

Real-Time Internet Eligibility Inquiry and Response Testing

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Introduction

The ASC X12N 270/271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response transaction is used to verify patient eligibility information of Medi-Cal recipients. Testing of the 270 transaction is mandatory for the first. This document contains the information needed by a provider or submitter to prepare, submit, and evaluate a test transaction using a National Provider Identifier (NPI), a Submitter ID or a Medi-Cal provider number (for atypical providers).

The successful completion of this test transaction is mandatory. Once completed, the Real-Time Internet Eligibility (RTIE) application will be available to submit production 270 Eligibility Benefit Inquiry transactions.

Why the Test Transaction Is Needed

Each provider or submitter must know how to create valid transactions per the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards; therefore, Medi-Cal requires that each submitter test for structure and content (the basic common data elements). Each provider or submitter will need to pass this test successfully, which may require several iterations of the test before a successful response is returned.

Test Process Requirements

For a provider or submitter to be activated to submit 270 eligibility transactions, the provider or submitter must complete registration and affiliation in the Medi-Cal Provider Portal.

If the provider or submitter has completed the above referenced applications and been approved for electronic submission, then the provider or submitter will have been assigned a Submitter Number (ID) of three characters (such as "1JV"). Providers also have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) or Legacy Provider Number (if an atypical provider).

- If the provider or submitter already has a Submitter ID, it will also be necessary to have an approved Medi-Cal Point of Service (POS) Network/Internet Agreement to submit transactions through the Medi-Cal Provider website.
- The provider or submitter can then submit the set of pre-defined test cases using software that has been validated and authorized by the POS/Internet Help Desk

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When the provider or submitter is ready to test, transactions will be submitted using the pre-defined test cases described in this document. There is a series of tests for Eligibility, Share of Cost (SOC) and Spend Down/Reversal transactions. The software will be approved only for those transactions that have been successfully tested. A test response will be returned for each test case transaction. For Eligibility, SOC and Spend Down/Reversal test verification, the provider number is used as the key.

Pre-defined Test Cases for 270 and 271 Transmissions in the ASC X12N Format

These are the test data that must be used for testing of the ASC X12N 5010 format for the 270 and 271 eligibility inquiry and 271 eligibility response transactions using a Submitter ID, NPI or Medi-Cal Legacy Provider Number. An example follows this table.

Note: Do not use a caret “^” as a separator/delimiter for leased line transactions. The pipe “|” for ISA11 has been changed to a colon “:”. In addition, the caret for ISA 16 has been changed to a greater than sign “>”. The sample test data in this document includes these changes. The caret gets translated to a not sign “¬” and the translator does not like the pipe, which will stop the transaction from processing correctly.

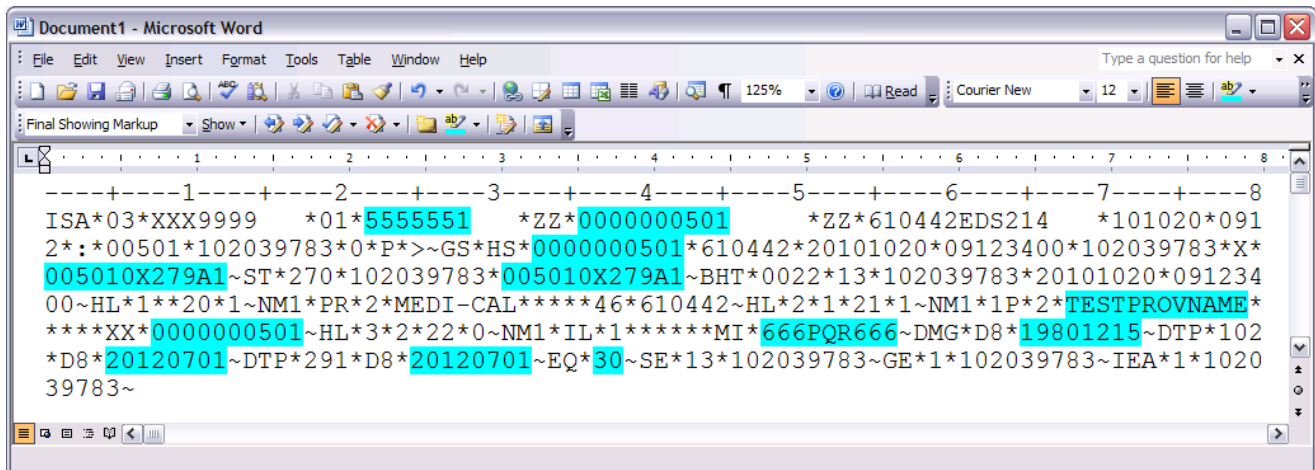
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1. Eligibility Inquiry Test Data

