



Dental Work Group EDI Tip

Get Paid Faster with the ACA

Part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) could change the way that you receive reimbursements from payers and may help you get paid faster. This is because the ACA includes new operating rules for some electronic transactions. The rules that involve the Electronic Remittance Advice and Electronic Funds Transfer become effective January 1, 2014.

The Electronic Remittance Advice (also called an ERA, an EOB or an 835) can save you time and resources in posting payments. Dental offices using electronic remits have seen their cash flow increase.

The Electronic Funds Transfer (also called a direct deposit or an EFT) can deposit payments directly into your bank account. This method of receiving reimbursements can be faster than waiting for paper checks.

Payers will do most of the work involved in implementing the ERA and EFT rules. At a very high level, providers receiving the Electronic Remittance Advice and Electronic Funds Transfer should see the following changes:

- Signing up with payers for Electronic Remittance Advice or Electronic Funds Transfer should be easier.
 - Payers are only allowed to ask for information that is part of a nationally approved data set.
 - Payers are required to offer an electronic way for providers to sign up for Electronic Remittance Advice or Electronic Funds Transfer.
- Corresponding Electronic Remittance Advice and Electronic Funds Transfers can now be matched to each other. There is matching information on the EFT file from a bank and the 835 file from a payer. This matching information should be used to re-associate the deposited money to the corresponding remittance advice containing the information about the claim that was paid.
- The Electronic Remittance Advice and Electronic Funds Transfer will generally be received within three days of each other.
- More uniformity in the Claim Adjustment Reason Codes and Remittance Advice Remark Codes across all payers. These codes are used to explain the difference in the dollar amount that was billed on a claim and the amount that a payer paid.

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