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Standard Companion Guide Transaction Information Instructions related to Transactions based on ASC X12 Implementation Guides, version 005010X279A Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response (270/271), for MMIS NCTracks starting July 1, 2013



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## Preface

This Companion Guide (CG) to the v5010 ASC X12N Implementation Guides and associated errata adopted under HIPAA clarifies and specifies the data content when exchanging electronically with NCTracks. Transmissions based on this companion guide, used in tandem with the v5010 ASC X12N Implementation Guides, are compliant with both ASC X12 syntax and those guides. This Companion Guide is intended to convey information that is within the framework of the ASC X12N Implementation Guides 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 Implementation Guides.

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# 1. Transaction Instruction (TI) Introduction

## 1.1 SCOPE

This Companion Guide provides specific requirements for sending the Eligibility Benefit Inquiry to NCTracks. This document provides information about the Eligibility Benefit Response using CAQH CORE compliance rules. It supplements the ASC X12N 270/271 (005010X279A1) Health Care Implementation Guide and should only be used for the purpose of clarification.

For more information about CAQH-CORE rules, go to <http://www.caqh.org>.

## 1.2 OVERVIEW

The Eligibility Benefit Inquiry/Response Companion Guide has been written to assist you in designing and implementing real-time Eligibility Benefit transactions to meet NCTracks processing standards and CAQH CORE certified solution. This Companion Guide must be used in conjunction with the Eligibility Benefit Inquiry/Response (270/271) instructions as set forth by the ASC X12 Standards for Electronic Data Interchange (Version 005010X279A1).

### 1.2.1 What Is CAQH?

CAQH stands for the Council for Affordable and Quality Healthcare. It is a nonprofit alliance of health plans, provider networks, and associations with a goal to provide a variety of solutions to simplify health care administration.

### 1.2.2 What Is CORE?

CORE stands for the Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchanges. CORE consists of a group of health plans, providers, vendors, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and other government agencies, associations, regional entities, standard-setting organizations, and other healthcare entities that are facilitated by CAQH. CORE's goal is to create, disseminate, and maintain operating rules that enable health care providers to obtain reliable health care eligibility and benefits information quickly and securely. It will decrease the amount of time and resources providers spend verifying patient eligibility, benefits, and other administrative information at the point of care.

### 1.2.3 What Is CAQH-CORE Certification?

An entity that creates or transmits eligibility data is eligible to become CAQH-CORE certified. The entity must agree to follow the CAQH-CORE operating rules and will be expected to exchange eligibility and benefits information per the requirements of the CORE Phase II rules and policies. To view the CORE Phase II rules and policies, go to <http://www.caqh.org>.

## 1.3 REFERENCES

- ASC X12 Version 5010 Implementation Guides: <https://x12.org/products>
- CAQH/CORE: <https://www.caqh.org/caqh-core>
- SOAP: <http://www.w3.org/TR/soap12/>
- MIME Multipart: [http://www.w3.org/Protocols/rfc1341/7\\_2\\_Multipart.html](http://www.w3.org/Protocols/rfc1341/7_2_Multipart.html)
- CORE XML Schema: <https://www.caqh.org/core/eligibility-benefits-operating-rules>
- Washington Publishing Company: [www.wpc-edi.com](http://www.wpc-edi.com).
- ASC X12 Organization: <http://www.x12.org/>

- United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS): <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/index.html>
- Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI): [www.wedi.org](http://www.wedi.org)
- North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services: [www.ncdhhs.gov](http://www.ncdhhs.gov)
- North Carolina Division of Health Benefits: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>
- North Carolina Division of Public Health: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health>
- North Carolina Division of Mental Health: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-and-substance-abuse-services>

Refer to Section 2.2.5, User Provisioning for CAQH-CORE, and Section 4.2.5, CAQH-CORE Phase II Connectivity, of the NCTracks Trading Partner Connectivity Guide for more information concerning CAQH-CORE user provisioning, connectivity, and Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) and Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) transmissions. This document can be obtained from <https://www.nctracks.nc.gov/content/public/providers/provider-trading-partners.html>.

#### 1.4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CAQH CORE has defined specific rules regarding Name Normalization, which pertains to normalizing the last name. The rules for Name Normalization are:

1. Converting all letters to upper case
2. The removal of titles/prefixes/suffixes
3. The removal of special characters: 16 special characters: ! ' & ' ( ) \* + , - . / : ; ? =
4. The removal of character strings (prefixes/suffixes) when they are preceded by a space, comma, or forward slash: JR, SR, I, II, III, IV, V, RN, MD, MR, MS, DR, MRS, PHD, REV, ESQ

## 2. Getting Started

### 2.1 WORKING WITH NCTRACKS

The following table identifies the X12N Implementation Guides for all of the transactions supported by NCTracks. Companion Guides are available for each of the transactions.

Section 10 of this document provides information specific to the 270/271 transaction set, as defined in the 005010X279 270/271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response Technical Report 3 (TR3) dated April 2008, and updated by:

- Errata 005010X279E1 270/271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response dated January 2009
- Addenda 005010X279A1 270/271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response dated June 2010

| Unique ID  | Name  |
|------------|---|
| 005010X222 | Health Care Claim: Professional (837P)  |
| 005010X223 | Health Care Claim: Institutional (837I)                                       |
| 005010X224 | Health Care Claim: Dental (837D)  |
| 005010X228 | Health Care Claim Pending Status Information (277P)                           |
| 005010X279 | Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response (270/271)                |
| 005010X221 | Health Care Claim Payment/Advice (835)  |
| 005010X212 | Health Care Claim Status Request and Response (276/277)                       |
| 005010X220 | Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance (834)                                      |
| 005010X218 | Payroll Deducted and Other Group Premium Payment for Insurance Products (820) |
| 005010X231 | Implementation Acknowledgment for Health Care Insurance (999)                 |

**Note:** Pharmacy claims are submitted using the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) D.0 format. Please refer to the D.0 Companion Guide for NCPDP D.0 claim formatting used by NCTracks.