Data Element Information	Reference ID	Value
ISA02	Submitter ID & Software Version Number	Any alpha-numeric value with size of 10 bytes is allowed.
ISA04	Password	N/A
ISA06	Provider Number	PROV00050 or 0000000501
GS08	Version/Release/Industry Identifier Code	005010X279A1
ST03	Implementation Convention Reference	005010X279A1
2100B/NM103	Provider Name	TESTPROVNAME
2100B/NM109	Provider Number	PROV00050 or 0000000501
2100C/NM109	Subscriber ID	666PQR666
DMG02	Birth Date	19801215
First DTP01	Date Qualifier	102
First DTP02	Issue Date	20120701
Second DTP01	Date Qualifier	291
Second DTP02	Service Date	20120701
EQ01	Service Type Code	30

Example of Eligibility Inquiry Test Data:



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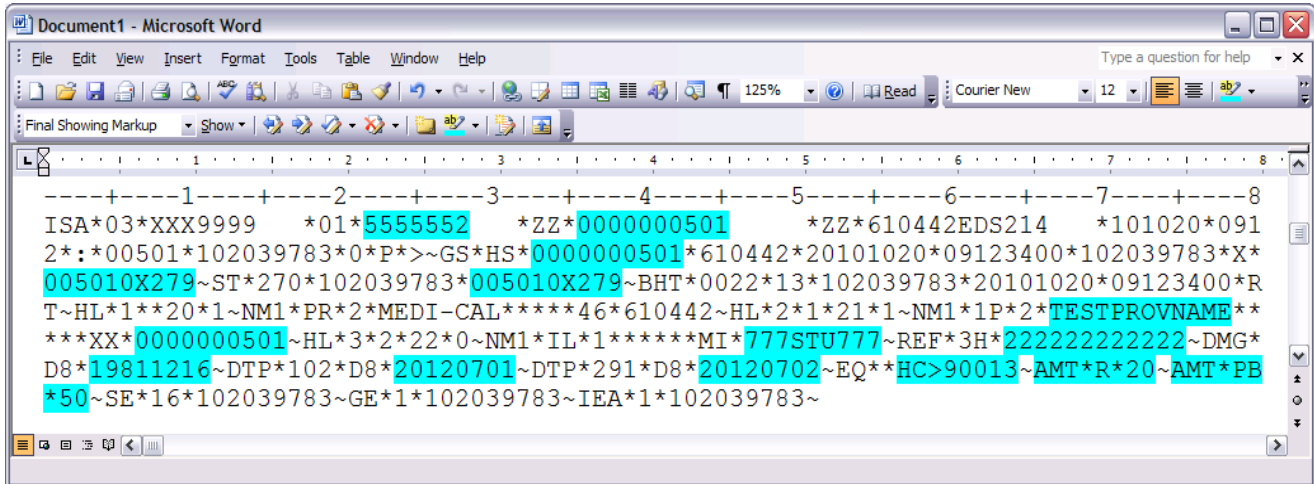
2. Share of Cost (Spend Down) Test Data

Data Element Information	Reference ID	Value
ISA02	Submitter ID & Software Version Number	Any alpha-numeric value with a size of 10 bytes is allowed.
ISA04	Password	N/A
ISA06	Provider Number	PROV00050 or 0000000501
GS08	Version/Release/Industry Identifier Code	005010X279, 005010X279A1
BHT03	Submitter Transaction Identifier	Your Identifier
BHT06	Transaction Type Code	RT
ST03	Implementation Convention Reference	005010X279, 005010X279A1
2100B/NM103	Provider Name	TESTPROVNAME
2100B/NM109	Provider Number	PROV00050 or 0000000501
2100C/NM109	Subscriber ID	777STU777
2100C/REF01	Reference ID Qualifier	3H
2100C/REF02	Case Number	N/A
DMG02	Birth Date	19811216
First DTP01	Date Qualifier	102
First DTP02	Issue Date	20120701
Second DTP01	Date Qualifier	291
Second DTP02	Service Date	20120702
EQ02	Procedure Code	N/A
First AMT01	Amount Qualifier Code	R
First AMT02	Spend Down Amount	20 (20 dollars)
Second AMT01	Amount Qualifier Code	PB
Second AMT02	Spend Down Total Billed Amount	50 (50 dollars)

