

Hot Off The Press

Additional (Secondary) Medical and Dental Carriers in Billing

Effective May 7, 2007, two significant changes have been made to the Billing System for reconciling monies sent to carriers. The medical and dental carriers shown on Billing Info Screen 118 have been changed to be more closely associated with the invoice, instead of always using the values shown on Benefit Maintenance Screen 106. This will seem transparent since in most cases the invoice carrier matches what is on Screen 106. The change includes both Medical and Dental carriers.

The second significant change is the addition of the ADDL SGIP fields to Screen 118. These correspond to the ADDL MED and ADDL DEN carriers.

Once the billing month-end process has enough money to pay the carriers, the amounts will be subtracted and the new additional carrier fields will be blanked out on Screen 118. The billing month-end process will always pay the current carrier before it determines if enough money is left to pay the additional carrier. The current carriers, and retiree and employer amounts due on screen 118, are updated monthly during creation of the regular monthly bills (job BILL0008).

A new error message was added to the Invoice Creation/Correction Screen 641. The message "1069 Update not allowed due to Carrier Reconciliation" appears when both the carrier and additional carrier have already been filled. The adjustment you are trying to enter must wait until after the creation of the regular monthly bills.

The monies associated with each carrier are detailed in files sent to FAMIS and used for the Reimbursement from the State for the Employer Contribution; 'BP7504 - Due to Carrier Report'; and 'BP7511 - Retiree Employer Contribution Report'.

To recap:

- Prior to May 7, 2007, all money (including SGIP) was sent to the current carriers shown on the Benefit Maintenance screen 106 (and concurrently on Billing Info screen 118) even if those amounts were due to additional carriers.
- SGIP due for additional medical & dental carriers have been added.
- Money due to additional carriers is sent to those carriers rather than to the current carriers.
- Carriers, retiree & employer amounts due on screen 118 are updated monthly during creation of the regular monthly bills (job BILL0008) rather than when the Benefit Maintenance screen 106 is updated. This more closely follows invoicing.

On the example screen 118 shown below:

- For medical coverage, \$50 of the \$150 available to pay amount is sent to medical carrier 61.
- Any SGIP due to carrier 61 would be sent as well.
- \$100 of the \$150 available to pay amount is sent to medical carrier 05.
- The \$300 SGIP for medical carrier 05 is sent since the employee amount due to carrier 05 is sent.
- For dental coverage, the available to pay amount of \$20 is exactly what is owed to dental carrier 03, so that money is sent to dental carrier 03.
- The \$30 SGIP is sent to dental carrier 03 since the employee amount is sent.
- No money is sent to dental carrier 04 because no more funds are available.
- No SGIP is sent to dental carrier 04 since no employee amount is sent.

Example of Additional Medical & Dental Carriers on Screen 118

(Note: Premium amounts shown are not actual premium amounts)

118 TAMUS B/P/P - Billing Info - Inquiry										05/11/07 15:10	
Screen: _____										D BPU0005 R003	
SSN: _____ Name: _____											
Bill Status D	Bill Addr	Med Carr 61	Den Carr 03	Percent Local							
Bank Draft	Acct	Change Date 05 14 2001									
Retiree WS											
Employer	Retiree										
Amt Due	Amt Due	Due	Fast	FYTD	FYTD	Available	Total				
Carrier	Carrier	Date	Due	Received	Carrier	To Pay	Owed				Monthly
						Carrier	Carrier				Bill
BL	2.85		05012007								
MED	200.00	50.00	05012007	550.00	400.00	150.00	-100.00				100.00
DEN	30.00	20.00	05012007	180.00	160.00	20.00					10.00
VIS											
OL			09011994								
ADD		1.68	05012007	15.12	13.44	1.68					1.68
LTD			09011994								
DL			09011994								
LTCE			09012001								
LTCB			09012001								
Total	232.85	71.68		745.12	573.44	171.68	-100.00				111.68
ADDL-MED	05	100.00	300.00	ADDL-DEN	04	10.00	30.00				

Carrier code Retiree amount due SGIP amount due Carrier code Retiree amount due SGIP amount due

Fields for Additional Medical Carrier Fields for Additional Dental Carrier

Reminders:

- The Total Owed Carrier is for the carriers indicated at the top of the screen, and does not include the amount for any additional carriers shown at the bottom of the screen.
- Total Owed Carrier is the amount still due from the retiree. It is calculated as the Retiree Amount Due Carrier less the Available to Pay Carrier.
- Additional carriers are paid only when funds are available to fully pay the carriers indicated at the top of the screen and then fully pay the additional amounts.
- The Due dates, and the deduct amounts in the monthly bill column, still come directly "live" from Benefit Maintenance screen 106.

Carriers and premium amounts are updated from screen 106 at the time the regular bills are generated.

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