### 2.2 TRADING PARTNER REGISTRATION

An Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Trading Partner is any entity (provider, billing service, software vendor, employer group, financial institution, clearinghouse, etc.) that transmits electronic data to or receives electronic data from another entity.

Trading partner registration, which includes electronic signature of the Trading Partner Agreement (TPA) and generation of the Transaction Supplier Number (TSN), is an online process. Clearinghouses, service bureaus, trading partners, billing agents, and other entities that intend to exchange electronic transactions with NCTracks must sign the TPA and be enrolled in NCTracks.

Please refer to Section 2.2, Trading Partner Registration, of the NCTracks Trading Partner Connectivity Guide for information on Trading Partner Registration. This document can be obtained from <https://www.nctracks.nc.gov/content/public/providers/provider-trading-partners.html>.

### 2.3 CERTIFICATION AND TESTING OVERVIEW

NCTracks certifies transaction compliance and requires certification from any external entity to submit inbound X12 transactions. Trading Partners will need to complete a Trading Partner

Agreement (TPA) to begin submitting Eligibility transactions. Please refer to the NCTracks Trading Partner Connectivity Guide for certification and testing information. This document can be obtained from <https://www.nctracks.nc.gov/content/public/providers/provider-trading-partners.html>.



### 3. Testing with the Payer

NCTracks requires testing, or third-party certification, prior to approving a trading partner to submit claims in production. Once trading partner claims are in production, NCTracks reserves the right to require re-testing if it is determined that the trading partner is receiving/generating an unacceptable volume of errors.

Refer to Section 3, Testing and Certification Requirements, of the NCTracks Trading Partner Connectivity Guide. This document can be obtained from <https://www.nctracks.nc.gov/content/public/providers/provider-trading-partners.html>.

## **4. Connectivity with the Payer/Communications**

Please refer to the NCTracks Trading Partner Connectivity Guide for all connectivity requirements, including CAQH-CORE.

## 5. Contact Information

### 5.1 ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Phone: 1-800-688-6696, option #1

Email: [NCMMIS EDI SUPPORT@GDIT.COM](mailto:NCMMIS_EDI_SUPPORT@GDIT.COM)

Website: <http://www.nctracks.nc.gov/provider/index.html>

Companion Guides: <http://www.nctracks.nc.gov/provider/guides/index.html>

### 5.2 PROVIDER/TRADING PARTNER ENROLLMENT

#### Currently Enrolled Provider (CEP), Billing Agent Enrollment

Phone: 1-800-688-6696

Email: [NCTracksprovider@nctracks.com](mailto:NCTracksprovider@nctracks.com)

Website: <https://www.nctracks.nc.gov/provider/providerEnrollment/>

#### NCTracks Enrollment

Phone: 1-800-688-6696

Email: [NCTracksprovider@nctracks.com](mailto:NCTracksprovider@nctracks.com)

Website: <https://www.nctracks.nc.gov/content/public/providers/provider-enrollment.html>

### 5.3 NORTH CAROLINA TIME LIMIT OVERRIDE

#### Time Limit Override (TLO) questions

The Recipient's eligibility dates may not be consecutive if the approved Time Limit Override has a range of dates that is more than two (2) dates of service. Providers will not be able to check the Recipient's eligibility via the Provider portal or X12 270/271 Eligibility Request/Response if the dates of service is greater than 365 days. Please contact the North Carolina Medicaid Contact Center to check if there are additional TLO date spans or to verify the Recipient's eligibility during that period.

Phone: 1-888-245-0179

Email: [Medicaid.DSSCorrections@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Medicaid.DSSCorrections@dhhs.nc.gov)

## 6. Control Segments/Envelopes

### 6.1 ISA-IEA

Transactions transmitted during a session are identified by 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.

### 6.2 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.

### 6.3 ST-SE

The beginning of each individual transaction is identified using a Transaction Set Header Segment (ST), and the end of every transaction is marked by a Transaction Set Trailer Segment (SE).

## 7. Payer-Specific Business Rules and Limitations

### 7.1 SEARCH CRITERIA

The following search criteria are supported.

| Scenario | Recipient ID | SSN | DOB | Last Name | First Name |
|----------|--------------|-----|-----|-----------|------------|
| 1        | X            |     |     |           |            |
| 2        |              | X   | X   |           |            |
| 3        | X            | X   | X   |           |            |
| 4        | X            |     | X   | X         |            |
| 5        | X            |     |     | X         | X          |
| 6        |              |     | X   | X         | X          |

### 7.2 ELIGIBILITY RETURNED

Eligibility information is returned based on the NCTracks payer and the benefit plan(s) for the payer.

Division of Public Health (DPH) allows dates up to twelve (12) months into the future. DHB allows eligibility request dates to be one (1) month in the future. Any eligibility status returned for a future month reflects the beneficiary's status at the time of the request and is subject to change. Providers should confirm eligibility before rendering services.

