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Introduction

The ASC X12N 270/271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response transaction is used to verify patient eligibility information of Medi-Cal recipients. This transaction takes place electronically through a Leased Line, Direct Data Connection (DDC), Switch or Third Party Vendor, etc. Testing of the 270 eligibility transaction is **mandatory**, whether for the first time or to upgrade to a new format such as 4010A1 to 5010. This document contains all the information needed by a provider or vendor (submitter) to prepare, submit and evaluate a test transaction using either a National Provider Identifier (NPI) or a Medi-Cal provider number (for atypical providers). The successful completion of this test transaction is mandatory. Once completed, the Real-Time Internet Eligibility (RTIE) application will be available to submit production 270 Eligibility Benefit Inquiry transactions.

Why the Test Transaction Is Needed

Each submitter must know how to create valid transactions per the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards; therefore, Medi-Cal requires that each submitter test for structure and content (the basic common data elements). Each submitter will need to pass this test successfully, which may require several iterations of the test before a successful response is returned.

Test Process Requirements

For a provider or vendor to be activated for submitting 270 real-time eligibility transactions, the provider or vendor must complete and obtain approval for two agreements: the *Medi-Cal Telecommunications Provider and Biller Application/Agreement* (DHCS 6153) and the *Medi-Cal Point of Service (POS) Network/Internet Agreement* (PROPubs 11/11). The provider or vendor can download these forms from the [Forms](#) page on the Medi-Cal website (www.medi-cal.ca.gov).

If the provider or vendor has completed the above referenced applications and been approved for electronic submission, then the provider or vendor will have been assigned a Submitter Number (ID) of three characters (such as "1JV"). Providers also have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) or Legacy Provider Number (if an atypical provider).

- A new Submitter ID is not necessary to upgrade from one version to another, therefore, a provider or vendor can use their current Submitter ID to test for a new transaction version, such as 4010A1 to 5010.
- If the provider or vendor already has a Submitter ID, an approved *Medi-Cal Point of Service (POS) Network/Internet Agreement* (PROPubs 11/11) will also be necessary to submit transactions through the Medi-Cal website.
- The provider or vendor can then submit the set of pre-defined test cases using software that has been validated and authorized by the POS/Internet Help Desk.

When the provider or vendor is ready to test, transactions will be submitted using the pre-defined test cases described in this document. There is a series of tests for Eligibility, Share of Cost (SOC) and Spend Down/Reversal transactions. The software will be approved **only** for those transactions that have been successfully tested. A test response will be returned for each test case transaction. For Eligibility, SOC and Spend Down/Reversal test verification, the provider number is used as the key.

Software Validation Process

Software developers interested in validating their software must contact the POS/Internet Help Desk by calling the Telephone Service Center (TSC) at 1-800-541-5555 (border providers and out-of-state billers billing for in-state providers, call [916] 636-1200) and selecting the option for Technical Help Desk, then the option for POS/Internet Help Desk, and finally, the option for submitter. The software developer will need to supply the POS/Internet Help Desk with a four-character version number, which, in combination with the Submitter ID, will be the PC/POS version number used in all transactions submitted to the POS Network. The POS/Internet Help Desk will verify this number to ensure the software has been validated and is authorized to submit transactions. Prior to testing each new software release/upgrade, the developer must notify the POS/Internet Help Desk of the new four-character version number for that software.

The POS/Internet Help Desk will receive a comparison report of all the software test transactions submitted the previous day. If all fields pass the edits, the POS/Internet Help Desk will update its database, allowing the software to be used within the POS Network. Test submitters will be notified of results by phone (based on the contact number on file) by the POS/Internet Help Desk.

