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1500 Health Insurance Claim Form

The 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form is a universal claim form for healthcare providers to use in billing insurance carriers. It is frequently referred to as the CMS-1500, as the form is also used in billing the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC)

The National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) is a voluntary organization that replaced the Uniform Claim Form Task Force in 1995. The committee was created to develop a standardized data set for use by the non-institutional health care community to transmit claim and encounter information to and from all third-party payers. It is chaired by the American Medical Association (AMA), with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as a critical partner. The committee is a diverse group of health care industry stakeholders representing providers, payers, designated standards maintenance organizations, public health organizations, and vendors. The NUCC is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the data sets and physical layout of the hard copy 1500 Claim Form.

To view a sample 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form, please visit:
http://www.nucc.org/images/stories/PDF/cms_1500_sample.pdf

A good resource for detailed information on completing the CMS 1500 form is the Guidance Manual from CMS. Although the manual focuses on Medicare billing, it provides language for completing this standardized form. Code number entries are required for some sections, such as place of service and type of service. The link below provides the necessary code definitions for review and selection.

<http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c26.pdf>

In addition, the NUCC has developed a 1500 Reference Instruction Manual detailing how to complete the CMS 1500 claim form. The purpose of this manual is to help standardize the manner in which the form is completed.

http://nucc.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=33&Itemid=114

Small and large quantities of printer-compatible as well as hand-written 1500 Health Insurance Claim Forms can be located and purchased online through a variety of vendors.

Please note that as the United States transitions from the ICD-9-CM (The International Classification of Diseases, 9th Edition, Clinical Modification) to the ICD-10 system, revisions to the 1500 form (version 02/12) and accompanying manual are currently available for review on the NUCC website. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has delayed implementation of the ICD-10 until October 1, 2014.