Division of Mental Health (DMH) information is not returned. That information is available through the Local Managing Entity (LME).

### 7.3 RANGE OF DATES SUPPORTED FOR INQUIRIES

An eligibility inquiry may be for dates up to thirty-six (36) months (prior to the current month). Requests will be limited to one (1) to twelve (12) month segments; thirteen (13) months if the current month is included in the request.

DPH allows inquiries for up to twelve (12) months beyond the end of the current month.

DHB allows inquiries through the end of the next month.

### 7.4 270 EQ SEGMENT FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS

The X12 270 request must have one (1) 'EQ' segment with the service types strung together. If multiple EQ segments are submitted for a single request, only the last Service Type Code requested will be returned on the 271 response.

For explicit inquiry requests, the Trading Partner may request up to five (5) Service Type Codes. If the Trading Partner wishes to request eligibility for more than five (5) Service Type Codes, they must use Service Type Code '30' to receive all eligibility information. The additional Service Type Codes will be ignored if more than five (5) Service Type Codes are submitted.

The Trading Partner may not request Service Type Code '30' in addition to other Service Type Codes on the same request. If the Trading Partner submits a Service Type Code '30' in addition to other Service Types, the 271 response will default to the other Service Type Codes and will ignore Service Type code '30'.

Examples of accepted EQ segments: **EQ\*30~** or **EQ\*1^2^3^4^5~**

## **7.5 BENEFIT PLANS RETURNED**

Eligibility information is only returned when the requesting provider and recipient are enrolled in the same benefit plan(s).

Eligibility information is not returned for benefit plans that are covered by DMH.

## **7.6 REFERENCE NUMBER RETURNED**

A reference number is returned in 2100A REF02 when the payer is DHB. The reference number can be used to identify an eligibility request for tracking or research purposes.

## **7.7 SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE**

NCTracks maintenance will occur Sunday mornings from 12:01 a.m. through 4:00 a.m. NCTracks will not be available to submit files during this time.

## 8. Acknowledgements

For all inbound transactions, a 999 Acknowledgement Report will be sent to the Trading Partner's OUTBOX for retrieval. This report serves as the acknowledgement of the submission of a file. Typically, 999 Acknowledgement Reports are available within moments of submission.

## 9. Trading Partner Agreements

EDI Trading Partner Agreements 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.

The Trading Partner Agreement may specify, among other things, the roles and responsibilities of each party to the agreement in conducting standard transactions.

The Trading Partner Agreement information may be obtained from <https://www.nctracks.nc.gov/content/public/providers/provider-trading-partners.html>.



## 10. Transaction-Specific Information

The following tables contain one or more rows for each segment for which a supplemental instruction is needed.

### 005010X279A1 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response (270/271)

#### Legend

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| Header rows: Midnight blue with white text                             |
| Subheader rows: Dandelion gold with black text                         |
| Table rows: Alternate row shading with Cornflower blue with black text |

#### 10.1 270-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

| Loop ID | Reference | Name                        | Codes | Notes/Comments   |
|---------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|--|
| Header  | ISA       | Interchange Control Header  |       |  |
|         | ISA05     | Interchange ID Qualifier    |       | Use 'ZZ'   |
|         | ISA06     | Interchange Sender ID       |       | Use the 4-digit Submitter ID provided in the Trading Partner Agreement.  |
|         | ISA07     | Interchange ID Qualifier    |       | Use 'ZZ'   |
|         | ISA08     | Interchange Receiver ID     |       | Use 'NTRACKSBAT' for batch submissions.<br><br>Use 'NTRACKSREL' for real-time submissions.<br><br>Most submitters will use 'NTRACKSBAT' unless they have been designated as a real-time submitter.             |
| Header  | GS        | Functional Group Header     |       |  |
|         | GS02      | Application Sender's Code   |       | Use the 4-digit Submitter ID provided in the Trading Partner Agreement.  |
|         | GS03      | Application Receiver's Code |       | 'NTRACKSBAT' is submitted for batch requests.<br><br>'NTRACKSREL' is submitted for real-time requests.<br><br>Most submitters will use 'NTRACKSBAT' unless they have been designated as a real-time submitter. |

| Loop ID | Reference | Name                                      | Codes      | Notes/Comments  |
|---------|-----------|---|------------|---|
| Header  | BHT       | Beginning of Hierarchical Transaction     |            |   |
|         | BHT02     | Transaction Set Purpose Code              | 13         | Use '13'<br>NCTracks does not support Cancellation via 270 Inquiry.   |
| 2100A   | NM1       | Information Source Name                   |            |   |
|         | NM101     | Entity Identifier Code                    | PR         | Use 'PR'  |
|         | NM102     | Entity Type Qualifier                     | 2          | Use '2'   |
|         | NM103     | Name Last or Organization Name            |            | Use 'NCTRACKS'  |
|         | NM108     | Identification Code Qualifier             | PI         | Use 'PI'  |
|         | NM109     | Information Source Primary Identifier     |            | Use 'NCTRACKS'  |
| 2100B   | NM1       | Information Receiver Name                 |            |   |
|         | NM101     | Entity Identifier Code                    | 1P, 2B, GP | Use '1P', '2B', or 'GP'   |
|         | NM108     | Identification Code Qualifier             | SV, XX     | Use 'SV' to send provider Number in NM109 or 'XX' to send NPI number in NM109.  |
| 2100B   | PRV       | Information Receiver Provider Information |            |   |
|         | PRV01     | Provider Code                             | SB         | Use 'SB'  |
|         | PRV03     | Reference Identification                  |            | Requesting provider's Taxonomy Code.  |
| 2100C   | NM1       | Subscriber Name                           |            |   |
|         | NM103     | Name Last or Organization Name            |            | The Subscriber last name must be 'Normalized.' Refer to Section 1.4 of this Companion Guide for Name Normalization rules. |
| 2100C   | REF       | Subscriber Additional Identification      |            |   |
|         | REF01     | Reference Identification Qualifier        | SY         | Use 'SY'  |
| 2100C   | PRV       | Provider Information                      |            |   |
|         | PRV01     | Provider Code                             | OT, RF     | Use 'OT' or 'RF'  |
|         | PRV02     | Reference Identification Qualifier        | 9K, HPI    | Use '9K' or 'HPI'   |
| 2100C   | DTP       | Subscriber Date                           |            |   |
|         | DTP01     | Date /Time Qualifier                      | 291        | Use '291'   |
|         | DTP02     | Date Time Period Format Qualifier         | RD8        | Use 'D8' or 'RD8'   |

