

WPS Announces Schedule for Turning On NPI Prepass Edits Why NPI Prepass Edits Occur & How To Correct

Sending NPI for the first time? The electronic media claims (EMC) system reviews every claim for a number of pre-pass edits to ensure that claim data is valid. If a claim contains missing or incorrect information, one of two things will happen because of a pre-pass edit.

1. If an informational edit is in effect, the claim, batch, or file will process normally. The informational edit identifies the error and alerts the submitter in order to correct future claims.
2. If a delete edit is in effect, the claim, batch, or file will not process normally; it deletes from the claims processing system and alerts the submitter to the error.

When a provider is not on crosswalk, an EDI prepass edit message will appear. Once the provider has been loaded to crosswalk, message should disappear. If message continues you should verify the information you are sending is correct. If correct, access NPPES and correct any errors if any found. Make sure all Medicare legacy numbers are loaded correctly (e.g. Michigan provider number containing leading zero(s), not the letter O; Wisconsin providers include all leading zeros). Updates to NPPES typically update the crosswalk in 8-10 business days.

Below are the dates which NPI edits will be turned to delete. All claims receiving these edits on or after the following dates will not be submitted to the processing system. If deleted, the claims must be corrected and resubmitted for processing.

EDIT	WI/MN	IL/MI
M340	9/17/07	9/24/07
M379	9/17/07	9/24/07
M341	9/17/07	9/24/07
M380	9/17/07	9/24/07
M343	8/27/07	9/4/07
M381	8/27/07	9/4/07
M347	8/27/07	9/4/07
M382	8/27/07	9/4/07

Recommendations for providers: Begin dual strategy immediately! Pay close attention to your prepass reports. Send NPI only on a small percentage of claims (recommended 25 claims). Track claims with NPI throughout the claim process (e.g. compare to your remittance). If results are as you expected, increase your volume of NPI only claims.

Medicare Part B Prepass report NPI error messages Important NPI error messages to watch for:

- Billing Provider level (2010AA)- M340 & M379
- Pay To Provider level (2010AB) - M341 & M380
- Rendering Provider level (2310B) - M343 & M381
- Rendering Provider level (2420A) - M347 & M382

Edits M340, M341, M343 and M347 occur when the NPI submitted with legacy number does not match the crosswalk; that is the NPI legacy is not on the crosswalk or is invalid. Edits M379, M380, M381 and M382 will fail if you are sending NPI only and the NPI is not on the crosswalk or you are sending an EIN/SSN with the incorrect qualifier.

What should you do? Verify that the provider number NPI combination is valid. Validate that legacy numbers are entered in NPPES. If legacy numbers are added & you continue to receive the informational errors on your report contact your carrier. Updates to NPPES typically update the crosswalk in 8-10 business days. If the error persists, contact EDI department. A new 855 may be required or the carrier may need to contact crosswalk team to have problem correct manually.

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>

All NPI prepass edits will be turned on by September 24, 2007. It is important that you act now. If you fail to take action your claims may reject which will impact your claim processing.

A complete list of current 4010A1 pre-pass edits is available in the WPS Bulletin Board in the EDI file library in the HIPAA directory (file name: 4010_401.doc) or on the WPS Website: http://www.wpsic.com/edi/pdf/hipaa_mcs837.pdf.

If you need additional information you may also contact the WPS EDI Hotline for IL, MI, & WI: 877-567-7261, or for MN: 952-885-2811, 952-885-2881, or 952-885-2882.

