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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. Testing of the 270 transaction is mandatory for the first. This document contains the information needed by a provider or submitter to prepare, submit, and evaluate a test transaction using a National Provider Identifier (NPI), a Submitter ID 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 provider or 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 provider or 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 submitter to be activated to submit 270 eligibility transactions, the provider or submitter must complete and obtain approval for two agreements: a *Medi-Cal Telecommunications Provider and Biller Application/Agreement* (DHCS 6153) and a *Medi-Cal Point of Service (POS) Network/Internet Agreement*. The provider or submitter can download these forms from the [Forms](#) page and the [Transaction Enrollment Requirements](#) page are on the Medi-Cal Provider website (www.medi-cal.ca.gov).

If the provider or submitter has completed the above referenced applications and been approved for electronic submission, then the provider or submitter 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).

- If the provider or submitter already has a Submitter ID, it will also be necessary to have an approved Medi-Cal Point of Service (POS) Network/Internet Agreement to submit transactions through the Medi-Cal Provider website.
- The provider or submitter can then submit the set of pre-defined test cases using software that has been validated and authorized by the POS/Internet Help Desk

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When the provider or submitter 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 and 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 and 271 eligibility inquiry and 271 eligibility response transactions using a Submitter ID, NPI or Medi-Cal Legacy Provider Number. 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.

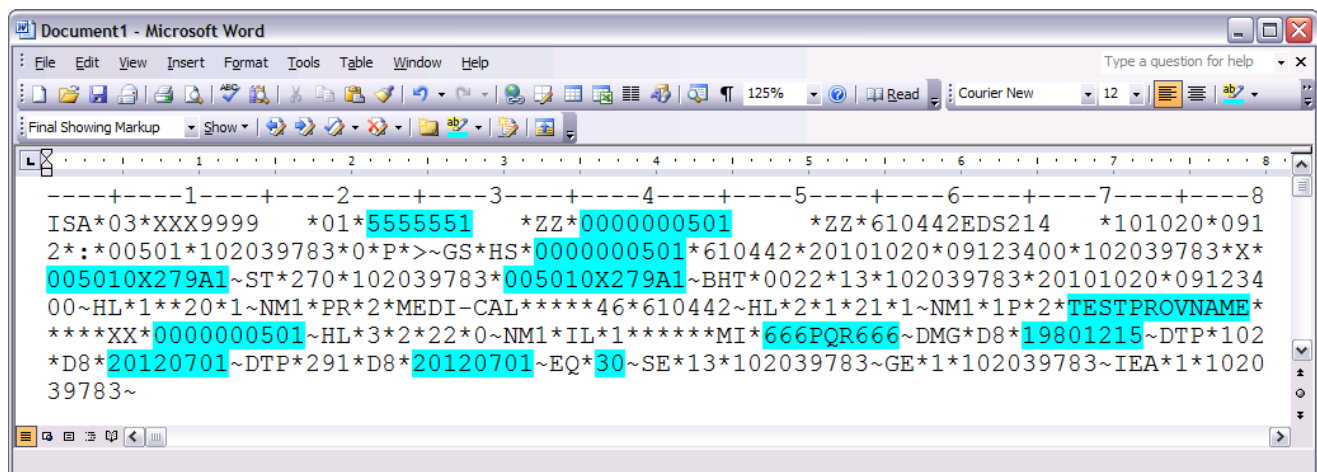
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1. Eligibility Inquiry Test Data

| Data Element Information | Reference ID | Value |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| ISA02 | Submitter ID & Software Version Number | Your 3-byte Submitter ID & 4-byte Software Version Number |
| ISA04 | Password | N/A |
| 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:



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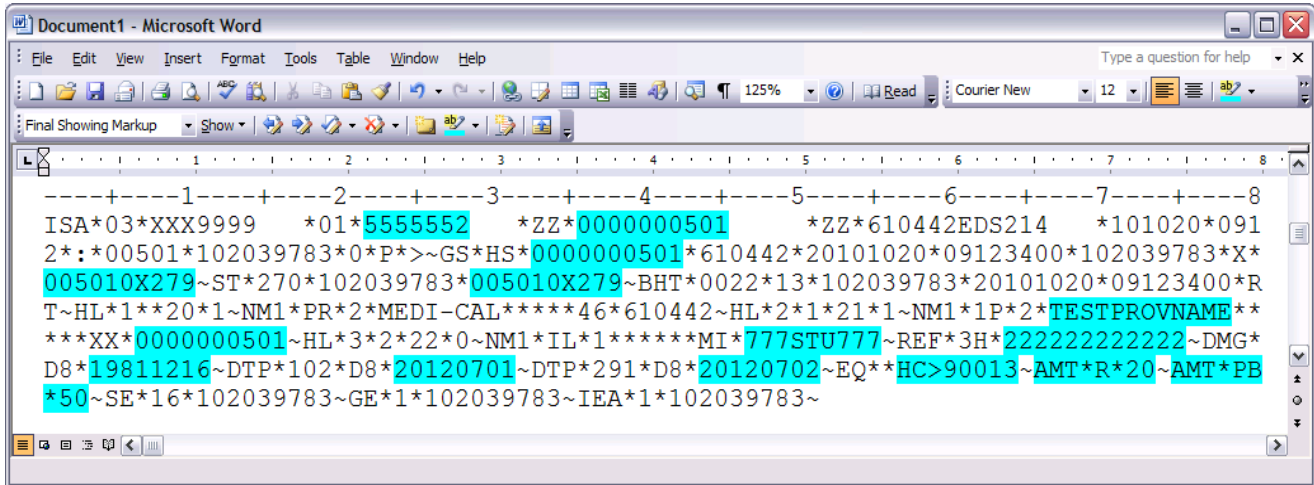
2. Share of Cost (Spend Down) Test Data