| Loop ID | Reference | Name                                      | Codes | Notes/Comments  |
|---------|-----------|---|-------|---|
| 2110C   | EQ        | Subscriber Eligibility or Benefit Inquiry |       |   |
|         | EQ01      | Service Type Code                         |       | For an explicit inquiry, Trading Partners may request up to five (5) inbound Service Type Codes. If the Trading Partner wishes to request eligibility for more than five (5) service types, they must use Service Type Code '30' to receive all eligibility information. See Section 7.4, 270 EQ Segment Formatting Requirements. |
| 2000D   | HL        | Dependent Level                           |       | NCTracks does not support the Dependent Loop. Patients are identified at the Subscriber Level (Loop 2000).  |

## 10.2 271-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

| Loop ID | Reference | Name                           | Codes | Notes/Comments  |
|---------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|---|
| Header  | ISA       | Interchange Control Header     |       |   |
|         | ISA03     | Security Information Qualifier | 00    | '00' is returned  |
|         | ISA05     | Interchange ID Qualifier       | ZZ    | 'ZZ' is returned  |
|         | ISA06     | Interchange Sender ID          |       | NCTRACKSREL = Real-time transaction<br><br>NCTRACKSBAT = Batch transaction                      |
|         | ISA07     | Interchange ID Qualifier       | ZZ    | 'ZZ' is returned  |
|         | ISA08     | Interchange Receiver ID        |       | Return Provider's Electronic Transmitter Identifier Number (ETIN) (Receiver's ETIN) is returned |
|         | ISA11     | Repetition Separator           | ^     |   |
|         | ISA14     | Acknowledgment Requested       | 0     | '0' is returned   |
|         | ISA16     | Component Element Separator    | :     | ':' is returned   |
| Header  | GS        | Functional Group Header        |       |   |
|         | GS01      | Functional Identifier Code     | HB    | 'HB' is returned  |
|         | GS02      | Application Sender's Code      |       | NCTRACKSREL = Real-time transaction   |

| Loop ID | Reference | Name   | Codes    | Notes/Comments  |
|---------|-----------|--|----------|---|
|         |           |  |          | NCTRACKSBAT = Batch transaction   |
|         | GS03      | Application Receiver's Code                    |          | Return Provider's ETIN (Receiver's ETIN) is returned  |
| 2000A   | AAA       | Request Validation                             |          |   |
|         | AAA01     | Valid Request Indicator                        | N        | 'N' when sent   |
|         | AAA03     | Reject Reason Code                             | 42       | When '42' is returned, call NCTracks Call Center at 1-800-688-6696, option 3, for explanation (system down or data error) |
|         | AAA04     | Follow-up Action Code                          | P        | 'P' when sent   |
| 2100A   | NM1       | Information Source Name                        |          |   |
|         | NM101     | Entity Identifier Code                         | PR       | 'PR' is returned  |
|         | NM102     | Entity Type Qualifier                          | 2        | '2' is returned   |
|         | NM103     | Name Last or Organization Name                 | NCTRACKS | 'NCTRACKS' is returned  |
|         | NM108     | Identification Code Qualifier                  | PI       | 'PI' is returned  |
|         | NM109     | Identification Code                            | NCTRACKS | 'NCTRACKS' is returned  |
| 2100A   | PER       | Information Source Contact Information         |          | This segment is used to provide NCTracks Call Center telephone number   |
|         | PER02     | Name   |          | 'NCTRACKS CALL CENTER' is returned  |
|         | PER03     | Communication Number Qualifier                 | TE       | 'TE' is returned  |
|         | PER04     | Communication Number                           |          | '8006886696' is returned  |
| 2100A   | AAA       | Request Validation                             |          |   |
|         | AAA01     | Yes/No Condition or Response Code              | N        | 'N' when sent   |
|         | AAA03     | Reject Reason Code                             | 42       | When 42 is returned, call NCTracks Call Center at 1-800-688-6696, option 3, for explanation (system down or data error)   |
|         | AAA04     | Follow-up Action Code                          | P        | 'P' when sent   |
| 2100B   | NM1       | Information Receiver Name                      |          |   |
|         | NM108     | Identification Code Qualifier                  | SV, XX   | 'SV' or 'XX' is returned  |
|         | NM109     | Identification Code                            |          | Contains the Provider Number as submitted on the 270 request  |
| 2100B   | REF       | Information Receiver Additional Identification |          | Contains what is received on the 270 request  |
|         | REF01     | Reference Identification Qualifier             | JD       | 'JD' is returned  |

