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CMS Releases Alert for Reporting Multiple Total Payment Obligation to the Claimant (TPOC) Amounts for Liability Insurance (including Self-Insurance), No-Fault and Workers' Compensation

On April 7, 2009, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released an alert which provides information regarding how Responsible Reporting Entities (RREs) will report multiple total payment obligations to the claimant (TPOC) amounts. To review the complete document, visit the Mandatory Insurer Reporting section of the CMS website at <https://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep>. This information will be added to the next version of the Mandatory Insurer Reporting (MIR) User Guide.

CMS has removed the Action Type 3—update for additional, separate TPOC report—from field 3 of the Claim Input File Detail Record. Instead, CMS has provided four additional TPOC amount and corresponding date fields to the end of the Claim Input Auxiliary Record. CMS has added an additional date field to document when the funding of a TPOC is delayed beyond the TPOC start date. The RRE should provide the estimated or actual date of the funding if it is after the date reported to CMS as the TPOC date.

The first TPOC amount and date should be listed on the Claim Input File Detail Record in fields 100-102. Any subsequent TPOC should be listed in the first available position in the Claim Input Auxiliary Record.

RREs only need to report the Auxiliary record if there is more than one distinct TPOC to report for the claim or if there is additional claimant information to report in the event of a Medicare beneficiary's death. Once the RRE has submitted an Auxiliary record for a claim report, the RRE must continue to include the Auxiliary record on all subsequent update and delete transactions for that claim.

To correct a previously submitted TPOC amount or date, the RRE should submit an update transaction and place the corrected TPOC date or amount in the same field it was reported previously (overlying the incorrect information). All other TPOCs reported for that claim should remain in their original locations with their original values.

If an RRE has reported multiple TPOCs and following submission determines one of the TPOCs was erroneously reported, the RRE should submit an update transaction and place zeros in the fields for TPOC date and amount which was erroneous. The other TPOCs reported will be retained as submitted. Subsequent submissions for the claim should continue to preserve the positional nature of these fields and the TPOC date and amount should continue to be reported as zeros.



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If more than five TPOCs need to be reported for a single claim, CMS has advised the RRE to contact their assigned EDI Representative for assistance.

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