

Race Code Update “Z” Systems Notice

Date Issued: December 13, 2023

Purpose:

This communication pertains to a planned 834 file enhancement for the upcoming December 2023 CIS/eCIS Release to be implemented in Production over the weekend of 12/16/23.

Overview:

Currently, eCIS race codes '04 – Asian' and '07 – Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander' are both mapped and sent on the 834 Daily/Monthly files with an X12 race value of 'A' = Asian or Pacific Islander. Due to this mapping, MCOs are unable to differentiate the two groups and accurately report the Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander population for compliance with federal HEDIS performance measures.

Solution

With the upcoming 834 enhancement, eCIS race code '07 – Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander' will be mapped to HIPAA X12 race value 'Z' = Mutually Defined. The 'Z' value will be sent in the existing race code field – Loop 2100A Element DMG05 – as expected. The X12 race value 'A' will continue to be sent for individuals designated with a race code of '04 – Asian' in eCIS. Additional X12 race values 'B,' 'C,' 'I,' and '7' will also remain in use by DHS. This mapping change will allow the MCOs to delineate Asian versus Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander populations within their membership systems.

Timeline

This enhancement will be implemented in Production over the weekend of 12/16/23. DHS/MCO end-to-end testing will not occur for this change. MCOs may validate internally as needed.

MCO Impact

- MCO 834 processing systems should already be configured to receive X12 race value 'Z' – a valid value from the DMG05-1 code list.
- MCOs should define the 'Z' value as 'Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander' within their membership systems.
- MCOs may begin receiving the 'Z' value on 834 Daily files as of Monday, 12/18 (Julian date 352), if/when case or batch processing occurs for members designated as Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander in eCIS.
- The December 834 Monthly files (ETA 12/23) will reflect the 'Z' value for any members with a race code of '07 – Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander' in eCIS. MCOs should utilize the December 834 Monthly files to update demographic information for any existing members newly received on the audit files with the X12 'Z' value. This will allow the MCOs to identify their Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander populations.

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Resources

- PROMISe 834 Outbound Companion Guide V2.5 - posted to the HealthChoices Extranet. Please find specifications for Loop 2100A Element DMG05 on page 13.

If you have any questions, please contact RA-PWOMHSAS834ISSUES@pa.gov

Thank you,
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