



# Avoiding Common Encounter Data System Edits

## Avoiding Common Edits in EDFES

CMS regularly collects and ranks the most frequently occurring front-end edits. These edits are reported in EDS reports that follow the sequence of the submission envelope from submission file syntax through detailed line items. Presented below, are the most commonly occurring edits generated from the Combined Common Edits Module (CCEM). The CCEM produces Medicare-specific edits at the record and line levels and reports them through the 277CA report.

**Before submitting a EDRs to Encounter Data Front End System (EDFES), check the following criteria:**

**Confirm the file was not already submitted**

**Confirm HCPCS and Dx Codes are valid**

**Avoid entering future dates of service**

### *Rejection Edit*

**A8:746:40 – Duplicate Submission**

**A7:255 – Invalid Diagnosis Code  
A7:507 – Invalid HCPCS**

**A7:510, A7:187 – Invalid:  
Future date / Invalid: Future  
date of service**

### *Prevention & Submission Tips*

When a file is received, the system assigns a hash total to the file based on the entire ISA/IEA interchange. The hash total is a total of several fields or data in a file. If a file comes in later in a different submission, or a different submission of the same file, and gets the same hash total, it will reject as a duplicate.

Verify that HCPCS<sup>1</sup> codes and diagnosis codes<sup>2</sup> are valid on the date(s) of service.

Verify that segment DTP03 (Admission date or Service Date) is earlier than the date of submission to the EDS. A third segment of the error code may be present and indicates the entity identifier code for the field in error.

Submitters should make the following segments unique for each submission: ISA13, GS06, ST02 and BHT03. The BHT03 should be a unique number for each ST-SE transaction set within the file (if there is more than one transaction set in a file).

- Notes**
1. <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/HCPCS-Quarterly-Update>
  2. <https://cssoperations.com/internet/csscw3.nsf/DID/JGQF7KYOFQ>



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## Avoiding Common Errors in EDPS when Submitting a Replacement or Void EDR

The header-level, replacement or void EDR edits listed below are the leading causes for rejections of replacement or void EDRs. CMS analyzed the submission patterns of MAOs and developed the following job aid to highlight likely sources of rejection, and tips to improve EDR acceptance.

**Before submitting a replacement or void EDR, check the following criteria:**

	Confirm the ICN you want to replace or void is present in the EDPS	Confirm the ICN you want to replace has not already been adjusted or voided and accepted by EDPS	Confirm the ICN you want to void has not already been voided or adjusted by EDPS	Confirm key fields match original
<b>Rejection Edit</b>	<b>00265 – Correct / Replace or Void ICN not in EDPS</b>	<b>00760 – Adjusted Encounter Already Void / Adjusted</b>	<b>00755 – Void Encounter Already Void/Adjusted</b>	<b>00780 – Adjustment must match original</b>
<b>Prevention &amp; Submission Tips</b>	<p>Submitter should check the ICN the EDR is intending to replace or void exists in EDPS by checking all MAO-002 return reports that list the ICNs of accepted EDRs.</p> <p>Maintain a list of all accepted ICNs to cross-check ICN on replacement or void EDRs.</p>	<p>Submitter should review returned MAO-002 reports to confirm processing of the previously submitted adjustment encounter prior to re-submitting the adjustment encounter.</p> <p>When there are multiple adjustment or void attempts on the same ICN in the same submission, only one adjustment will be accepted, and all other attempts will fail. To prevent this, run a duplicate check on the submission's "Original ICN" field.</p>	<p>Submitter should review returned MAO-002 reports to confirm processing of the previously submitted void encounter prior to re-submitting the void encounter again.</p> <p>An ICN can only be voided or replaced once. Maintain a list of all accepted ICNs and any corresponding "Original ICNs", if applicable to cross-check ICNs.</p>	<p>Submitter should check that the key data fields match those of the same record being replaced.</p> <p>Many rejections are due to mismatches on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Claim type code / Type of bill 4700 vs 4800 (DME vs. Professional)</li> <li>• Billing NPI</li> <li>• Beneficiary last name or first name</li> </ul> <p>See next page for fields checked for matching</p>



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## Key Data Fields for Matching a Replacement or Void EDR

**Before submitting a replacement or void EDR, check that the following key fields match the accepted record you want to replace or void:**

**When a *void* EDR is submitted, the system will check the following 11 key fields to ensure that the void EDR is for the EDR to be voided**

- Linked Internal Control Number (ICN) – header level
- Beneficiary Identifier\* – header level
- Beneficiary Last Name\*\* (first 5 characters) – header level
- Beneficiary First Name\*\* (first character) – header level
- Place of Service (PROF, DME) or Type of Bill (INST) – header level
- Submitted Charges – header level
- Date of Service – header level
- Number of encounter lines (both accepted and rejected) – derived from line level
- Billing Provider NPI – header level
- Rendering Provider NPI, if applicable – header level
- Payer ID\*\*\* – header level

**When a *replacement* EDR is submitted, the system will check the following 7 key fields to ensure that the replacement EDR is for the EDR to be replaced**

- Linked Internal Control Number (ICN) – header level
- Beneficiary Identifier\* – header level
- Beneficiary Last Name\*\* (first 5 characters) – header level
- Beneficiary First Name\*\* (first character) – header level
- Place of Service (PROF, DME) or Type of Bill (INST) – header level
- Billing Provider NPI – header level
- Payer ID\*\*\* – header level

\* Please note the Encounter Data System will accept either the HICN or the MBI on the replacement or void record; this field does not need to match what was submitted on the original record

\*\* As of February 19, 2021, validation of Beneficiary First Name and Last Name fields are matched with the names as of the DOS, or with any of the names from the history of names associated with that beneficiary.

\*\*\* Payer ID is derived by the Front End System and populated from ISA08 – Interchange Receiver ID.