Univera Healthcare Dental Guidebook



A Resource guide for dental providers



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Overview of Univera Healthcare

Univera Healthcare, headquartered in Buffalo, NY, is part of a \$6 billion family of companies that finances and delivers health care services across upstate New York and long-term care insurance nationwide. Collectively, the enterprise provides health insurance to about 1.5 million members and employs about 3,500 New Yorkers.

Our corporate mission is to provide access to affordable and effective health care services, be responsible stewards of our communities' health care resources and work to continually improve the health of our members and those in the communities that we serve.

Your participating provider agreement for dental services includes the following subsidiaries and affiliates (the several different entities within the holding company structure, including, without limitation. Lifetime Benefit Solutions, Inc., Univera Healthcare, and any others that we subsequently inform you have become a part of the holding company structure).

Univera Healthcare Regions and Counties (In Area)

Western New York Region:

- Allegany County
- Cattaraugus County
- Chautauqua county
- Erie County
- Genesee County
- Niagara County
- Orleans County
- Wyoming County

In addition, Univera Healthcare members can access in-network dental providers in the following 31- county area:

Cayuga	Broome	Livingston	Clinton
Cortland	Chemung	Monroe	Delaware
Onondaga	Chenango	Ontario	Essex
Jefferson	Schuyler	Seneca	Franklin
Lewis	Steuben	Wayne	Fulton
Oswego	Tioga	Yates	Hamilton
St. Lawrence			Herkimer
Tompkins			Madison
			Montgomery
			Oneida
			Otsego

Contiguous Counties

Many of our participating providers are located in, or provide services in, counties that border Univera Healthcare's servicing area. These are referred to as contiguous counties, and are located in New York, Pennsylvania, and Vermont.

Out-of-Area Providers

Out-of-area providers are unable to participate with the Health Plan directly, outside of our selling area. Out-of-area providers can send a copy of their W-9 with the first claim for a file to be created for claims processing purposes.

The Dental Portal

Our website, <u>UniveraHealthcare.com</u>, includes a secure area where dentists and office staff can log in to view member's eligibility, benefits, and claims. To gain access to this secure area, dentists must first register, create an account, validate the email address provided, and set up any staff requiring access to the dental portal.

For more information on registering and creating an account, go to <u>Provider.UniverHealthcare.com</u> and click on the <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> or the <u>Provider Portal Registration and Maintenance Guide for Dentists</u>.

For detailed information on navigating and interpreting the dental portal, tips, trends, and items under construction, go to Resources, Practice Management, and the Presentations & Guidebooks tab and click on the Dental Portal Training Manual or Dental Portal Latest Information.

To receive our dental newsletter electronically, click Sign Up in the "Opt in to stay informed!" text box, complete the free form areas, select a role, select General Dentistry in the Practice Specialty, select the county, and click Submit.



Need Help? We are here for you!

When an inquiry is not answered using the dental portal, keep the following contact list on hand for a quick, easy reference.

Who Do I Contact?			
Participating Providers	Non-Participating Providers		
Call Web Security Help Desk at 1-800-278-1247 for assistance with the web. Call Dental Customer Care at 1-800-724- 1675 for: Eligibility Benefits Pretreatment estimates Claims Remittances Checks Contact Provider Relations at 1-716-857-4647 or by email at UniveraPR@univerahealthcare.com for: Provider contracting questions Staff education Recurring issues Enrollment and demographic updates	Call Web Security Help Desk at 1-800-278-1247 for assistance with the web. Call Dental Customer Care at 1-800-724-1675 for: Eligibility Benefits Pretreatment estimates Claims Remittances Checks		

Contact List & Quick Reference Guide		
Claims Submission Address	Univera Healthcare PO Box 211256 Eagan, MN 55121	
Enrollment	Email for questions regarding enrollment and demographic updates: UniveraPR@Univerahealthcare.com	
HealthPlex – handles members with Medicaid Managed Care (MMC), Child Health Plus (CHP), Essential Plan (EP), and Dual Special Needs Plan (DSNP).	Members: 1-866-795-6493 Providers: 1-877-282-7012	
Instamed	1-866-InstaMed or 1-866-467-8263	
National Plan & Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)	1-800-465-3203 or https://npiregistry.cms.hhs.gov/	
Smart Data Solutions (SDS) Provider Submission Portal (Virtual Mailbox)	SDS Provider Portal for Claims Providers Univera Healthcare	
Tesia/Renaissance/RemoteLite	1-800-724-7240 or info@tesia.com	
Univera Healthcare website	Navigate to the resources section at https://provider.univerahealthcare.com/resources/dental for: Forms and documents News and updates Staff training information Update practice information Attestations & Certifications	
Zelis	Provider Enrollment 1-855-496-1571 Provider Services 1-877-828-8770	

Join Us!

