



## Provider communication

*General information and system updates*

**May 8, 2024**

### SNIP Editing Types 5 and 6

**Applicable to:** Mercy Care Complete Care, Mercy Care ACC-RBHA, Mercy Care Long Term Care, Mercy Care DD and Mercy Care DCS-CHP

**Mercy Care will be enhancing its editing process to also include SNIP editing Types 5 and 6 along with current edits.**

#### What does SNIP Type Validation and Edits Mean?

Mercy Care routinely applies HIPAA edits for professional (837P) and institutional (837I) to all claims submitted electronically. Mercy Care currently edits all claim transactions for SNIP Types 1, 2, 3 and 4. Mercy Care is enhancing its editing process to begin including SNIP Types 5 and 6 process validation and edits to further improve our ability to support the electronic claims intake process on the front-end and in turn, the downstream claims adjudication process, accuracy, and security.

SNIP Type Validation and Edits refers to the Strategic National Implementation Process (SNIP), specific to Electronic Data Interchange (EDI). SNIP includes seven guidelines for industry-standard types of verification when it comes to electronic data compliance. SNIP validation ensures healthcare EDI files, such as the X12 HIPAA 837 file, are correctly formatted to adhere to the rules defined in the X12 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) EDI standards.

We are making you aware that this change will be effective no sooner than **May 31, 2024**.

#### Benefits of Enhanced SNIP Type Validation and Edits

The benefits of enhanced SNIP type validation and edits is that they support the review of provider claims submission with the initial electronic intake, reduce intake errors, lessen the need for manual tasks, and streamline workflows. They also help eliminate human errors with data input, and speed-up the time in which a claim is then adjudicated and payment is made to a provider.

At a high-level, SNIP Types 1 through 6 edits include the following types of testing:

- Type 1 EDI standard integrity testing, which validates the basic syntax integrity of the EDI file submission.

- Type 2 HIPAA implementation guide requirement testing, which involves testing the file for HIPAA implementation guide-specific syntax requirements.
- Type 3 HIPAA balance testing, which involves testing that the claim line amounts equal to the total claim amount.
- Type 4 HIPAA inter-segment situation testing, which involves validating situations described in the HIPAA implantation guide specific to “IF, THEN” situations. Example, if the claim submitted is for an accident, then the accident date must be present on the claim.
- Type 5 External code set testing, which validates and ensures proper usage of external code sets such as ICD-10-CM diagnosis code, CPT/HCPCS code, NDC Code Sets, and others.
- Type 6 Product types or line of services testing, which includes healthcare specialized services (ambulance, chiropractic, etc.). This ensures that the segments (records) of data that differ based on certain healthcare services are properly created and processed into claims data formats.

For more specific information on SNIP level editing, you can visit [www.wedi.org](http://www.wedi.org) or request information from your specific EDI vendor.

As always, don't hesitate to contact your Mercy Care [Network Management Representative](#) with any questions or comments. You can find this [Notice](#) and all other provider notices on our Mercy Care website.

Thanks for all you do!

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Phoenix, AZ 85040

Telephone: **1-888-234-7358 (TTY 711)**

Email: [MedicaidCRCoordinator@MercyCareAZ.org](mailto:MedicaidCRCoordinator@MercyCareAZ.org)

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
1-800-368-1019  
1-800-537-7697 (TDD).

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