

Companion Document For
ANSI ASC X12N 271 4010A1 (Health Care Eligibility Benefits) Response
From Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama
(Dental, Institutional, and Professional)
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The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires all health insurance payers in the United States, comply with the EDI standards for healthcare as established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The ANSI ASC X12N 270 implementation guides have been established
as the standards of compliance for eligibility benefits transactions.

The implementation guides for each transaction are available electronically at www.wpc-edi.com.

The following information is intended to serve only as a companion document to the HIPAA ANSI ASC X12N 271 implementation guides. The table contains specific requirements to be used for processing data in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama professional, dental, and institutional claims processing system.

The use of this document is solely for the purpose of clarification. This document, supplements,
but does not contradict any requirements in the ANSI ASC X12N implementation guides.
Additional companion documents are available for use with other HIPAA standards.

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1.	----	----	271 transactions will contain only upper case characters.
2.	----	----	271 transactions may contain any character from the basic character set as defined in Appendix A of the 271 Professional Implementation Guide. In addition to the basic character set, there may also be the '@' symbol from the extended character set.
3.	----	----	271 transactions utilize the ~ (tilde) character as the segment terminator, the * (asterisk) character as the data element separator, and the : (colon) character as the component element separator.
4.	----	----	Blue Cross will only create one transaction type (records group) per interchange (transmission); and only one GS-GE (Functional Group) within an ISA-IEA (Interchange).
5.	----	----	Blue Cross may create multiple transaction sets per functional group; multiple ST-SE (Transaction Sets) within a GS-GE (Functional Group).
6.	----	----	Compression of files is supported for transmissions between the submitter and Blue Cross. Any compression software compatible with PKZIP by PKWARE, Inc. is supported.
7.	----	Interchange Control Header	<p>For Institutional responses 00010 plus 10 spaces (to meet the minimum/maximum data element requirement of 15 bytes) will be in ISA06 as the Interchange Sender ID.</p> <p>For Dental responses 00510DN plus 8 spaces (to meet the minimum/maximum data element requirement of 15 bytes) will be in ISA06 as the Interchange Sender ID.</p> <p>For Professional responses 00510BS plus 8 spaces (to meet the minimum/maximum data element requirement of 15 bytes) will be in ISA06 as the Interchange Sender ID.</p>
8.	----	Interchange Control Header	<p>For Institutional responses your 10-digit Billing NPI followed by 5 spaces (to meet the minimum/maximum data element requirement of 15 bytes) will be in ISA08 as the Interchange Receiver ID.</p> <p>For Professional responses your 10-digit Rendering NPI followed by 5 spaces (to meet the minimum/maximum data element requirement of 15 bytes) will be in ISA08 as the Interchange Receiver ID.</p>

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9.	-----	Interchange Control Header	ISA14 (Acknowledgement Requested) will be 0 (zero).
10.	-----	Functional Group Header	GS02 (Application Sender's Code) will be 00010 for Institutional responses, 00510DN for Dental responses and 00510BS for Professional responses.
11.	-----	Functional Group Header	For Institutional responses your 10-digit Billing NPI will be in GS03 (Application Receiver Code). For Professional responses your 10-digit Rendering NPI will be in GS03.
12.	-----	Functional Group Header	GS05 (Time) will be formatted as HHMMSSDD.
13.	2100B	Information Receiver Name	XX in NM108 (ID Code Qualifier). For Institutional responses the 10-digit Billing NPI will be in the NM109 (ID Code). For Professional or Dental responses the 10-digit Rendering NPI will be in the NM109 (ID Code).
14.	2100C	Subscriber Additional Identification	F6 in REF01 (Reference Identification Qualifier).