

Anthem[®] Prescription

February 1, 2006

Dear Pharmacist:

I am writing to inform you of an edit being put in place for claims processed under the Medicare POS Facilitated Enrollment Program. Due to the large number of invalid Medicare ID numbers being submitted in the Cardholder ID – Field 302-C2, Anthem Prescription is working collaboratively with NDC Switching company to implement the below edit on the Medicare ID.

Effective Thursday, February 2, 2006 an edit will be put in place by NDC Switch Company for invalid submission of the Medicare ID. Please note, all alpha and numeric values must be submitted, any special characters such as brackets [] should be excluded. All claims submitted with an invalid format will receive the following reject:

Reject 07 – Invalid Cardholder ID – Validate Medicare ID – Include all alpha and numeric values – exclude special characters.

The decision to use the reject message 07 – Invalid Cardholder was based on the fact this error message is not commonly used, therefore it should stand out to the pharmacy more as an issue related to the Medicare ID.

Edit Recap

Product: POS Facilitated Enrollment

BIN: 610575

PCN: CMSDUAL01 OR CMSDUAL02

Edit: On field 302-C2 – Cardholder ID – for submission of the Medicare Number.

Reject Message: 07 – Invalid Cardholder ID

Custom Message: VALIDATE MEDICARE ID – INCLUDE ALL ALPHA AND NUMERIC VALUES – EXCLUDE SPECIAL CHARACTERS

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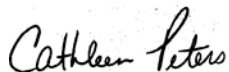
Administered by: NDC Switch Company

Moving forward, Anthem Prescription will be working with other switch companies to implement the same edit listed above for all claims.

We would like to take this time to remind you of the importance in ensuring both the Medicare and Medicaid numbers are submitted accurately. Failure to do so may result in claims adjustments for your pharmacy at a later date.

I would also like to take this time to thank you for your participation in program and all the hard work each of you has put forth to make this program a success.

Sincerely,



Cathy Peters

Manager, Retail Network Operations