Enrollment in Univera Healthcare Network

Joining our network requires the following documents:

- Application for dental enrollment
- Signed dental agreement
- \/\/C
- Copy of New York License
- Copy of malpractice certificate
- Copy of DEA license if applicable



Once your enrollment documents and contract have been submitted for processing, please allow up to 30 days for enrollment to be completed. To follow up on enrollment status, email Univera Provider Relations, at: UniveraPR@UniveraHealthcare.com.

Participating Provider Practice Changes

Demographic Changes

We recommend all participating dentists to review the practice information that we have on file to ensure that it is up to date. This information is displayed in our Provider Directory and serves as a reference guide for members seeking your services.

You can check this information by:

- Visiting our website, UniveraHealthcare.com
- Select the Find A Doctor tab to get started
- Choose the provider network in which you participate
- Select the Health Plan product(s) in which your office participates
- Enter the provider's first and last name and click Search

Participating providers can update practice information (practice name, provider name, phone number, fax number, address, office hours, or any other data changes that have occurred within the practice) by completing our Demographic Changes form and submitting it one of the following ways:

- Electronically to Provider.UniveraHealthcare.com
- Printing and faxing it to 1-800-676-6285
- Printing and mailing it to Univera Healthcare Attn: Provider Relations 205 Park Club Lane Buffalo, NY 14221.

*When submitting address or service location updates: Service locations must be a street level address. PO boxes are not acceptable.

Types of Dental Insurance Products

Univera Healthcare offers its members several dental care coverage options:

- Univera Healthcare Access Dental
- Univera Healthcare Dental Select
- Univera Healthcare Dental Traditional
- Medicare
- Medicare Advantage

Member Card Tips

Member cards contain vital information to assist you in submitting clean claims and receiving prompt claim reimbursement when applicable.

At every visit, be sure to make a copy of your patient's card (front and back) and verify the card information against the member's eligibility and benefit information by calling our Dental Customer Care line, 1-800-724-1675.

Keep the following in mind when reviewing a patient's member card:

- Logo: Univera Healthcare logo is located on all plan member cards
- Subscriber Name: Name of the person holding the policy
- Subscriber ID Number: This number is vital for correct claim processing
- Copay Amount: Collect copays from the patient at the time of service
- Dependent Information: Dependents will not be listed on the card
- Telephone Numbers/Instructions: The telephone numbers for Dental Customer Care are located on the back of the card. If you have questions regarding a member's benefits, please do not hesitate to call for assistance

Claim Submission

Participating providers with Univera Healthcare need to submit all claims, including those for local subscribers, out-of-area subscribers, and primary and secondary claims, to us. Most participating provider agreements contain a time limit within which claims will be accepted, so you should submit all claims as soon as possible after rendering service. Claims submitted after that time may deny for late filing.

American Dental Association(ADA) Claim Form and Instructions

Visit the <u>ADA Dental Claim Form</u> website for the most recent ADA Dental Claim Form and completion instructions. Here are a few reminders for completing a standard claim form:

- Dental claims do not require a prefix
- Dental claims do not require a group number
- Dental payor ID is 00802
- Please allow 30 days for claim processing
- Commas are needed in the name field to ensure that the first and last names are correctly identified in our system: Doe, Jane, C

Requirements for Electronic and Paper Claims

National Provider Identifier (NPI)

Univera Healthcare requires an NPI for all participating providers regardless of whether they submit electronic or paper claims. NPI is an identification number assigned by the Federal government to all providers considered to be HIPAA covered entities.

An NPI is unique to an individual dentist (Type 1 NPI) or dental practice organization (Type 2 NPI) and has no intrinsic meaning. Type 1 includes health care providers who are individuals, including dentists and all sole proprietors, as an individual is eligible for only one NPI. Type 2 includes health care provider organizations, including physicians' groups (multiple providers), hospitals, nursing homes, and the corporation formed when an individual incorporates him/herself.

If you are an incorporated practice that gets paid under a business or corporate name, you need to have a group NPI, or Type 2 NPI. However, each practitioner also needs an individual, or Type 1, NPI. To obtain a group NPI visit the NPPES website at https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/#.