| Loop ID | Reference | Name                                    | Codes              | Notes/Comments  |
|---------|-----------|---|--------------------|---|
|         | REF02     | Reference Identification                |                    | '431' = Recipient and provider are DHB and DPH eligible<br><br>'432' = Combination of DMH and other payer(s)  |
| 2100B   | AAA       | Information Receiver Request Validation |                    |   |
|         | AAA01     | Yes/No Condition or Response Code       | N                  | 'N' when sent   |
|         | AAA03     | Reject Reason Code                      | 41, 50, 51, T4, 15 | NCTracks will return one of the following Reject Reason Codes if the 2100B, AAA segment is sent: '41', '50', '51', 'T4'<br><br>Reject Reason Code '15' is returned when the requestor submits a 270 Eligibility request without any search options  |
|         | AAA04     | Follow-up Action Code                   | C                  | 'C' when sent   |
| 2100C   | NM1       | Subscriber Name                         |                    |   |
|         | NM103     | Name Last or Organization Name          |                    | The Normalized last name is returned on the NM103 segment. Refer to Section 1.4 of this Companion Guide for Name Normalization rules.   |
|         | NM108     | Identification Code Qualifier           | MI                 | 'MI' is returned  |
|         | NM109     | Identification Code                     |                    | Recipient ID is returned  |
| 2100C   | AAA       | Subscriber Request Validation           |                    |   |
|         | AAA01     | Yes/No Condition or Response Code       | N                  | 'N' when sent   |
|         | AAA03     | Reject Reason Code                      |                    | More than one (1) AAA Reject Reason code can be received on an eligibility response. Please refer to the 270/271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response Technical Report 3 (TR3) for Reject Reason Code descriptions.   |
|         | AAA04     | Follow-up action code                   | R                  | 'R' when sent   |
| 2100C   | INS       | Subscriber Relationship                 |                    | The INS segment is returned to inform the Trading Partner that the Subscriber Last Name submitted in the 270 Eligibility Request, in the 2100C, NM103 segment, was 'Normalized' to search eligibility. The 'Normalized' last name is returned on the 271 Eligibility Response, in the 2100C, NM103 segment. |
| 2100C   | DTP       | Subscriber Date                         |                    | Used when there is a single period of eligibility   |

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|         | DTP01     | Date Time Qualifier                           | 291           | '291' is returned  |
|         | DTP02     | Date Time Period Format Qualifier             | RD8           | 'RD8' is returned  |
|         | DTP03     | Date Time Period                              |               | Eligibility period for Benefit Plan identified in EB segment   |
| 2110C   | EB        | Subscriber Eligibility or Benefit Information |               |  |
|         | EB01      | Eligibility or Benefit Information Code       | 1, B, F, W, G | <p>'1' when EB05 is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Carolina Health Choice</li> <li>Department of Public Health</li> <li>ORH (Office of Rural Health)</li> <li>Division of Health Benefits</li> <li>Hospice</li> <li>Opt-In Pharmacy</li> <li>Third Party Liability</li> <li>Medicaid Managed Care – Standard Plan</li> <li>Health Choice Managed Care – Standard Plan</li> <li>Medicaid Managed Care – Carveout</li> <li>Health Choice Managed Care – Carveout</li> <li>Medicaid Managed Care – Tailored Plan</li> <li>Health Choice Managed Care – Tailored Plan</li> <li>Innovations Waiver Managed Care – Tailored Plan</li> <li>Traumatic Brain Injury Managed Care – Tailored Plan</li> </ul> <p>'B' when EB07 is: recipient out-of-pocket maximum limit, amount for Cost Sharing, or Co-Payment</p> <p>'F' when EB05 is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service Limits</li> <li>Sickle Cell</li> <li>Infant Toddler</li> <li>ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program)</li> </ul> <p>'W' when EB05 is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer of Assets</li> </ul> <p>'G' when EB05 is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost Sharing</li> </ul> |
|         | EB02      | Coverage Level Code                           | IND           | 'IND' is returned  |
|         | EB03      | Service Type Code                             |               | If only one Service Type Code is returned, the recipient is only eligible for  |

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|         |           |                     |                               | <p>that particular service. Please refer to the 2110C MSG segment for special notes</p> <p>'1' when EB05 is Service Limits Cost Sharing</p> <p>'30' when EB05 is Third Party Liability</p> <p>'32' when the recipient is not eligible for Medicaid claims payment</p> <p>'45' when EB05 is Hospice</p> <p>'88' when EB05 is Opt-In Pharmacy</p> <p>Otherwise, Service Type values are returned appropriate for the Benefit Plan.</p>  |
|         | EB04      | Insurance Type Code | MA, MB, HN, MP, MC, R, HM, OT | <p>'MA' = Medicare Part A</p> <p>'MB' = Medicare Part B</p> <p>'HN' = Medicare Part C Managed Care</p> <p>'MP' = Medicare Part D</p> <p>'MC' = Division of Health Benefits</p> <p>'HM' = Carolina ACCESS Medicaid Managed Care – Standard Health Choice Managed Care – Standard</p> <p>'OT' =</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Carolina Health Choice</li> <li>• Division of Public Health</li> <li>• ORH</li> <li>• Hospice</li> <li>• Opt-In Pharmacy</li> <li>• Service Limits</li> <li>• Sickle Cell</li> <li>• Infant Toddler</li> <li>• ADAP</li> <li>• Transfer of Assets</li> <li>• Cost Sharing</li> <li>• Third Party Liability</li> <li>• Medicaid Managed Care – Carveout</li> <li>• Health Choice Managed Care – Carveout</li> </ul> |