Pre-defined Test Cases for 270/271 Transmissions in the ASC X12N Format

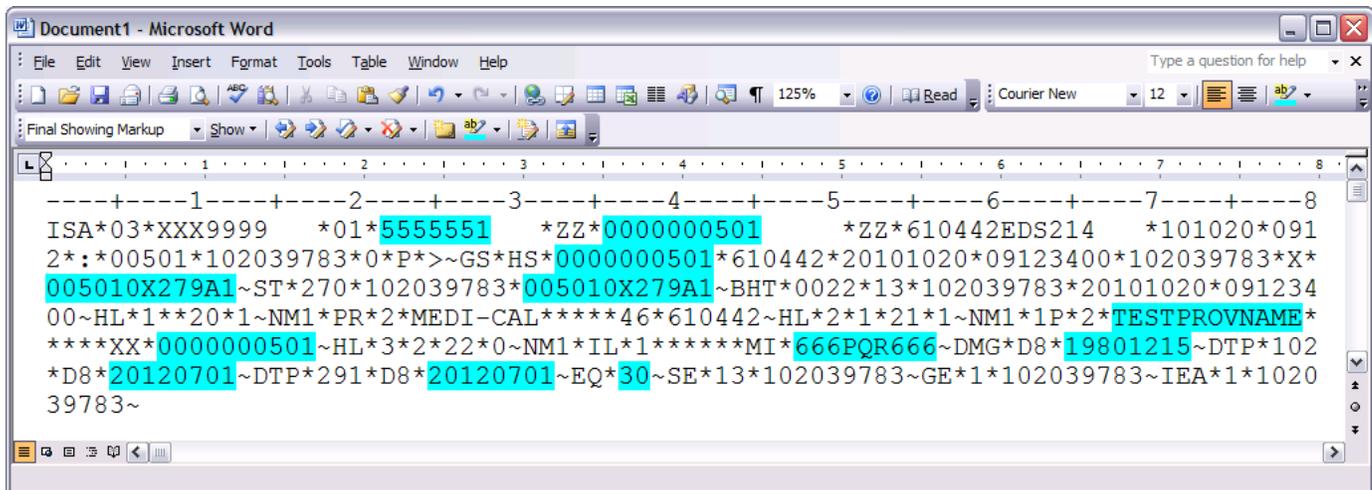
These are the test data that must be used for testing of the ASC X12N 5010 format for the 270/271 eligibility and response transaction using a Medi-Cal Legacy Provider Number or NPI. An example follows this table.

Note: Do not use a caret “^” as a separator/delimiter for leased line transactions. The pipe “|” for ISA11 has been changed to a colon “:.” In addition, the caret for ISA 16 has been changed to a greater than sign “>”. The sample test data in this document includes these changes. The caret gets translated to a not sign “¬” and the translator does not like the pipe, which will stop the transaction from processing correctly.

1. Eligibility Inquiry Test Data

Data Element	Name	Data Value
ISA02	Submitter ID & Software Version Number	Your 3-byte Submitter ID & 4-byte Software Version Number
ISA04	Password	5555551
ISA06	Provider Number	PROV00050 or 0000000501
GS08	Version/Release/Industry Identifier Code	005010X279A1
ST03	Implementation Convention Reference	005010X279A1
2100B/NM103	Provider Name	TESTPROVNAME
2100B/NM109	Provider Number	PROV00050 or 0000000501
2100C/NM109	Subscriber ID	666PQR666
DMG02	Birth Date	19801215
First DTP01	Date Qualifier	102
First DTP02	Issue Date	20120701
Second DTP01	Date Qualifier	291
Second DTP02	Service Date	20120701
EQ01	Service Type Code	30

