

CMS-1500 Form (08/05) —Frequently Omitted Information That Delays Claim Payment

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Claims that are missing the following information will be rejected and returned for additional information. The following fields are required:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Alpha Prefix/identification number ■ Insured's policy group number ■ Onset date ■ Physician's and/or supplier's name, address, telephone number and National Provider Identifier (NPI) number 		
CMS-1500 Form Field:	Description:	Guidelines:
1a	Insured's Alpha Prefix and Identification number	The alpha prefix identifies the member's Plan or national Account. The number following the alpha prefix identifies the member. The 3 letter alpha prefix and member identification number are key to identifying and correctly routing BlueCard claims.
11	Insured's Policy Group Number	All Illinois insurance ID cards have group numbers which are needed for all Illinois claims. Illinois claim adjudication is driven by the Group Number. Note: Some out-of-state BCBS identification cards do not have group numbers. In such cases you may eliminate the group number, but it is essential to include the alpha prefix in field 1a.
14	Date of current: Illness (first symptom) or injury (accident) or pregnancy (LMP)	Enter the onset date of illness, injury or pregnancy. If you do not know the onset date, enter the first treatment date. BCBSIL will adjudicate pre-existing conditions based on the information submitted on the claim form. When this information is missing, the claim will be denied and a letter will be sent requesting the information.*
33a	Enter the 10-digit NPI number of the billing provider.	This information is needed for reimbursement. If this information is omitted, payment may go to an incorrect provider or to the member.

*This does not apply to HMOI and BlueAdvantage HMO. Neither benefit plans have a pre-existing waiting period.

Note: Electronic submitters should refer to the ANSI 837P Implementation Guide for the appropriate Loops and Segments. Direct Data Entry (DDE) and Provider Terminal System (PTS) submitters should refer to the appropriate screen format.