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|         | EB05      | Plan Coverage Description            |                | See Appendix A, 271 2110C EB05 Plan Coverage Descriptions for NCTracks Plan Coverage Descriptions.   |
|         | EB06      | Time Period Qualifier                | 25, 29         | '25' is used to report the contracted or allowed value<br><br>'29' is used to report the remaining or available value  |
|         | EB07      | Monetary Amount                      |                | Used to report recipient out-of-pocket maximum limit, amount for Cost Sharing, Co-Payment, or service limit monetary value.<br><br>Co-pay information for the Infant Toddler Program is based on a sliding scale, which is based off the prior approval. This is by recipient and stored on the prior approval, and therefore is unknown at time of inquiry.<br><br>More information on specific copay amount rules can be found in the NCTracks Provider Claims and Billing Assistance Guide at <a href="https://www.nctracks.nc.gov">https://www.nctracks.nc.gov</a> . |
|         | EB09      | Quantity Qualifier                   | VS             | 'VS' is used to report the number of Service Limit visits or units   |
|         | EB10      | Quantity                             |                | Reports the number of Service Limits visits or units   |
| 2110C   | REF       | Subscriber Additional Identification |                |  |
|         | REF01     | Reference Identification Qualifier   | 18, 1L, 6P, IG | '18' is used to report information regarding Medicare Part A & B.<br><br>'1L' is used to report information regarding Medicare Part C.<br><br>'6P' is used to report Insurance Policy Group ID for applicable Third Party Liability.<br><br>'IG' is used to report Insurance Policy Number for applicable Third Party Liability.   |
|         | REF02     | Reference Identification             |                | MBI/HIC Number is returned for Medicare Part A and B.<br><br>'999' is returned for Medicare Part C.<br><br>'998' is returned for Medicare Part D.  |
|         | REF03     | Description                          |                | 'Medicare' is returned for Medicare Part A.  |



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|         |           |                        |       | 'Medicare C Health Group Org' is returned for Medicare Part C.<br><br>'Medicare D Health Group Org' is returned for Medicare Part D.   |
| 2110C   | MSG       | Message Text           |       |  |
|         | MSG01     | Free-form Message Text |       | Returned as follows:<br>- 'Yes' or 'No' for Transfer of Assets.<br><br>- 'COE ' followed by the COE code is returned for the Category of Eligibility.<br><br>- 'COUNTY ' followed by the Admin County code is returned for the recipient's primary benefit plan.<br><br>- 'RES-COUNTY ' followed by the Residential County code is returned for the recipient's primary benefit plan.<br><br>- 'Not eligible for Medicaid claims payment' when 2110C EB03 returns only '32'.<br><br>- 'Restrictive Coverage, Inpatient Services At A Hospital Only' when 2110C EB03 returns '48' only.<br><br>- 'Restrictive Coverage, Emergency Hemodialysis Services Only' when 2110C returns '76' only.<br><br>- 'Presumptive Coverage, Ambulatory Pregnancy-Related Svcs Only' when 2110C EB03 returns 'BU' only.<br><br>- Service Limits messages:<br>For Service Limits Sickle Cell, Infant Toddler and ADAP, 'Per X Months' is returned.<br><br>- For Service Limits Sickle Cell, Infant Toddler and ADAP, 'Restriction Message' is returned.<br><br>- For Mandatory Office visits, 'Mandatory office visit limit summary' is returned.<br><br>- For Optional Office visits, 'Optional office visit limit summary' is returned.<br><br>- For Home Health Skilled Nursing visit, 'Home Health Skilled Nurse visit limit summary' is returned.<br><br>- For Home Health Aide visit, 'Home Health Aide visit limit summary' is returned. |

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|         |           |      |       | <p>- For T1999 supplies, 'PA Required If \$250 Lmt Met. \$1500 Lmt Per Yr For &gt; Age 21' is returned.</p> <p>- The tribal membership and tribal services received codes are returned in the same MSG segment using the tribal membership code, a dash, then the tribal services received code. The text will begin with the identifier 'TRIBE'. If the tribal services received code is 'Y', there is no copay required.</p> <p>- The Medicaid Managed Care – Standard and Health Choice Managed Care – Standard plans will receive a message to contact the Prepaid Health Plan (PHP).</p> <p>- Cost Sharing will begin with the identifier <b>COST SHARING</b>. The first value will be the fiscal year of the Cost Sharing. The second value will return a 'Y' or 'N' value, indicating if the recipient is subject to Cost Sharing. If the recipient is subject to Cost Sharing, the third value will return a 'Y' or 'N' value, indicating if the recipient has met their maximum Cost Sharing. If the recipient has met their maximum Cost Sharing, the fourth value will contain the date the Cost Sharing was met.</p> <p><u>Cost Sharing examples</u><br/>                     Recipient does not have Cost Sharing:<br/>                     MSG*COST SHARING FY2019-N~</p> <p>Recipient has Cost Sharing, but has not met their maximum:<br/>                     MSG*COST SHARING FY2019-Y-N~</p> <p>Recipient has Cost Sharing and has met their maximum:<br/>                     MSG*COST SHARING FY2019-Y-Y-20190501~</p> <p>- Time Limit Override (TLO): up to three (3) TLO spans, which includes the "from" and "to" dates of service and the "File By" date, will be returned. Each TLO span will be separated by a comma (","). The segment will be identified by 'TLO ' followed by 'DOS ', with the "from" and "to" dates of service, and "FILE BY ' date. If the Recipient has more than three (3) TLO spans, an informational message to contact NC Medicaid will also be returned. See Section 5.3 of this Companion Guide for contact information.</p> |

