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1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to inform submitters of upcoming changes to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Eligibility Transaction System (HETS) 270/271 application that will be implemented with HETS 270/271 R2021Q100 Release.

2. Overview of Release

The HETS R2021Q100 Release will introduce potential changes to both the HETS 270 request and the HETS 271 response.

The following section documents the scheduled R2021Q100 change.

3. Summary of Impact on Trading Partners

3.1 COVID-19 Immunization Data

Effective with this release, HETS will prepare to return COVID-19 immunization data on a 271 response when Service Type Code (STC) '80' (Immunizations) is submitted on a valid 270 request for a Medicare Beneficiary that has active Part B Entitlement **and** does not have a Date of Death on file at the time of the request. COVID-19 vaccination data will not be available to HETS' databases (or the HETS 271 response) until April 2021.

HETS will return the most recent information for COVID-19 vaccine and/or vaccination administration. The HETS 271 response for COVID-19 immunization will include the following components when services were rendered:

- Applicable Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) [code\(s\) for each COVID-19 immunization](#) (vaccine and/or vaccination administration)
- Immunization date
- Rendering Medicare Provider NPI number

The HETS 271 response will not include any information about COVID-19 monoclonal antibodies.

The HETS 271 response for COVID-19 Immunization plan level eligibility will always return this data via separate 271 2110C EB & DTP loops. These separate DTP loops will always return COVID-19 Immunization eligibility based on the current HETS system date only. Deductible and coinsurance are not applicable for COVID-19 Immunization; financial liability information for COVID-19 Immunization will only be returned for the current year.

Examples of the updated 271 response answering the COVID-19 immunization request appear below— new components **bolded & italicized**.

Example 1 – Part B Plan Level Eligibility & Financial Liability – Medicare Beneficiary had active Part B Entitlement for both the historic DOS and the transaction processing date.

EB*1**30^10^42*MB~ (Eligibility for the 270 Dates of Service)
 DTP*291*D8*20050401~ (Part B Entitlement Start)
EB*180*MB~ (Indicator the Beneficiary is eligible for Immunization under Part B)**
DTP*771*D8*CCYYMMDD~ (DTP03 = Current HETS system date)
EB*C80^42*MB**23*0~ (EB07 = 0 to display the Part B Base Deductible is not applicable)**
DTP*292*RD8*20210101-20211231~ (Current calendar year)
EB*A80^42*MB**27**0~ (EB07 = 0 to display the Part B Coinsurance is not applicable)**
DTP*292*RD8*20210101-20211231~ (Current calendar year)

Example 2 – Part B Plan Level Eligibility -- Medicare Beneficiary did not have active Part B Entitlement for the transaction processing date but did have Part B Entitlement for the historic DOS requested on the 270.

EB*1**30^10^42*MB~ (Eligibility for the 270 Dates of Service)
 DTP*291*RD8*20050401-20191231~ (Historic Part B Entitlement Start/End)
EB*680*MB~ (Indicator the Beneficiary is not eligible for Immunization under Part B)**
DTP*771*D8*CCYYMMDD~ (DTP03 = Current HETS system date)

Example 3 – Immunization Services -- Medicare Beneficiary that has received 2 doses of COVID-19 Vaccine A.

EB*180*MB~ (Indicator the Beneficiary is eligible for Immunization under Part B)**
DTP*771*D8*CCYYMMDD~ (DTP03 = Current HETS system date)
EB*C80*MB**23*0~ (EB07 = 0 to display the Part B Base Deductible is not applicable)**
DTP*292*RD8*20210101-20211231~ (Current calendar year)
EB*A80*MB**27**0~ (EB07 = 0 to display the Part B Coinsurance is not applicable)**
DTP*292*RD8*20210101-20211231~ (Current calendar year)
EB*D***HC|91300~ (EB13-2 = COVID-19 Vaccine Code 91300)**
DTP*472*D8*20210123~ (DTP03 = Second Vaccination Date - 91300)
LS*2120~
NM1*1P*2***XX*1234567893~ (NM109 = rendering NPI - 91300)**
LE*2120~
EB*D***HC|0002A~ (EB13-2 = Administration Code - 0002A)**
DTP*472*D8*20210123~ (DTP03 = Second Vaccination Date - 0002A)
LS*2120~
NM1*1P*2***XX*1234567893~ (NM109 = rendering NPI - 0002A)**
LE*2120~
EB*D***HC|0001A~ (EB13-2 = Administration Code - 0001A)**
DTP*472*D8*20201221~ (DTP03 = First Vaccination Date - 0001A)
LS*2120~
NM1*1P*2***XX*1987654323~ (NM109 = rendering NPI - 0001A)**
LE*2120~

Example 4 – Immunization Services -- Medicare Beneficiary that has received both doses of COVID-19 Vaccine B.

EB*180*MB~ (Indicator the Beneficiary is eligible for Immunization under Part B)**
DTP*771*D8*CCYYMMDD~ (DTP03 = Current HETS system date)
EB*C80*MB**23*0~ (EB07 = 0 to display the Part B Base Deductible is not applicable)**

DTP*292*RD8*20210101-20211231~ (Current calendar year)
EB*A80*MB**27**0~ (EB07 = 0 to display the Part B Coinsurance is not applicable)**
DTP*292*RD8*20210101-20211231~ (Current calendar year)
EB*D***HC|0012A~ (EB13-2 = Administration Code - 0012A)**
DTP*472*D8*20210206~ (DTP03 = Second Vaccination Date - 0012A)
LS*2120~
NM1*1P*2***XX*1234567893~ (NM109 = rendering NPI - 0012A)**
LE*2120~
EB*D***HC|0011A~ (EB13-2 = Administration Code - 0011A)**
DTP*472*D8*20210107~ (DTP03 = First Vaccination Date - 0011A)
LS*2120~
NM1*1P*2***XX*1234567893~ (NM109 = rendering NPI - 0011A)**
LE*2120~

