

AetInfo's Standard Universal Files

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Purpose: We want to update you about format, content and/or documentation changes in the standard AetInfo® Universal Files. The scope of this communication is global, and the subject matter is generic. It does not include references to individual customers or customized file formats.

This update includes information that may require you to revise your intake/load program. If you have questions about these changes (or about other aspects of U Files), please contact any of the AetInfo contacts listed in this document.

Additions/Changes to CONTENT since Last Update: Universal Medical-Dental file

Two new fields have been added to the Universal Medical Dental file. Effective May 26, 2008, the file will include Billed Eligible Amount and Servicing Provider Class Code.

Billed Eligible Amount will be Field #123, and found at positions 1130 through 1139. The data type is 10.2, implied decimal. The Billed Eligible Amount is defined simply as "the sum of Covered Amount (field #91) plus Savings-Negotiated Fee Amount (field #104) plus Savings - R&C (field #105)."

The purpose of the field is to enable users to more easily define the amount of billed charges that were eligible for benefits adjudication under the plan, prior to the application of negotiated fees and contractually defined "reasonable and customary fee" provisions, without having to add an additional calculation step to their intake logic.

Servicing Provider Class Code will be Field #124, found at positions 1141 through 1143. This is a 3-byte character field that contains code values that can be used to classify providers into commonly used business entities, for reporting and analysis purposes.

The record layout for the Universal Medical/Dental file was not expanded for these additions; existing filler space was used. The updated Data Dictionary and Record Layout, showing the two new fields, has been published on our documentation web page at <http://www.aetna.com/info/aetinfo/>

Any additional plans for possible changes in 2008 will be announced as they develop. We will keep you apprised of our plans and provide sufficient advance notice before introducing a material modification.

Additions/Changes to CONTENT since Last Update: Capitation Payments file

Three data fields are being added to existing filler space on AetInfo's 300 byte Capitation Payment File. The new fields are:

Adjustment Cycle Date @ position 154
Member Transaction Effective Date @ position 163
Capitation Payment Specialty Code @ 252

These new data elements are scheduled to be available on all files produced on or after May 1, 2008.

The updated record layout, including the three new fields, will be published on this web site as soon as all programs have been moved to the production environment and we have verified the success of that migration.

Contacts: Below are the primary contacts for U File questions. All work in the Plan Sponsor Information Services group within AetInfo.

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