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|         |           |      |       | <p><b>Note:</b> The Recipient's eligibility dates may not be consecutive if the approved Time Limit Override has a range of dates that is greater than two (2) dates of service. Contact the NC Medicaid Contact Center to verify specific TLO dates. See Section 5.3 for contact information.</p> <p><b><u>Time Limit Override examples:</u></b></p> <p>Recipient has less than three (3) TLO spans<br/>         MSG*TLO DOS 04/28/2022-04/28/2022<br/>         FILE BY 11/30/2023, DOS 04/25/2022-04/26/2022 FILE BY 11/30/2023~</p> <p>The TLO "from" and "to" dates is greater than two (2) dates of service:<br/>         MSG*TLO DOS 01/01/2022-04/30/2022<br/>         FILE BY 11/30/2023~</p> <p>Recipient has more than three (3) TLO spans:<br/>         MSG*TLO DOS 04/28/2022-04/28/2022<br/>         FILE BY 11/30/2023, DOS 05/01/2022-05/02/2022 FILE BY 11/30/2023, DOS 05/05/2022-05/05/2022 FILE BY 11/30/2023, CONTACT THE NC MEDICAID CONTACT CENTER AT 888-245-0179 FOR ADDL TLO~</p> |

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| 2120C   | NM1       | Subscriber Benefit Related Entity Name |            |   |
|         | NM101     | Entity Identifier Code                 | 2B, IL, 1P | Returned as follows:<br><br>'2B' for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Carolina Health Choice</li> <li>• Division of Public Health</li> <li>• ORH</li> <li>• Medicaid</li> <li>• Managed Care</li> </ul> 'IL' for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Third Party Liability</li> <li>• Cost Sharing</li> </ul> '1P' for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opt-In Pharmacy</li> </ul> 'Y2' for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepaid Health Plan (PHP)</li> </ul> 'P3' for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Care Provider (PCP)</li> <li>• Advanced Medical Home (AMH)</li> </ul> '13' for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tailored Care Manager</li> </ul> |
|         | NM102     | Entity Type Qualifier                  | 1, 2       | Returned as follows:<br><br>'1' for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Carolina Health Choice</li> <li>• Division of Public Health</li> <li>• ORH</li> <li>• Medicaid</li> <li>• Managed Care</li> <li>• Third Party Liability</li> <li>• Opt-In Pharmacy</li> <li>• Medicaid Managed Care – Standard</li> <li>• Health Choice Managed Care – Standard</li> </ul> '2' for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost Sharing</li> <li>• Primary Care Provider/Advanced Medical Home (PCP/AMH)</li> <li>• Tailored Care Manager</li> </ul>  |

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|         | NM107                               | Benefit Related Entity Name Suffix                    |  | <p>'PHP' is returned when the entity is the Prepaid Health Plan</p> <p>'AMH_PCP' is returned when the entity is the PCP or AMH/PCP</p> <p>'CAREMGR' is returned when the entity is the Tailored Care Manager</p> |
| 2120C   | PER                                 | Subscriber Benefit Related Entity Contact Information |  |  |
| PER02   | Benefit Related Entity Contact Name |   | The Entity Contact Name is returned when present | PER02  |
|         | PER03                               | Communication Number Qualifier                        | TE   |  |
|         | PER04                               | Communication Number                                  |  | Used to report organizational or business phone number   |
|         | PER05                               | Communication Number Qualifier                        | TE   |  |
|         | PER06                               | Communication Number                                  |  | Used to report organizational or business after-hours phone number   |