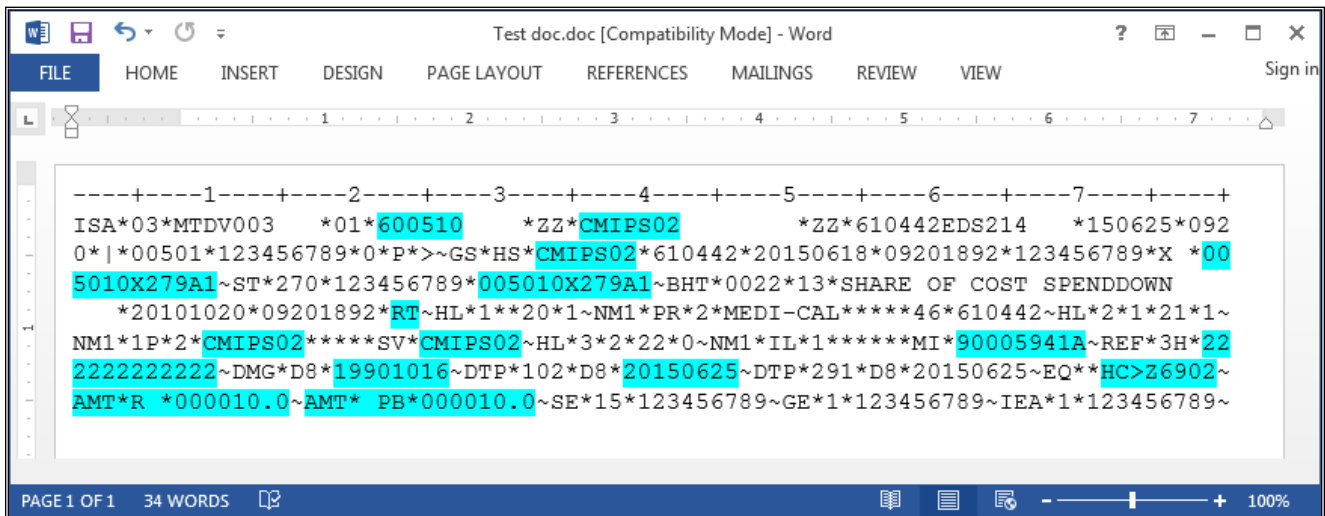
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Example of Share of Cost/Spend Down Test Data using version 005010X279



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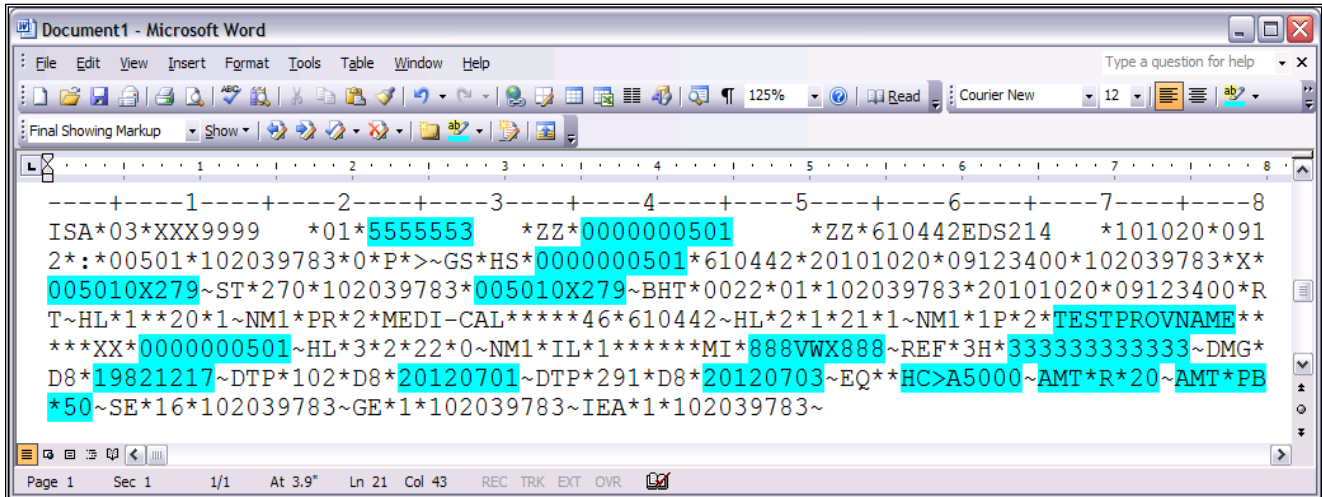
3. Share of Cost (Spend Down) Reversal Test Data

