submitter Detail			
1000A	NM1	Submitter Name		Required Segment
1000A	NM109	Identification Code	ETIN	Federal Tax ID of the submitter. This number should be identical to the ISA06 and GS02 Federal Tax ID.
1000B	Receiver Detail			
1000B	NM1	Receiver Name		Required Segment
1000B	NM103	Name Last or Organization Name	UNITEDHEALTHCARE (BHT06 = CH)	Receiver Name (Organization)

1000B	NM108	Identification Code Qualifier	46	ETIN Code
1000B	NM109	Identification Code	87726 (claims)	UnitedHealthcare Payer ID
2000B	Subscriber Information			
2000B	HL	Subscriber Hierarchical Level		UnitedHealthcare patients cannot be identified within Loop 2010CA. If a UnitedHealthcare patient can be uniquely identified by a unique Member Identification Number, then the patient is considered the subscriber and is identified at this level. When the patient is the subscriber, loops 2000C and 2010Ca are not sent.
2010BA	Subscriber Name			
2010BA	NM1	Subscriber Name		
2010BA	NM108	Identification Code Qualifier	MI	MI is the only valid value at this time. Claims received with value II will be rejected.
2010BB	Payer Name			
2010BB	NM1	Payer Name		
2010BB	NM103	Name Last or Organization Name	UNITEDHEALTHCARE (BHT06 = CH)	
2010BB	NM108	Identification Code Qualifier	PI	PI = Payer Identifier
2010BB	NM109	Identification Code	87726 (claims)	
2010BB	Billing Provider Secondary Identifier			
2010BB	REF	Billing Provider Secondary Identifier		Required Segment
2010BB	REF02	Reference Identification		
2300	Health Care Information Codes			
2300	HI101-1	Code List Qualifier Code	ABK	
2300	HI101-1	Code List Qualifier Code	ABJ	
2300	Patient Reason for Visit			
2300	HI101-1 to HI103-1	Code List Qualifier Code	APR	
2300	External Cause of Injury			
2300	HI101-1 to HI112-1	Code List Qualifier Code	ABN	
2300	Other Diagnosis Information			
2300	HI02-1 to HI12-1	Code List Qualifier Code	ABF	

10. APPENDECIES

10.1 IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST

The implementation check list will vary depending on your clearinghouse connection. A basic check list would be to:

1. Register with trading partner
2. Create and sign contract with trading partner
3. Establish connectivity
4. Send test transactions
5. If testing succeeds, proceed to send production transactions

10.2 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Does this Companion Guide apply to all UnitedHealthcare payers and payer IDs?**
No. It's applicable to UnitedHealthcare Commercial (87726), UnitedHealthcare Community Plan (87726 plus other payer IDs), UnitedHealthcare Medicare and Retirement (87726), UnitedHealthcare Oxford (06111), UnitedHealthcare Vision (00773), UnitedHealthcare West (87726) and Medica (94265).
2. **How does UnitedHealthcare support, monitor and communicate expected and unexpected connectivity outages?**
Our systems do have planned outages. We will send an email communication for scheduled and unplanned outages.
3. **If an 837 is successfully transmitted to UnitedHealthcare, are there any situations that would result in no response being sent back?**
No. UnitedHealthcare will always send a response. Even if UnitedHealthcare systems are down and the transaction cannot be processed at the time of receipt, a response detailing the situation will be returned.

10.3 FILE NAMING CONVENTIONS

Node	Description	Value
ZipUnzip_ResponseType_<Batch ID>_<Submitter ID>_<DateTimeStamp>.RES		
ZipUnzip	Responses will be sent as either zipped or unzipped depending on how UnitedHealthcare received the inbound batch file	N - Unzipped Z - Zipped
ResponseType	Identifies the file response type	999 – Implementation Acknowledgement
Batch ID	Response file will include the batch number from the inbound batch file specified in ISA13	ISA13 Value from Inbound File
Submitter ID	The submitter ID on the inbound transaction must be equal to ISA06 value in the Interchange Control Header within the file	ISA08 Value from Inbound File
DateTimeStamp	Date and time format is in the next column (time is expressed in military format as CDT/CST)	MMDDYYYYHHMMSS