3.2 Acupuncture Benefits for Medicare Beneficiaries

Effective this release, HETS will return acupuncture benefits on a 271 response when STC '64' (Acupuncture) is submitted on a valid 270 request. The HETS 271 response for acupuncture may include the following components:

- Number of Technical Sessions Remaining
- Next Technical Date
- Number of Professional Sessions Remaining
- Next Professional Date

If the number of sessions remaining equals twenty ('20'), then the value returned in the 271 2110C DTP03 element equals the next eligible date. If the number of sessions remaining is one through nineteen ('1' – '19'), then the value returned in the 271 2110C DTP03 element is the first acupuncture session in the current annual period. If the Medicare Beneficiary does not have active Medicare Part B entitlement and/or has a Date of Death on file, HETS will return zero ('0') sessions remaining and no 271 2110C DTP loop would be returned.

Example of the updated 271 response answering the acupuncture request – new components **bolded & italicized**:

EB*F**64*MB**29CA*19~ (EB10 = Technical Sessions Remaining)***
DTP*472*D8*20210107~ (DTP03 = First Technical Session, current annual period)
MSG*Technical~
EB*F**64*MB**29CA*20~ (EB10 = Professional Sessions Remaining)***
DTP*472*D8*20201110~ (DTP03 = Next Professional Eligible Date)
MSG*Professional~

3.3 Medicare Beneficiary Entitlement Reason Code

Effective with this release, whenever a valid 270 request is submitted then the HETS 271 response may return the Medicare Beneficiary's most recent entitlement reason code for Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B coverage. HETS will return the most recent Medicare entitlement reason when that data is available. Entitlement reason will not be included for prior entitlement periods.

The Medicare Beneficiary entitlement reason codes will be returned as a 271 2110C MSG segment where the MSG01 format would read as follows:

MSG*(*Medicare Entitlement Reason Code*) – (*Medicare Entitlement Code Text Value*)

The Medicare Entitlement reason codes and their corresponding text values are:

Medicare Entitlement Reason Code	Medicare Entitlement Code Text Value
0	Beneficiary insured due to age OASI
1	Beneficiary insured due to disability
2	Beneficiary insured due to End Stage Renal Disease ESRD
3	Beneficiary insured due to disability and current ESRD

Example of the updated 271 response adding the Medicare Beneficiary Entitlement information -- new components ***bolded & italicized***:

EB*1**30^42^45*MA~
DTP*291*D8*19880301~
MSG*0 – Beneficiary insured due to age OASI~

EB*1**30^10*MB~
DTP*291*D8*19880301~
MSG*0 – Beneficiary insured due to age OASI~

All other base Medicare Beneficiary entitlement Business Rules remain unchanged. Refer to Section 7.5 of the [HETS 270/271 Companion Guide](#) for additional information on current HETS entitlement handling.

3.4 Consistent Nomenclature for Medicare Advantage (MA) Program

HETS documentation currently utilizes both 'Medicare Advantage (MA)' and 'Managed Care Organization (MCO)' terminology. Effective with this release, HETS documentation will be updated to change all remaining 'MCO' references to the current 'MA' terminology.

The HETS 271 itself also, when applicable, returns a 2110C MSG segment with a 'MCO Bill Option Code'. That 271 2110C MSG segment will also be updated to the 'MA' terminology.

Current 271 2110C MSG format: MSG*MCO Bill Option Code – C~

Updated 271 2110C MSG format: MSG***MA** Bill Option Code – C~

All other MA plan enrollment Business Rules remain unchanged. Refer to Section 7.19 of the [HETS 270/271 Companion Guide](#) for additional information on current HETS MA handling.

3.5 Pneumococcal Vaccine (PPV) Eligibility

Effective with this release, HETS will return prior PPV service history for preventive service codes 90670 and 90732 only if the Beneficiary has active Medicare Part B coverage. HETS currently returns PPV information if the Beneficiary had active Medicare Part A and/or B entitlement. All other PPV Business Rules remain unchanged (including that preventive services are not returned if the Medicare Beneficiary has a Date of Death on file at the time of the 270 request). Refer to Sections 7.10 and 7.10.2 of the [HETS 270/271 Companion Guide](#) for additional information on current HETS PPV handling.

Appendix A. Record of Changes

Table 1 provides a summary of changes made to this document.

Table 1 - Document Revision History

Version	Date	Description of Changes
1.4	02/11/2021	Updated Section 3.1 to remove any references to Medicare Part A. COVID-19 immunization services are covered under Medicare Part B only. Also updated to include information about COVID-19 immunization financial liability. Updated Section 3.2 to more accurately describe the condition where the HETS 271 response would return zero remaining Acupuncture sessions. Added Section 3.5 Pneumococcal Vaccine (PPV) Eligibility.
1.3	02/01/2021	Updated Section 3.2 to provide additional context regarding the meaning of value returning in the DTP03 element for Acupuncture data.
1.2	01/18/2021	Updated Section 3.1 to reflect that COVID-19 immunization data is only returned if the Medicare Beneficiary has active Medicare Part A or Part B Entitlement and does not have a Date of Death on file. Updated Section 3.1 to reflect that the HETS 271 Immunization response will not include a 2110C EB04 value. Added additional examples in Section 3.1. Updated Section 3.1 to note that the HETS 271 Immunization response will not include any information about monoclonal antibodies.
1.1	01/13/2021	Updated Section 3.1 to remove mention of vaccine cost
1.0	01/12/2021	Base Version