Additional information on NPI and enumeration can be obtained from the American Dental Association's website at http://www.ADA.org and the National Plan & Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) website at https://nppes.cms.gov/#.

Taxonomy Code

Taxonomy codes are used to indicate the specialty associated with the assigned NPI. Providers may have one NPI with multiple taxonomy codes indicating each specialty for that practitioner. Visit the National Plan & Provider Enumeration System website to find taxonomy codes https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/#.

Tips for A Successful Paper Claim Submission



To help ensure that claims are processed quickly and correctly, please check the following before submitting the claim:

- A. Avoid handwritten claims
- B. All information must be submitted as clearly as possible, such as using uppercase characters
- C. Validate the address, city, state, and ZIP code against the <u>United States Postal Service</u> (USPS) database.

D.

- Both primary and secondary/alternative city names will be accepted
- Never use city names that are listed on the CITY NAMES TO AVOID list
- If a city name has spaces, the claim submission needs to match the USPS format exactly
- Abbreviations are only accepted if listed as a valid city name and must match USPS exactly

If a rejection is received, please make the needed corrections, and print a new claim.

- Do not cross out or correct data on the original copy of the claim submitted for processing
- Do not resubmit the correction with the return letter or the original claim as this will make it appear as if two claims are being submitted.
- The field causing the rejection will have parentheses (xxx) around the incorrect data.

Dental Portal Claim Submission

Registered Dentists can submit dental claims directly through the Dental Portal. Refer to the "Submit Dental Claims" section of the <u>Dental Portal Training Manual</u> for step by step instructions.

Register with Tesia for Electronic Billing

If you do not currently have an account with Tesia, please consider registering. Tesia offers:

- Access to real-time explanation of benefit information 24 hours a day, seven days a week, which may reduce the need to contact the Univera Healthcare Dental Customer Care Unit
- Remote Lite e-claims processing, an electronic transaction management system that interfaces with your existing practice management software to submit dental claims to insurance companies.

For additional information about the services that Tesia can provide your practice, visit tesia.com.

Sign Up to Use Our Virtual Mailbox!

We invite you to register for the online provider submission portal, designed by Smart Data Solutions, Inc. ("SDS"), an independent company and our business associate. Once registered, you can electronically submit documents via the Virtual Mailbox as an alternative to mailing paper items to our PO Box in Eagan, MN. Visit our website for more information. As our business associate, SDS is bound by the terms and conditions of a business associate agreement executed by Univera Healthcare. In accordance with the business associate agreement and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), SDS is required to maintain the confidentiality of any protected health information they receive from you on our behalf.

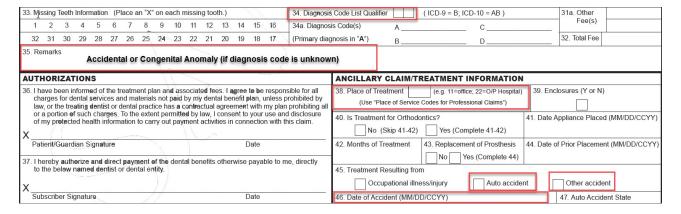
Dental Record Submission

We have a *Procedure Codes that Require Dental Record Submission* grid available on our <u>website</u> that includes information on the records needed for each procedure code listed. We recommend reviewing this grid prior to submitting claims so you can include any required dental records when you submit the claim.

Submitting a Claim for Accidental Injury

Services for the treatment of accidental injury to sound and natural teeth, when rendered within 12 months of the date of injury, are eligible for coverage in accordance with the benefits set forth in the member's medical (not dental) contract, provided the following criteria are satisfied:

- The tooth must be sound and natural with no restorative treatment and no disease prior to the injury. Note: This coverage does not extend to teeth that are broken while biting into food.
- Use the 2012 American Dental Association claim form and ADA codes
 - o Box 34A should include the diagnosis code if known
 - Box 35 should say Accidental or Congenital Anomaly if the diagnosis code is unknown
 - Box 38 should include Place of Service
 - Box 45 should have Other Accident or Auto Accident checked.
 - Box 46 should include a date of the accident

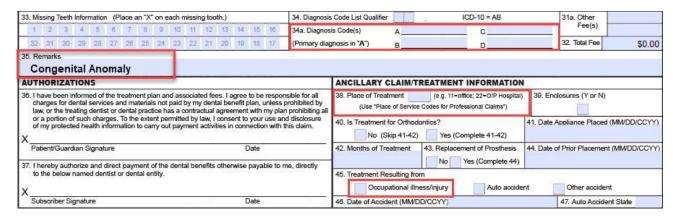


Submitting a Claim for Congenital Anomaly

Services for the treatment of Congenital Anomaly are eligible for coverage in accordance with the benefits set forth in the member's medical (not dental) contract.

