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1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to inform submitters of upcoming changes to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Eligibility Transaction System (HETS) 270/271 application that will be implemented with HETS 270/271 R2019Q100 Release.

2. Overview of Release

The HETS R2019Q100 Release introduces potential changes to the HETS 270 request and 271 responses.

The following section documents the details for R2019Q100 changes.

3. Summary of Impact on Trading Partners

3.1 Smoking Cessation/Counseling Response Changes

Effective with this release, HETS is modifying the 271 response when Service Type Code (STC) “67” is present on the 270 request. HETS 270/271 returns smoking cessation/counseling benefits when STC “67” is sent on the 270 request, the Medicare Beneficiary has active Part B entitlement and there is no Date of Death on file. HETS 270/271 currently returns either the smoking cessation next eligible date or the number of base and remaining sessions available for a current cessation period. HETS 270/271 also currently returns all cessation periods that overlap with the 270’s requested Date(s) of Service. Effective with this release, the HETS 271 response will only return the most recent smoking cessation period; prior periods that overlap with the 270 Date(s) of Service will not be returned. Additionally, the HETS 271 response will no longer return a cessation period next eligible date. Instead, the HETS 271 response for smoking cessation/counseling benefits will be one of two possible responses.

- 1) If the Medicare Beneficiary has actual smoking cessation/counseling benefit usage within the previous 12 months (based on the HETS 270/271 system date), HETS will return the following smoking cessation/counseling information:
 - Base smoking cessation/counseling sessions will be returned as ‘8’.
 - Remaining smoking cessation/counseling sessions will be returned using an improved calculation process.
 - The initial cessation session date of the prior smoking cessation/counseling period. No next eligible date will be returned but Medicare Providers can interpret the presence of a smoking cessation initial session date within the last 12 months to determine Medicare Beneficiary eligibility.

Example of the updated eligibility response:

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EB*1**30^67*MB~ (Part B Entitlement/Coverage)
DTP*291*D8*20140201~ (DTP03 = Part B Entitlement Date)
EB*F**67*MB**22***VS*8~ (EB10 = Smoking Cessation Base Sessions)
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HSD*VS*3***29~ (HSD02 = Smoking Cessation Remaining Sessions)
DTP*292*D8*20180501~ (DTP03 = Smoking Cessation Initial Session Date)

2) If the Medicare Beneficiary has zero smoking cessation/counseling benefit usage within the previous 12 months (based on the HETS 270/271 system date), HETS will return the following smoking cessation/counseling information:

- Base smoking cessation/counseling sessions will be returned as '8'.
- Remaining smoking cessation/counseling sessions will be returned as '8'.
- No next eligible date will be returned but Medicare Providers can interpret the absence of a smoking cessation initial session date within the last 12 months to determine Medicare Beneficiary eligibility.

Example of the updated eligibility response:

EB*1**30^67*MB~ (Part B Entitlement/Coverage)
DTP*291*D8*20140201~ (DTP03 = Part B Entitlement Date)
EB*F**67*MB**22***VS*8~ (EB10 = Smoking Cessation Base Sessions)
HSD*VS*8***29~ (HSD02 = Smoking Cessation Remaining Sessions)

3.2 ESRD Request/Response Changes

HETS 270/271 currently returns End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) information on the 271 response when STC(s) "14", "15" or "CQ" are sent on the 270 request. Effective with this release, HETS 270/271 will continue to support STCs "14" and "15" but will only return Medicare coverage status (with no ESRD details) for these STCs. As it does today, STC "14" will continue to be returned covered under Medicare Part B and STC "15" will continue to be returned covered under Medicare Part A.

Examples of the updated eligibility responses for STC "14" or "15":

1) STC "14"

EB*1**30^14*MB~ (Part B Entitlement/Coverage)
DTP*291*D8*20120901~ (Part B Entitlement Date)
(No ESRD information is returned. STC "RN" or "CQ" required for ESRD)

2) STC "15"

EB*1**30^15*MA~ (Part A Entitlement/Coverage)
DTP*291*D8*20120901~ (Part A Entitlement Date)
(No ESRD information is returned. STC "RN" or "CQ" required for ESRD)

Effective with this release, HETS 270/271 will support STC "RN" for ESRD coverage requests. When STC "RN" or "CQ" is included in a 270 request, the HETS 271 response will return Medicare ESRD coverage status as covered under Medicare Part A and Part B, plus any applicable specific ESRD benefit information.

An additional change is that effective with this release, HETS 270/271 will now only return ESRD coverage period(s) that intersect with the 270 request's Date(s) of Service.

The final ESRD change effective with this release is that HETS 270/271 will no longer return a dialysis method code or method start date for ESRD coverage. The revised HETS 271 ESRD response will include the following information:

- ESRD Coverage Period Effective Date
- ESRD Coverage Period End Date (if applicable)

- ESRD Dialysis Start Date (if applicable)
- ESRD Dialysis End Date (if applicable)
- ESRD Transplant Effective Date (if applicable)

ESRD Dialysis and Transplant information will be returned if the associated ESRD Coverage Period(s) intersect with the 270 request's Date(s) of Service. Note that the Dialysis and Transplant data may be historically limited to a certain timeframe (i.e., only going back 6 years or similar).