## Appendix A. 271 2110C EB05 Plan Coverage Descriptions

| Plan Coverage Description | Description  |
|---------------------------|--|
| ADAP                      | AIDS Drug Assistance Program                                       |
| CAPCD                     | CAP/Children   |
| CAPCH                     | CAP/Choice   |
| CAPDA                     | CAP/Disabled Adults  |
| CAPMR                     | CAP/ Mentally Retarded & Developmentally Disabled                  |
| EHDI                      | Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Program                     |
| HCCRv                     | Health Choice Managed Care – Carve out                             |
| HCSTD                     | Health Choice Managed Care – Standard Plan                         |
| HLTNT                     | HealthNet  |
| HOSPICE                   | Hospice  |
| ITP                       | Infant Toddler Program   |
| MAFDN                     | Medicaid Family Planning   |
| MCAID                     | Medicaid   |
| MCCRv                     | Medicaid Managed Care – Carve out                                  |
| MCSTD                     | Medicaid Managed Care – Standard Plan                              |
| MFP                       | Money Follows the Person   |
| MQBB                      | Qualified Medicare Beneficiary – Part B Premium Only               |
| MQBE                      | Qualified Medicare Beneficiary – Part B Premium Only               |
| MQBQ                      | Qualified Medicare Beneficiary                                     |
| NCHC                      | North Carolina Health Choice                                       |
| OOP or AA2OOP             | 'OOP' or 'AA2OOP' is used when reporting Cost Sharing information  |
| Opt-In Primary or Opt-In  | Opt-In Primary or Opt-In Specialty is used for Opt-In Pharmacy     |
| PACE                      | Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly                      |
| PHPB                      | Managed Care for Behavioral Health Services (PIHP)                 |
| PHPC                      | Innovations Waiver – CAP Services (PIHP)                           |
| PHHC                      | Behavioral Health Services for North Carolina Health Choice (PIHP) |
| SICKL                     | Sickle Cell  |
| SVCLT44890                | Service Limit – Mandatory office visit                             |
| SVCLT44900                | Service Limit – Optional office visit                              |
| SVCLT53140                | Service Limit – Home Health Skilled Nurse visit                    |
| SVCLT53150                | Service Limit – Home Health Aide visit                             |
| SVCLT55100                | Service Limit – T1999 Supplies                                     |
| TPHC                      | Health Choice Managed Care - Tailored Plan                         |
| TPINV                     | Innovations Waiver Managed Care - Tailored Plan                    |
| TPL                       | Third Party Liability  |
| TPTBI                     | Traumatic Brain Injury Managed Care - Tailored Plan                |
| TPMC                      | Medicaid Managed Care - Tailored Plan                              |
| Yes or No                 | 'Yes' or 'No' is used for Transfer of Assets                       |
| 00                        | TPL – Major Medical Coverage                                       |
| 01                        | TPL – Basic Hospital with Surgical Coverage                        |
| 02                        | TPL – Basic Hospital Coverage                                      |
| 03                        | TPL – Dental Coverage  |
| 04                        | TPL – Cancer Coverage  |
| 05                        | TPL – Accident Coverage  |
| 06                        | TPL – Inpatient Hospital Flat Rate Coverage                        |

| Plan Coverage Description | Description  |
|---------------------------|--|
| 07                        | TPL – Long Term Care Coverage                          |
| 08                        | TPL – Basic Medicare Supplement Coverage               |
| 10                        | TPL – Major Medical And Dental Coverage                |
| 11                        | TPL – Major Medical And Long Term Care Coverage        |
| 12                        | TPL – Intensive Care Coverage                          |
| 13                        | TPL – Hospital Outpatient Coverage                     |
| 14                        | TPL – Physician Coverage                               |
| 15                        | TPL – Heart Attack Coverage                            |
| 16                        | TPL – Prescription Drugs Coverage                      |
| 17                        | TPL – Vision Care Coverage                             |
| 18                        | TPL – Major Medical With Prescription Drug Coverage    |
| 19                        | TPL – Casualty/ Trauma                                 |
| 20                        | TPL – Major Medical Without Prescription Drug Coverage |
| 21                        | TPL – Commercial HMO                                   |

## Change Summary

| Date              | Change   | Responsible Party                   |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| September 1, 2023 | Added Time Limit Override (TLO) information and identified PIHP Plan Coverages in Appendix A   | CSRA under the direction of NC DHHS |
| May 1, 2023       | Added additional Tailored Plan information   | CSRA under the direction of NC DHHS |
| August 23, 2022   | Added PHHC Benefit Plan  | CSRA under the direction of NC DHHS |
| April 19, 2022    | Updated CAP Plan Coverage Description in Appendix A  | CSRA under the direction of NC DHHS |
| March 03, 2022    | Updated for Tailored Plan and Managed Care Manager   | CSRA under the direction of NC DHHS |
| June 09, 2021     | Updates for Managed Care Transformation  | CSRA under the direction of NC DHHS |
| April 1, 2021     | Allow eligibility requests for one month in the future   | CSRA under the direction of NC DHHS |
| March 3, 2021     | Updated EDI Support email address and contact phone number   | CSRA under the direction of NC DHHS |
| December 03, 2018 | Updated from Division of Medical Assistance to Division of Health Benefits   | CSRA under the direction of NC DHHS |
| April 26, 2017    | Update Copyright statement   | CSRA under the direction of NC DHHS |
| March 21, 2017    | Update EDI contact information   | CSRA under the direction of NC DHHS |
| March 5, 2017     | Update to MSG segment: Residential County and EBCI   | CSRA under the direction of NC DHHS |
| February 03, 2016 | Update to Fiscal Agent name and logo   | CSRA under the direction of NC DHHS |
| January 31, 2016  | Updates to section 7.3 (date inquiry update), 2110C EB03 (note added), 2110C MSG01 (additional messages added), and Appendix A (TPL codes added) | CSC under the direction of NC DHHS  |
| November 1, 2015  | Addition of Service Limits   | CSC under the direction of NC DHHS  |
| January 2, 2015   | Updates to the 2100B AAA03, 2110C EB03, and 2110C MSG01 segments   | CSC under the direction of NC DHHS  |
| November 2, 2014  | Addition of COE and County Code  | CSC under the direction of NC DHHS  |
| June 18, 2014     | Correction to Names/ Descriptions in Appendix A.   | CSC under the direction of NC DHHS  |
| May 29, 2014      | Correction to EB04 segment   | CSC under the direction of NC DHHS  |
| March 17, 2014    | CAQH-CORE Phase II   | CSC under the direction of NC DHHS  |
| July 1, 2013      | Production version   | CSC under the direction of NC DHHS  |
| November 16, 2012 | Initial trading partner test version   | CSC under the direction of NC DHHS  |