Use the American Dental Association claim form and ADA codes.

- Box 34A should include the diagnosis code if known
- Box 35 should say Congenital Anomaly if the diagnosis code is unknown
- Box 38 should include Place of Service
- Box 45 should have the Occupational Illness/Injury box checked



Submitting a Claim for Oral Sleep Apnea

Our participating dental provider contract includes participation for medical accidental injury medical and oral sleep apnea. Review <u>Corporate Medical Policy 1.01.07</u>, <u>Oral Appliances for the Treatment of Sleep-Related Breathing Disorders</u>. To help ensure that oral sleep apnea claims are submitted accurately to allow for timely payment, these claims need to be submitted on a medical claim form. Please review our <u>Tips for Completing the CMS-1500 Claim Form</u> and access the National Uniform Claim Committee's (NUCC) 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form Reference Instruction Manual, which is available at <u>www.nucc.org</u>.

Please see the Appendix for a sample CMS-1500 claim form.

Claim Payments and Remittances



Participating Providers - InstaMed®

Thank you to those participating practices that have registered for electronic fund transfer (EFT) and electronic remittance advice (ERA) through InstaMed®, an independent company retained by Univera Healthcare. If you are still receiving paper payments and remittances, we encourage you to transition to EFT/ERAs as soon as possible. Visit www.instamed.com or call 1-866-467-8263 for more information.

InstaMed advantages include:

- Accelerated payments with direct deposit into your existing bank account
- Saved time and money due to the elimination of paper checks and remittances
- Receipt of fully reconciled remittances electronically
- Access to payment details 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with the capability to view and print
- Remittance statements to help you update your billing records

Non-Participating Providers - Zelis® Payments

Univera Healthcare has partnered with Zelis® Payments, an independent company, to offer ePayment options that can accelerate the settlement of claim payments. This service is available for non-participating providers for all lines of business.

Zelis Payments' solutions are designed to:

- Accelerate payment Receive payment by up to 20 days faster than by paper check
- Receive clean and compliant 835s and Explanations of Payment (EOPs)
- Reduce risk electronic payments are more secure, traceable, and monitored
- Combine payments from multiple payers and decrease paperwork
- Lower expenses decrease lockbox and bank fees
- Increase accuracy detailed data helps you balance more accurately

Paper checks are now issued by Zelis Payments. If you are interested in transitioning to:

- ERA/EFT Participating providers review the InstaMed information above.
- Zelis ACH or Virtual Card* Visit <u>zelispayments.com</u> and click "For Healthcare Providers" to enroll.

*Important: There is a fee and required contract with Zelis Payments associated with the ACH payment method. Please contact Zelis Payments for more information. For Zelis Virtual Card, standard credit card fees apply.

Auto Recovery Payment Process

Claim overpayment (negative balance) recoveries resulting from claim overpayment adjustments are recovered by the health plan through the auto recovery process. The auto recovery process identifies when there is an outstanding negative balance due to the Health Plan and automatically reduces the provider claim payment to close the receivable. The resultant claim payment is the net of all current claim funds due and the outstanding negative balance. Refer to the Overpayment Procedures area of our website for more information.

Alternate Benefits Provision

In most cases, our subscriber contracts provide for an alternate benefit allowance for covered procedures.

When the alternate benefit allowance is provided for, and there is more than one technique or material type for a dental procedure, the dental plan will reimburse for the technique or material type that has the lesser allowance. The member and dentist should discuss which treatment is best suited for the patient and may proceed with the original treatment plan regardless of the benefit determination. If the technique or material type with the greater allowance is chosen, the member is liable for the balance between the amount of the lesser allowance and the billed amount.

Dental Claim Adjustment

When submitting the <u>Dental Claim Adjustment Form</u> through the mail or electronically via the <u>SDS Portal</u>, be sure to include the other carrier explanation of benefits for a claim that denied for other carrier information.