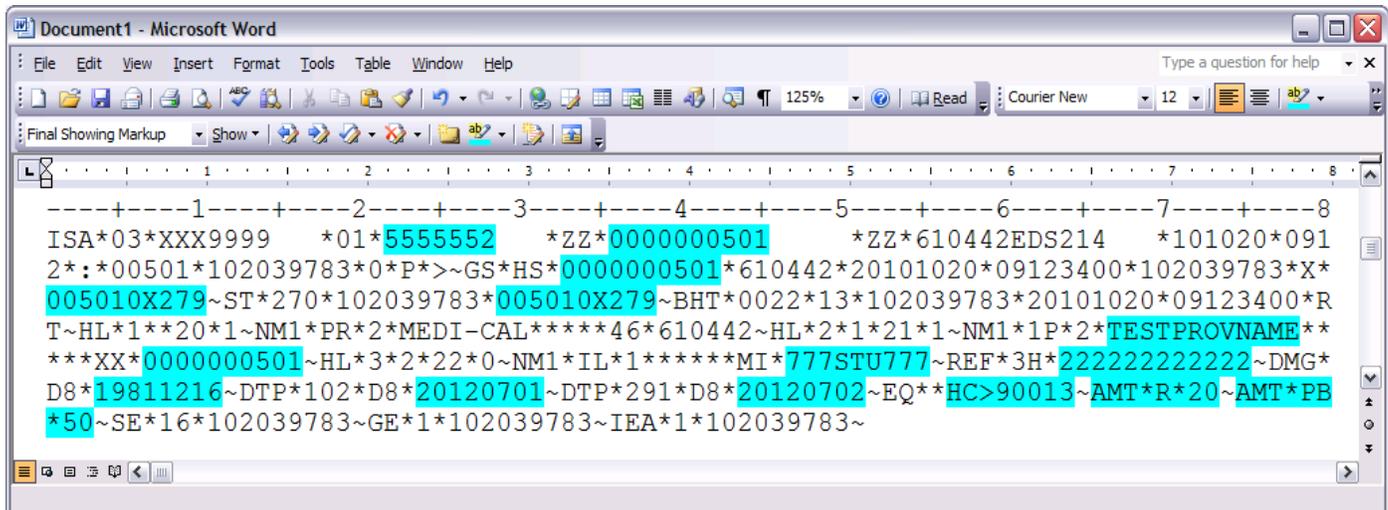
Example of Eligibility Inquiry Test Data:



2. Share of Cost (Spend Down) Test Data

Data Element	Name	Data Value
ISA02	Submitter ID & Software Version Number	Your 3-byte Submitter ID & 4-byte Software Version Number
ISA04	Password	555552
ISA06	Provider Number	PROV00050 or 0000000501
GS08	Version/Release/Industry Identifier Code	005010X279
BHT03	Submitter Transaction Identifier	Your Identifier
ST03	Implementation Convention Reference	005010X279
2100B/NM103	Provider Name	TESTPROVNAME
2100B/NM109	Provider Number	PROV00050 or 0000000501
2100C/NM109	Subscriber ID	777STU777
2100C/REF01	Reference ID Qualifier	3H
2100C/REF02	Case Number	222222222222
DMG02	Birth Date	19811216
First DTP01	Date Qualifier	102
First DTP02	Issue Date	20120701
Second DTP01	Date Qualifier	291
Second DTP02	Service Date	20120702
EQ02	Procedure Code	90013
First AMT01	Amount Qualifier Code	R
First AMT02	Spend Down Amount	20 (20 dollars)
Second AMT01	Amount Qualifier Code	PB
Second AMT02	Spend Down Total Billed Amount	50 (50 dollars)

Example of Share of Cost/Spend Down Test Data:



3. Share of Cost (Spend Down) Reversal Test Data

Data Element	Name	Data Value
ISA02	Submitter ID & Software Version Number	Your 3-byte Submitter ID & 4-byte Software Version Number
ISA04	Password	5555553
ISA06	Provider Number	PROV00050 or 0000000501
GS08	Version/Release/Industry Identifier Code	005010X279
BHT03	Submitter Transaction Identifier	Your Identifier
ST03	Implementation Convention Reference	005010X279
2100B/NM103	Provider Name	TESTPROVNAME
2100B/NM109	Provider Number	PROV00050 or 0000000501
2100C/NM109	Subscriber ID	888VWX888
2100C/REF01	Reference ID Qualifier	3H
2100C/REF02	Case Number	333333333333
DMG02	Birth Date	19821217
First DTP01	Date Qualifier	102
First DTP02	Issue Date	20120701
Second DTP01	Date Qualifier	291
Second DTP02	Service Date	20120703
EQ02	Procedure Code	A5000
First AMT01	Amount Qualifier Code	R
First AMT02	Spend Down Amount	20 (20 dollars)
Second AMT01	Amount Qualifier Code	PB
Second AMT02	Spend Down Total Billed Amount	50 (50 dollars)

Example of Share of Cost/Spend-Down Reversal Test Data:

