

## HELPFUL ANSI SUBMISSION INFORMATION

THE ISA SEGMENT IS THE ONLY SEGMENT IN ANSI X12N THAT HAS A FIXED LENGTH. IT IS 105 BYTES LONG (106 INCLUDING SEGMENT TERMINATOR). REFERENCE ASC X12N 837 IMPLEMENTATION GUIDES FOR FORMAT AND DATA ELEMENT DETAIL.

BELOW YOU WILL FIND BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF ALABAMA IDENTIFIERS FOR THE ISA AND GS SEGMENTS. YOU MUST USE THE BELOW IDENTIFIERS IN THE APPROPRIATE SEGMENT/DATA ELEMENT LISTED:

<u>SEGMENT</u>	<u>DATA ELEMENT DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>DATA ELEMENT NAME</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>MIN/MAX CONTENT</u>
ISA	06	INTERCHANGE SENDER ID	15/15	THE 8-CHARACTER CLIENTID ASSIGNED BY BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF ALABAMA (8-CHARACTER FOLLOWED BY 7 SPACES TO MEET THE MINIMUM/MAXIMUM DATA ELEMENT REQUIREMENT OF 15 BYTES)
ISA	08	INTERCHANGE RECEIVER ID	15/15	00010BC (FOR BLUE CROSS - ALABAMA) 00510BS (FOR BLUE SHIELD - ALABAMA) 00510DN (FOR DENTAL - ALABAMA) (LEFT JUSTIFY AND FOLLOW WITH 8 SPACES FOR MINIMUM/ MAXIMUM DATA ELEMENT LENGTH OF 15 BYTES)
GS	02	APPLICATION SENDER'S CODE	2/15	THE 8-CHARACTER CLIENTID ASSIGNED BY BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF ALABAMA
GS	03	APPLICATION RECEIVER'S CODE	2/15	00010BC (FOR BLUE CROSS- ALABAMA) 00510BS (FOR BLUE SHIELD- ALABAMA) 00510DN (FOR DENTAL- ALABAMA)

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### Example ISA and GS Segments:

837 Professional Blue Shield Claim Submission for Alabama:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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ISA*00*		*00*		*ZZ*ABCTEST1		*ZZ*00510BS		*010509*0930*U*00401*	123456789*0*	T*::~~

Example GS for above ISA segment:

GS\*HC\*ABCTEST1\*00510BS\*010509\*0930\*1\*X\*004010X098~

837 Professional Dental Claim Submission for Alabama:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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ISA*00*		*00*		*ZZ*ABCTEST1		*ZZ*00512DN		*010509*0930*U*00401*	123456789*0*	T*::~~

Example GS for above ISA segment:

GS\*HC\*ABCTEST1\*00512DN\*010509\*0930\*1\*X\*004010X097~

837 Institutional Blue Cross Claim Submission for Alabama:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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ISA*00*		*00*		*ZZ*ABCTEST1		*ZZ*00010BC		*010509*0930*U*00401*	123456789*0*	T*::~~

Example GS for above ISA segment:

GS\*HC\*ABCTEST1\*00010BC\*010509\*0930\*1\*X\*004010X096~

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An **Implementation Guide** is a set of standards developed by the ANSI X12N sub-committee to specify format and data requirements to be used for the electronic transactions named in the HIPAA Transactions and Code Sets Final Rule. These guides are available to download, free of charge, at [www.wpc-edi.com](http://www.wpc-edi.com).

For detailed information on the intent, definitions, and concepts of the Standard, refer to Appendix A, **ASC X12 Nomenclature** within each of the three ANSI X12N 837 Implementation Guides (IG):

HEALTH CARE CLAIM: DENTAL

HEALTH CARE CLAIM: INSTITUTIONAL

HEALTH CARE CLAIM: PROFESSIONAL

Some of the other helpful Appendices within the IGs are:

- B.1 **Control Segments** – a segment that has the same structure as a data segment, but is used for transferring control information rather than application information.
- B.2 **The Functional Acknowledgement Transaction Set (997)** – this acknowledgement process facilitates control of EDI. It is the first response to receiving an 837 and informs the 837 submitter that the transmission arrived and if there were any syntactical errors.
- C **External Code Sources** – a code set is a group of codes with pre-defined meanings where only values from a named code set may be used in specific data elements. A code set may be controlled by X12 or by an independent industry group. The code sets controlled by X12 are included in the contents of the IG. The codes sets controlled by other groups are not within the IG and Appendix C lists the source information.