| Data Element Information | Reference ID | Value |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| ISA02 | Submitter ID & Software Version Number | Your 3-byte Submitter ID & 4-byte Software Version Number |
| ISA04 | Password | N/A |
| ISA06 | Provider Number | PROV00050 or 0000000501 |
| GS08 | Version/Release/Industry Identifier Code | 005010X279, 005010X279A1 |
| BHT03 | Submitter Transaction Identifier | Your Identifier |
| BHT06 | Transaction Type Code | RT |
| ST03 | Implementation Convention Reference | 005010X279, 005010X279A1 |
| 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 | N/A |
| 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 | N/A |
| 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) |

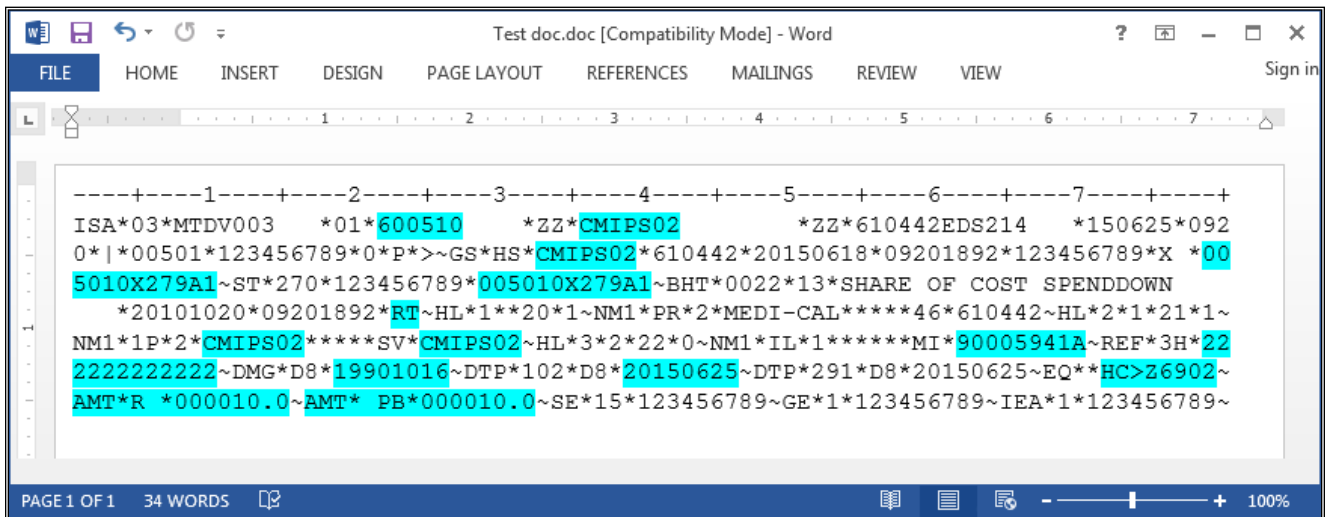
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Example of Share of Cost/Spend Down Test Data using version 005010X279