Examples of the updated eligibility response:

1) ESRD coverage with no ESRD end date

EB*1**30^RN*MA~ (Part A Entitlement/Coverage)
DTP*291*D8*20120901~ (Part A Entitlement Date)
EB*1**30^RN*MB~ (Part B Entitlement/Coverage)
DTP*291*D8*20120901~ (Part B Entitlement Date)
EB*D**RN~ (ESRD Benefit Information)
DTP*292*D8*20181201~ (DTP01 '292' = ESRD Coverage Period DTP03 = ESRD Coverage Start date only)

2) ESRD coverage with an ESRD end date

EB*1**30^RN*MA~ (Part A Entitlement/Coverage)
DTP*291*D8*20120901~ (Part A Entitlement Date)
EB*1**30^RN*MB~ (Part B Entitlement/Coverage)
DTP*291*D8*20120901~ (Part B Entitlement Date)
EB*D**RN~ (ESRD Benefit Information)
DTP*292*RD8*20150601-20181101~ (DTP01 '292' = ESRD Coverage Period DTP03 = ESRD Coverage Start and End dates)

3) ESRD coverage with ESRD Dialysis Start and End dates

EB*1**30^RN*MA~ (Part A Entitlement/Coverage)
DTP*291*D8*20120901~ (Part A Entitlement Date)
EB*1**30^RN*MB~ (Part B Entitlement/Coverage)
DTP*291*D8*20120901~ (Part B Entitlement Date)
EB*D**RN~ (ESRD Benefit Information)
DTP*292*RD8*20150601-20181101~ (DTP01 '292' = ESRD Coverage Period DTP03 = ESRD Coverage Start and End dates)
DTP*472*RD8*20150601-20181015~ (DTP01 '472' = ESRD Dialysis DTP03 = Dialysis Dates – this example includes both ESRD Dialysis Start and End dates)

4) ESRD coverage with ESRD Dialysis Start and End dates plus ESRD Transplant Effective

EB*1**30^RN*MA~ (Part A Entitlement/Coverage)
DTP*291*D8*20120901~ (Part A Entitlement Date)
EB*1**30^RN*MB~ (Part B Entitlement/Coverage)
DTP*291*D8*20120901~ (Part B Entitlement Date)
EB*D**RN~ (ESRD Benefit Information)
DTP*292*RD8*20150601-20181101~ (DTP01 '292' = ESRD Coverage Period DTP03 = ESRD Coverage Start and End dates)

DTP*472*RD8*20150601-20151019~ (DTP01 '472' = ESRD Dialysis DTP03 = Dialysis Dates – this example includes both ESRD Dialysis Start and End dates)
DTP*096*D8*20150724~ (DTP01 '096' = ESRD Transplant DTP03 = Transplant Effective Date)

3.3 New Preventive Service HCPCS Code for Hepatitis B Screening

Effective with this release, HETS 270/271 will support a new preventive service Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code. HETS 270/271 will support HCPCS code G0499 (Hepatitis B screening in non-pregnant, high risk individual) when submitted on the 270 request. The HETS 271 response will return a CWF calculated next eligible date for HCPCS G0499 based on the Medicare Beneficiary's Part B entitlement status, claims history and utilization rules. Similarly, to other preventive service HCPCS codes, the HETS 271 response for HCPCS G0499 returns:

- HETS 270/271 will return HCPCS code G0499 on the 271 response when submitted on the 270 request
- HETS 270/271 will return zero dollar co-insurance and deductible amounts for HCPCS G0499 when submitted on the 270 request

Example of the new eligibility responses:

EB*C***MB**23*0*****HC|G0499~ (Waived Deductible for this HCPCS)
DTP*292*D8*20190315~ (HETS 270/271 System Date)
EB*A***MB**27**0*****HC|G0499~ (Waived Coinsurance for this HCPCS)
DTP*292*D8*20190315~ (HETS 270/271 System Date)
EB*D***MB*****HC|G0499~ (EB13-2 = HCPCS Code)
DTP*348*D8*CCYYMMDD~ (DTP03 = Next Eligible Date)

Normal preventive service handling rules apply (including that HETS 270/271 does not return financial information for preventive HCPCS codes when the Medicare Beneficiary is dual-eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid [aka Qualified Medicare Beneficiary "QMB"] as of the current HETS 270/271 system transaction processing date). Refer to Sections 7.10 and 7.21 of the [HETS 270/271 Companion Guide](#) for more information.

Appendix A. Record of Changes

Table 1 provides a summary of changes made to this document.

Table 1 - Document Revision History

Version	Date	Description of Changes
1.1	02/04/2019	Modified Section 3.2 (ESRD Request/Response Changes) to reflect that the HETS 271 ESRD response will, when applicable, return ESRD Dialysis and ESRD Transplant dates. Updated ESRD examples.
1.0	01/14/2019	Base Version