

Iowa Medicaid Fee-for-Service CMS-1500 Claim Form Instructions

The instructions below provide guidance for submitting a CMS-1500 medical claim and are specific to Iowa Medicaid Fee-for-Service claims.

Effective August 1, 2019, Iowa Medicaid implemented a mandatory [electronic billing requirement](#) for all Medicaid enrolled providers. This requirement excludes Individual Consumer Directed Attendant Care (CDAC) providers.

Providers must use these instructions to ensure their system is setup to properly translate these paper claim submission guidelines into the electronic equivalent.

For questions regarding these instructions, please contact Iowa Medicaid Provider Services Monday through Friday 8am-5pm toll free 800-338-7909 or locally at 515-256-4609.

Field No.	Field Name/ Description	Required or Conditional	Instructions
1	Check One	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkmark the 'Medicaid' box.
1a	Insured's I.D. Number	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the member's Medicaid ID number. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Iowa Medicaid ID number consists of seven digits followed by a letter. (I.E. 1234567A). ○ Medicaid ID numbers are unique to each member. • For instructions on verifying member eligibility, visit: Eligibility and Verification Information System (ELVS) Health & Human Services (iowa.gov)
2	Patient's Name	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the last name, first name, and middle initial of the Medicaid member.
3	Patient's Birth Date	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the date of birth and sex of the Medicaid member. • Enter the member's date of birth in MM/DD/YY format.
4	Insured's Name	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the last name, first name, and middle initial of the Medicaid member.

5	Patient's Address	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the Medicaid member's home address and phone number, if available.
6	Patient Relationship to Insured	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Checkmark the 'Self' box.
7	Insured's Address	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the Medicaid member's home address, if available.
8	Reserved for NUCC Use	<i>CONDITIONAL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are billing with unlisted CPT/ HCPCS codes; please clearly identify those by listing a description of the item or service.
9	Other Insured's Name	<i>CONDITIONAL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REQUIRED IF the Medicaid member is covered under an additional insurance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the policy holder's name of the additional insurance.
9a	Other Insured's Policy or Group Number	<i>CONDITIONAL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REQUIRED IF the Medicaid member is covered under an additional insurance. If 11d is marked 'Yes', this field must be completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the policy ID number or group number of the additional insurance.
9b-c	Reserved for NUCC Use	LEAVE BLANK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This field must be left blank.
9d	Insurance Plan Name or Program Name	<i>CONDITIONAL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REQUIRED IF the Medicaid member is covered under an additional insurance. If 11d is marked 'Yes', this field must be completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the name of the insurance plan or program.
10	Is Patient's Condition Related To:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REQUIRED IF known. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter a 'Yes' or 'No' for each category/line (a, b, and c). DO NOT enter 'Yes' and 'No' in the same category/line for this field. Auto accidents: Fill in the state abbreviation for location of the accident.
10a	Employment?	<i>CONDITIONAL</i>	
10b	Auto Accident?		
10c	Other Accident?		

10d	Claim Codes (Designated by NUCC)	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Entry Required.
11	Insured's Policy Group or FECA Number	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Entry Required.
11a	Insured's Date of Birth and Gender	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the member's date of birth in MM/DD/YY format. Select appropriate gender box.
11b	Other Claim ID (Designated by NUCC)	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Entry Required.
11c	Insurance Plan Name or Program Name	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Entry Required.
11d	Is There Another Health Benefit Plan?	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the Medicaid member does NOT have additional insurance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check 'NO'. If the Medicaid member does have additional insurance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check 'YES.' Enter the payment amount in field 29. Ensure boxes 9a-9d are completed. If the Medicaid member has additional insurance but the benefits were denied: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check <u>both</u> 'YES' and 'NO.' Proof of denials must be included in the patient record. To obtain this information, you may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request information from the member. Verify member eligibility. For instructions, visit: Eligibility and Verification Information System (ELVS) Health & Human Services (iowa.gov) Auditing will be performed on a random basis to ensure correct billing.

12	Patient's or Authorized Person's Signature	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No entry required.
13	Insured or Authorized Person's Signature	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No entry required.
14	Date of Onset or Pregnancy (LMP) and Qualifier	<i>CONDITIONAL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REQUIRED for Chiropractors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For pregnancy, use the date of the Last Menstrual Period (LMP) (Qualifier 484 must be used). For non-pregnancy, use the date of onset of current symptoms or illness (Qualifier 431 must be used).
15	Other Date and Qualifier	<i>CONDITIONAL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REQUIRED for Chiropractors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chiropractors must enter the date of the most recent x-ray (Qualifier 455 must be used). Entry must be made in MM/DD/YY format.
16	Dates Patient Unable to Work in Current	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No entry required.
17	Name of Referring Provider or Other Source	<i>CONDITIONAL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the name of the referring physician or professional. If services are provided to an individual based on a referral from an Indian Health Services (IHS) provider, enter the name of the IHS clinic who made the referral. Entry must be entered in the format of 'first name, middle initial, last name, and credentials.'
17a		Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This field must be left blank.

17b	NPI	CONDITIONAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REQUIRED IF Box 17 was filled out. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enter the NPI of the referring physician or professional. ○ If services are provided to an individual based on a referral from an Indian Health Services (IHS) provider, enter the NPI of the IHS facility making the referral. Do not use the NPI of the individual provider.
18	Hospitalization Dates Related to Current Services	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No entry required.
19	Additional Claim Information (Designated by NUCC)	CONDITIONAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the NPI number of the referring or prescribing provider. • If this claim is for consultation, independent labs, or DME, enter the NPI of the referring or prescribing provider.
20	Outside Lab	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No entry required.
21	Diagnosis or Nature of Illness or Injury and ICD Indicator	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicate the applicable ICD-CM diagnosis codes in order of importance (A-primary; B- secondary; C-tertiary; D-quaternary) to a maximum of twelve diagnoses. • If the patient is pregnant, one of the diagnosis codes must indicate pregnancy. The pregnancy diagnosis codes are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ICD-10-CM: Any diagnosis code to indicate pregnancy. EX: Z33.1 • Indicate a 0 for the ICD Indicator when submitting ICD- 10-CM. • DO NOT enter descriptions.
22	Resubmission Code	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No entry required.

23	Prior Authorization Number	<i>CONDITIONAL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REQUIRED IF there is a prior authorization. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Obtain the prior authorization number from the prior authorization form and enter in this field. • REQUIRED for Independent Laboratories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enter CLIA Certification number in this field. • If both criteria above apply, enter the CLIA certification number instead of the prior authorization number.
24 Top Shaded Portion	Date(s) of Service/NDC	<i>CONDITIONAL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REQUIRED for physician-administered drugs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enter qualifier “N4” followed by the NDC for the drug referenced in 24d (HCPCs). • Do not use spaces or symbols in this field.
24A Lower Portion	Date(s) of Service	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the month, day, and year under both the ‘From’ and ‘To’ categories for each procedure, service, or supply. • Entry should be made in MM/DD/YY format. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the list below, enter the number that corresponds to the claim’s place of service. • DO NOT use alphabetic characters. <p>02 – Telehealth 03 – School 04 – Homeless Shelter 06 – Indian Health Service Provider-Based Facility 07 – Tribal 638 Free-standing Facility 08 – Tribal 638 Provider-based Facility 10 – Telehealth in patient home</p>
24B Lower Portion	Place of Service	REQUIRED	

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 – Office 12 – Patient’s Home 13 – Assisted Living Facility 14 – Group Home 15 – Mobile Unit 16 – Temporary Lodging 17 – Walk-in Retail Health Clinic 19 – Off Campus Outpatient Hospital 20 – Urgent Care Facility 21 – Inpatient Hospital 22 – On Campus Outpatient Hospital 23 – Emergency Room Hospital 24 – Ambulatory Surgical Center 25 – Birthing Center 27 – Outreach Street 31 – Skilled Nursing Facility 32 – Nursing Home 33 – Custodial Care Facility 34 – Hospice 41 – Ambulance (Land) 42 – Ambulance – Air or Water 49 – Independent Clinic 50 – FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center) 51 – Inpatient Psychiatric Facility 52 – Psychiatric Facility – Partial Hospitalization 53 – Daycare Facility Psych 54 – Intermediate Care Facility (ID) 55 – Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility 56 – Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center 57 – Non-Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility |
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			<p>58 – Non-Residential Opioid Treatment Facility</p> <p>60 – Mass Immunization Center</p> <p>61 – Comprehensive Inpatient Rehab</p> <p>62 – Comprehensive Outpatient Rehab</p> <p>65 – End Stage Renal Disease Treatment</p> <p>71 – State or Local Public Health Clinic</p> <p>72 – Rural Health Clinic</p> <p>81 – Independent Lab</p> <p>99 – Other Unlisted Facility</p>
24C Lower Portion	EMG	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No entry required.
24D Lower Portion	Procedures, Services, or Supplies	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter a code for each date of service. • If no fees were charged, DO NOT list the service(s). • Enter the procedures, services, or supplies using the CMS Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) or valid Current Procedural Terminology (CPT). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DO NOT enter the description. • When applicable, show HCPCS code modifiers with the HCPCS code. • FQHC/RHC- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bill the encounter code T1015 on the first claim line. ○ Bill applicable specific procedure code(s) on subsequent claim claims with \$0.00 charge as 'informational only.' ○ Claims submitted without 'informational only' procedure codes will be denied.

24E Lower Portion	Diagnosis Pointer	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicate the corresponding diagnosis code from field 21 by entering the letter of its position (i.e., C.) DO NOT enter the actual diagnosis code in this field (This will cause a denial). Each line allows a maximum of four diagnosis code pointers.
24F Lower Portion	\$ Charges	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the <u>usual</u> and <u>customary</u> charge for each line item billed. The charge must include both dollars and cents.
24G Lower Portion	Days or Units	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the number of times this procedure was performed, or number of supply items dispensed. If the procedure code specifies the number of units, then enter '1.' General Anesthesia: The units of service must reflect the <u>total minutes</u> of general anesthesia.
24H Lower Portion	EPSDT/ Family Planning	<i>CONDITIONAL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REQUIRED IF services are a result of Family Planning or Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) Care for Kids Screening. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter 'Y' on this claim line. If neither of the above scenarios apply, enter 'N.'
24I Top Shaded	ID. Qual.	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This field must be left blank.
24J <i>TOP SHADED</i>	Rendering Provider ID. #	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This field must be left blank.
24J <i>LOWER PORTION</i>	NPI	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter the NPI of the individual provider who rendered (performed) the service(s). FQHC/RHC- Enter the clinic NPI number or leave blank.
25	Federal Tax I.D. Number	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No entry required.

26	Patient's Account No.	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the patient's account number assigned by the servicing provider. • This field is limited to 13 alpha/numeric characters.
27	Accept Assignment?	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No entry required.
28	Total Charge	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the total line-item charges on the LAST page of the claim. • If more than one claim form is used to bill for services, the claim total charge should only be provided on the last page. • Prior to the last page, all other pages must have box 28 completed with the word 'continued' or 'page 1 of <Enter total # of pages>.'
29	Amount Paid	<i>CONDITIONAL</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REQUIRED IF the member has additional insurance, and the insurance has made a payment on the claim. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enter only the amount paid by the other insurance. Member copayments, Medicare payments or previous Medicaid payments should not be listed on this claim. ○ Do not submit this claim until you receive a payment or denial from the other insurance carrier. ○ Proof of denials must be included in the patient record. ○ If more than one claim form is used to bill services performed and a prior payment was made, the third-party payment should be entered on each page of the claim in Box 29.
30	Reserved for NUCC/Local Use	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This field must be left blank.

31	Signature of Physician or Supplier	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the signature of either the physician or authorized representative and the original filing date. • If the signature is computer-generated block letters, the signature must be initialed. A signature stamp may be used. • The signatory must be someone who can legally attest to the service provided and can bind the organization to the declarations on the back of the claim form.
32	Service Facility Location Information	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the complete address of the service facility. • The address must be a physical location and cannot be a P.O. Box.
32a	NPI	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the NPI of the facility where service(s) were rendered.
32b	Untitled	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This field must be left blank.
33	Billing Provider Info & Phone #	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the complete name and address of the billing provider. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The address provided must contain the full zip code (Zip+4) in the format of 5 digits – 4 digits. ○ The zip code entered must match the zip code on file with Iowa Medicaid. A mismatch will cause a denial. ○ To verify the zip code on file with Iowa Medicaid, please contact Provider Services (Page 1).
33a	NPI	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the billing provider’s NPI (Pay-to-Provider). • FQHC/RHC: Enter the clinic’s NPI.

33b	Untitled	REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter the billing provider’s taxonomy code associated with the service(s) provided. • A “ZZ” qualifier must precede the taxonomy code. • The taxonomy code entered must match the taxonomy code on file with Iowa Medicaid. A mismatch will cause a denial. • To verify the taxonomy code on file with Iowa Medicaid, please contact Provider Services (Page 1).
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