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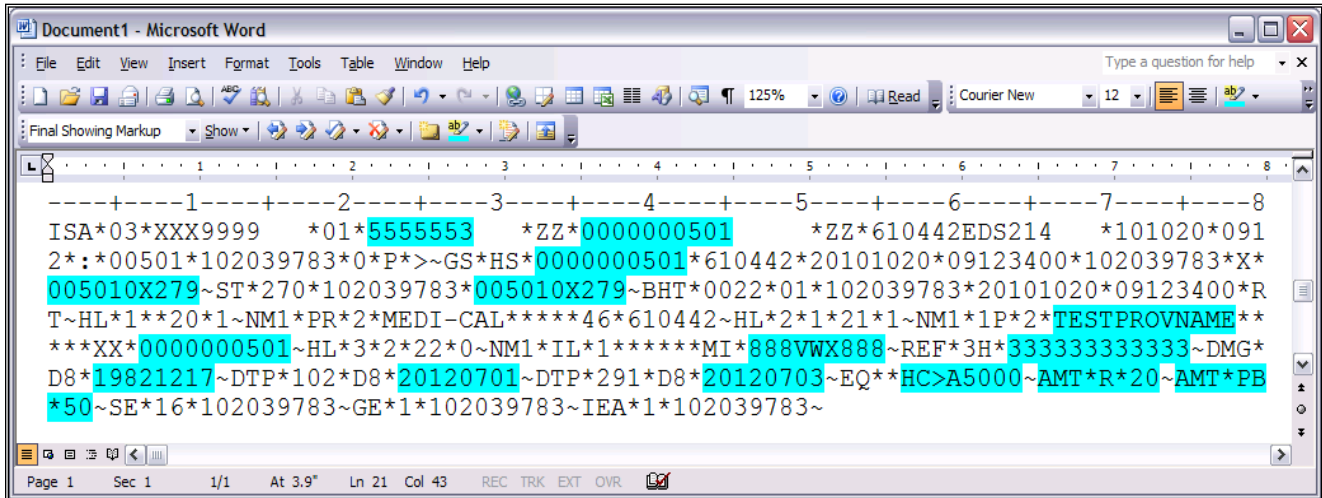
3. Share of Cost (Spend Down) Reversal Test Data

| Data Element Information | Reference ID | Value |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| ISA02 | Submitter ID & Software Version Number | Your 3-byte Submitter ID & 4-byte Software Version Number |
| ISA04 | Password | N/A |
| ISA06 | Provider Number | PROV00050 or 0000000501 |
| GS08 | Version/Release/Industry Identifier Code | 005010X279, 005010X279A1 |
| BHT03 | Submitter Transaction Identifier | Your Identifier |
| BHT06 | Transaction Type Code | RT |
| ST03 | Implementation Convention Reference | 005010X279, 005010X279A1 |
| 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 | N/A |
| 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 | N/A |
| 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) |

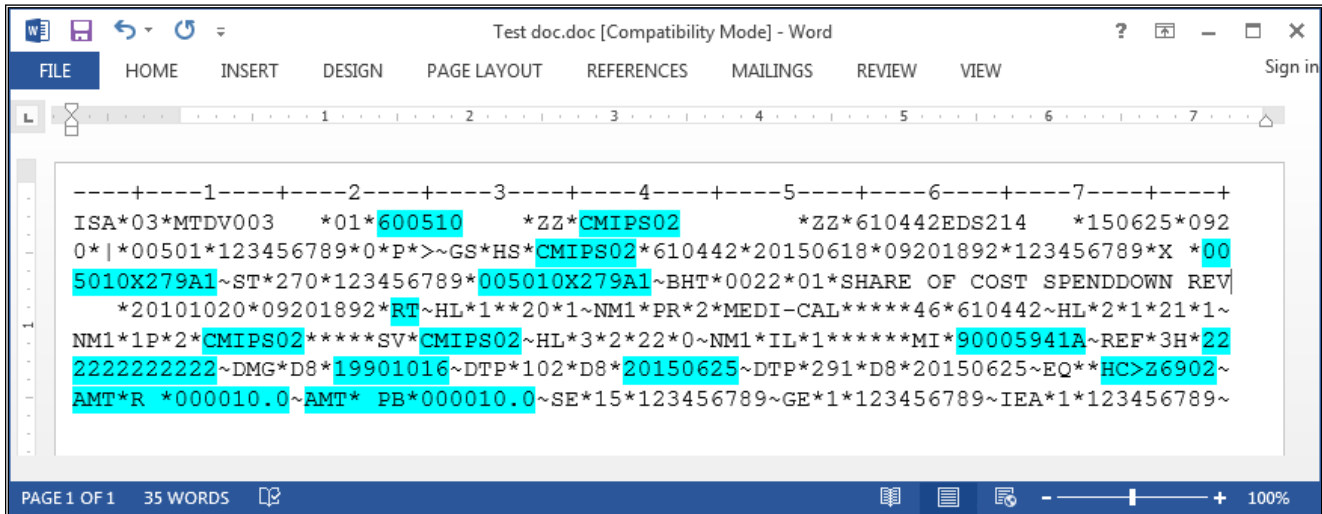
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Example of Share of Cost/Spend-Down Reversal Test Data for version 005010X279:



Example of Share of Cost/Spend-Down Reversal Test Data for version 005010X279A1:



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