Data Element Information	Reference ID	Value
ISA02	Submitter ID & Software Version Number	Any alpha-numeric value with a size of 10 bytes is allowed.
ISA04	Password	N/A
ISA06	Provider Number	PROV00050 or 0000000501
GS08	Version/Release/Industry Identifier Code	005010X279, 005010X279A1
BHT03	Submitter Transaction Identifier	Your Identifier
BHT06	Transaction Type Code	RT
ST03	Implementation Convention Reference	005010X279, 005010X279A1
2100B/NM103	Provider Name	TESTPROVNAME
2100B/NM109	Provider Number	PROV00050 or 0000000501
2100C/NM109	Subscriber ID	888VWX888
2100C/REF01	Reference ID Qualifier	3H
2100C/REF02	Case Number	N/A
DMG02	Birth Date	19821217
First DTP01	Date Qualifier	102
First DTP02	Issue Date	20120701
Second DTP01	Date Qualifier	291
Second DTP02	Service Date	20120703
EQ02	Procedure Code	N/A
First AMT01	Amount Qualifier Code	R
First AMT02	Spend Down Amount	20 (20 dollars)
Second AMT01	Amount Qualifier Code	PB
Second AMT02	Spend Down Total Billed Amount	50 (50 dollars)

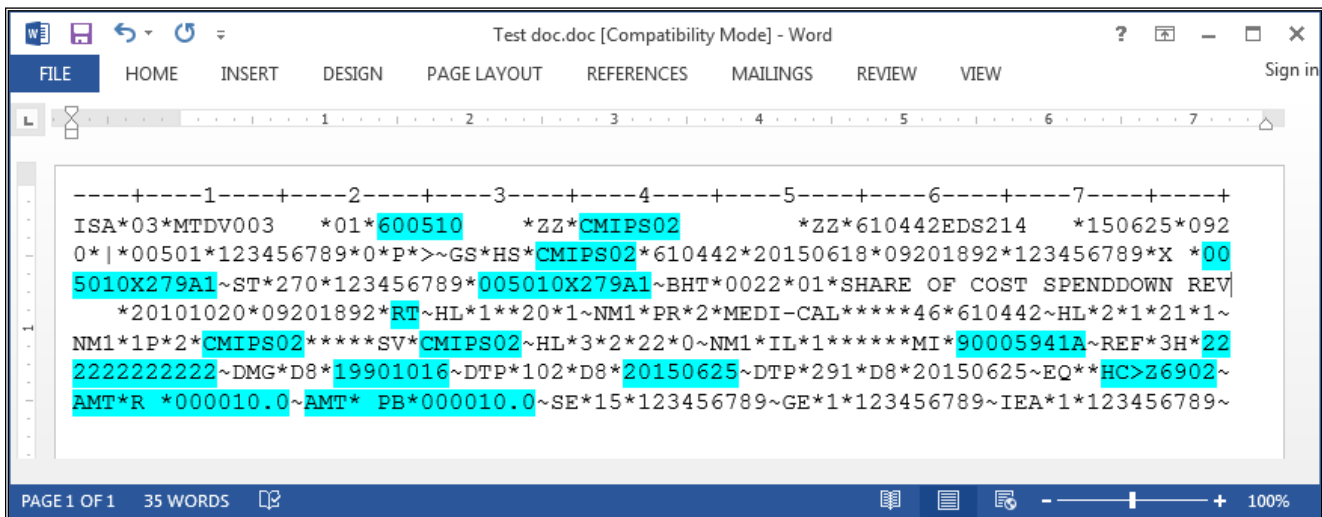
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Example of Share of Cost/Spend-Down Reversal Test Data for version 005010X279:



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Change Summary

Version Number	Date	Description	Notes/Comments
2.1.4	8/18/2021	Update to Make Formatting Consistent Across Multiple User Guides	N/A
2.1.5	04/13/2023	Update to align with Provider Portal changes	N/A
2.1.6	11/20/2024	SDN 23036	Updated DHCS logo