A corrected claim must be included for any changes to the original billed claim, including:

- Procedure code changes
- Change in patient information
- Change in charges
- Any change in provider information

Coordination of Benefits

Coordination of benefits (COB) is a provision in a contract that applies when a member is covered by more than one group health insurance carrier. COB relies on the exchange of information between carriers so that no more than 100% of the provider charge or company allowance is paid.

Adjudication Date

The payment date is required to process a COB secondary claim. You can use the payment date from your provider remittance as the adjudication date to pass on to the secondary carrier with the explanation of benefits.

Providers using InstaMed[®]: Use the Payment Date located on page 1 of your remittance. Providers using Zelis[®] Payments: Use the Paid Date located on page 2 of your remittance

Pre-Treatment Estimate

Getting a pre-treatment estimate, or pre-determination, is a standard component of the dental insurance process. For certain services, a pre-treatment estimate must be submitted to the Health Plan so that a determination of coverage can be made before services are rendered.

It is recommended that you get a pre-treatment estimate for the following services:

- Multiple crowns
- Inlays
- Bridgework
- Partial dentures
- Labial veneers
- Dental prostheses

Dental Pre-Determination Procedure

Submit the claim form with the pre-determination box checked and omit the date of service. Along with the claim form, submit X-rays, diagnostic materials, or a narrative, when appropriate.

Submitting X-Rays

You must submit X-rays for the following services:

- Anterior crowns
- Veneers
- Multiple crowns
- Bridges
- Crown lengthening
- Difficult extractions

Dental Policies

Visit <u>UniveraHealthcare.com</u> to view the dental policies listed below:

7.01.21, Dental and Oral Care under Medical Plan: Bone Cysts, Odontogenic Cysts, Oral Surgery

