



Bureau of TennCare Policy Manual

Policy No: BTC-Pol-ENC-200610-001	
Subject: Required Encounter Information Submitted to TennCare	
Approval: Encounter Data Policy Workgroup	Date: 4/10/2009

PURPOSE OF POLICY STATEMENT: To clarify TennCare's position regarding the required data for submission on encounter claims.

POLICY:

TennCare requires all claim encounters received to contain reasonable data elements as defined in the X12 or NCPDP Implementation Guide and by appropriate National Standards Committees; i.e., NUBC, NUCC, ADA, and NCPDP. TennCare provides Companion Guides to assist with the interpretation of these requirements plus the addition of the TennCare unique required data.

If required data is not received the claims will be returned to the MCC which will result in a contract violation. TennCare requires the MCC to either go back to the provider for the information or get the data from the MCC database files as appropriate.

PROCEDURES:

Edits exist within the TennCare system to ensure encounters are in compliance (included but not limited to Edifecs, Sybase, and interChange) with TennCare standards.

DEFINITIONS:

NUBC – National Uniform Billing Committee

NUCC – National Uniform Claim Committee

ADA – American Dental Association

NCPDP – National Council for Prescription Drug Programs

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:

Draft BTC-Pol- Enc-200610-001

UB04 - Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 25

CMS-1500 - Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 26

ADA – American Dental Association Manual

NCPDP Standards

TennCare Companion Guides

OFFICES OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:

- TennCare IS Division—to ensure that encounters are submitted to TennCare in the approved format
- Information Systems Management Contractor – to process encounters through the TCMIS
- MCCs - to follow transaction requirements