



1500 Claim Form Changes (Paper Submissions)

Claims must be submitted using the industry standard *1500 Health Insurance Claim Form* (version 02/12).

There are two key changes to be aware of for Field 21 (Diagnosis or Nature of Illness or Injury):

21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Relate A-L to service line below (24E)				ICD Ind.	←
A. _____	B. _____	C. _____	D. _____		
E. _____	F. _____	G. _____	H. _____		
I. _____	J. _____	K. _____	L. _____		

1. Field 21 now supports up to 12 diagnostic codes (Lines A-L).

The [NUCC 02/12 1500 Instructions](#) (refer to “Version 3.0 7/15 1500 Instruction Manual”) includes the following update for Field 21.

Enter the codes left justified on each line to identify the patient’s diagnosis and/or condition. **Do not include the decimal point in the diagnosis code because it is implied** . . . Relate lines A-L to the lines of service in 24E by the letter of the line. Use the **greatest** level of specificity. Do not provide narrative description in this field.

2. Field 21 also includes an ICD indicator: “ICD Ind.”
 - 9 = ICD – 9
 - 0 = ICD-10

Indicator Field

For Dates of Service (DOS) rendered through September 30, 2015 you must use the ICD-9 indicator.

For all Dates of Service (DOS) rendered October 1, 2015 and after you must use the ICD-10 indicator

DO NOT combine ICD-9 and ICD 10 codes on the same claim form, these must be submitted on different claim forms.