13.01.01, Dental Implants

13.01.02, Dental Crowns and Veneers

13.01.03, Dental Inlays and Onlays

13.01.04, Periodontal Scaling and Root Planing

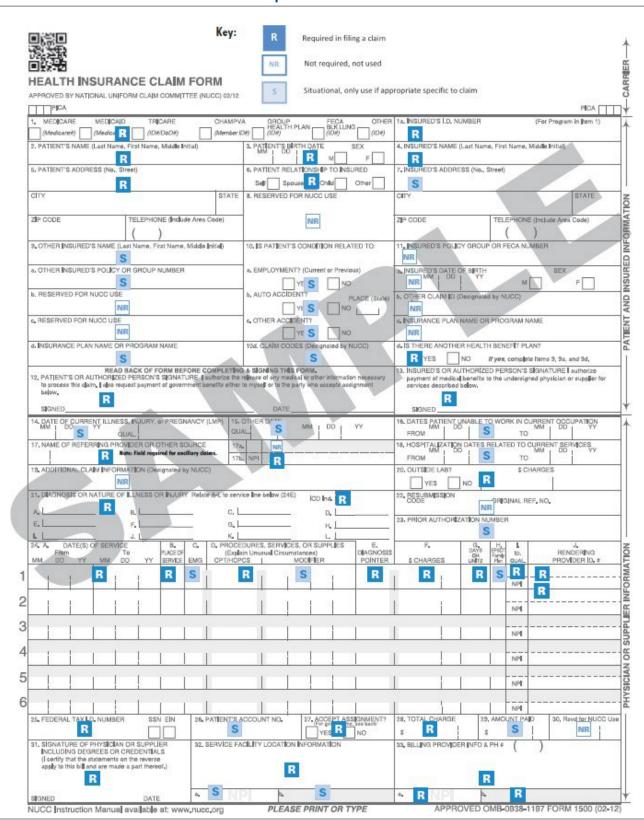
13.01.05, Periodontal Maintenance

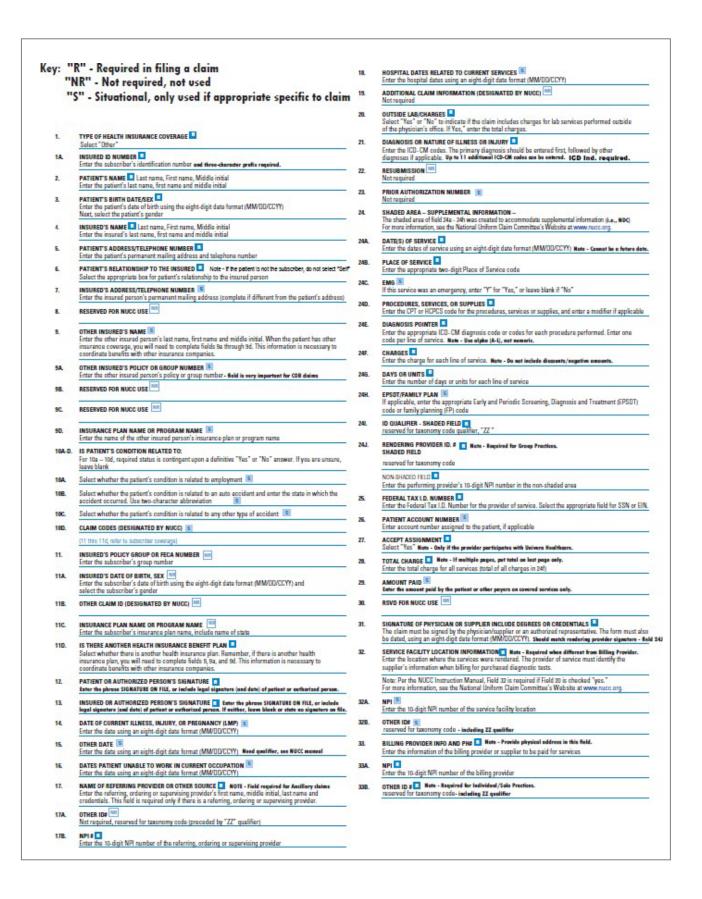
Participating Providers - Pediatric Dental Poster

Children's Oral Health poster, available for order! Contact your Provider Relations representative for more information.



CMS 1500 Claim Form Sample





Place of Service Codes

ODES	DEFINITIONS
01	Pharmacy
03	School
04	Homeless Shelter
05	Indian Health Service Free-standing Facility
06	Indian Health Service Provider-based Facility
07	Tribal 638 Free-standing Facility
08	Tribal 638 Provider-based Facility
09	Prison Correctional Facility
11	Office
12	Home
13	Assisted Living Facility
14	Group Home
15	Mobile Unit
16	Temporary Lodging
20	Urgent Care Facility
21	Inpatient Hospital
22	Outpatient Hospital
23	Emergency Room Hospital
24	Ambulatory Surgical Center
25	Birthing Center
26	Military Treatment Facility
31	Skilled Nursing Facility
32	Nursing Facility
33	Custodial Care Facility
34	Hospice
41	Ambulance (Land)
42	Ambulance (Air or Water)
49	Independent Clinic
50	Federally Qualified Health Center
51	Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
52	Psychiatric Facility Partial Hospitalization
53	Community Mental Health Center
54	Intermediate Care Facility/Mentally Retarded
55	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Center
56	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center
57	Non-residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facilit
60	Mass Immunization Center
61	Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
62	Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
65	End-Stage Renal Disease Treatment Facility
71	Public Health Clinic
72	Rural Health Clinic
81	Independent Laboratory

For additional information on Place of Service Codes visit: http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/place-of-service-codes/

Instructions and Examples of Supplemental Information in Item Number 24

The following are types of supplemental information that can be entered in the shaded lines of Item Number 24:

- Anesthesia duration in hours and/or minutes with start and end times
- Narrative description of unspecified codes
- National Drug Codes (NDC) for drugs
- Vendor Product Number Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC)
- Product Number Health Care Uniform Code Council Global Trade Item Number (GTIN), formerly Universal Product Code (UPC) for products
- · Contract rate

The following qualifiers are to be used when reporting these services.

- 7 Anesthesia information
- ZZ Narrative description of unspecified code
- N4 National Drug Codes (NDC)
- VP Vendor Product Number Health Industry Business Communications Council (HIBCC) Labeling Standard
- OZ Product Number Health Care Uniform Code Council

 Global Trade Item Number (GTIN)
- CTR Contract rate

For additional information for reporting NDC units, see the National Uniform Claim Committee's website at www.nucc.org.

Reminders

Complete all required fields. Make certain to enter the following identifying information:

- Put the insured's prefix and identification number in Field 1a.
- Put the physician or supplier's billing name, address, zip code, telephone number and NPI number in Field 33.

The information required to file electronic claims is the same as for paper claims but there are major advantages to submitting electronic claims versus paper claims:

- You will reduce your overhead, electronically submitted claims can save hours of clerical time.
- You have better control and accuracy.
- You know when your claims are received because your office receives special reports detailing which claims were accepted. If there is a problem with your claim, you can correct it before the claim is processed.

For information on submitting claims electronically, visit:

https://www.lifethc.com/vendors/consentforms.html