

PACE /SPBP/CRDP

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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NCPDP VERSION 5.1 PROCESSING CHANGES

Effective Saturday November 12, 2011 claims for PACE and all of the ancillary programs administered by the Department of Aging will be adjudicated through the **FirstRx™** claims processing system. This upgrade from the current mainframe is in preparation for the January 2012 transition to NCPDP vD.Ø.

Although minor, there will be some changes, as identified below, to the current v5.1 specifications in this transition. It should be noted that software vendors submitting v5.1 claims to pharmacy programs currently using the **FirstRx™** processing system (e.g., the New York EPIC Program) should encounter minimal software changes.

V5.1 Transition Information:

Specification differences between the current PACE processing system and **FirstRx™**:

- Partial fills are supported (CLAIM SEGMENT, Fields 456-EN & 457-EP),
- Multi-ingredient compounds are supported (COMPOUND SEGMENT, pp. 9-11),
- Other Coverage Code numbers 5 through 8 are not supported (See CLAIM SEGMENT Field 308-C8), and
- Fields 346-HH and 347-HJ have been added to the RESPONSE PRICING SEGMENT.

All software vendors identified by PACE providers are being e-mailed revised v5.1 specifications as an attachment to this bulletin.

Revised v5.1 specifications are also available:

- On the Pennsylvania Department of Aging's website at www.aging.state.pa.us
- By e-mail or USPS by contacting Provider Services at 1-800-835-4080.

Please note:

- Although PACE is moving to **FirstRx™**, the current BIN and PCN number(s) **HAVE NOT CHANGED** (refer to field numbers 101-A1 BIN NUMBER and 104-A4 PROCESSOR CONTROL NUMBER in the Transaction Header Segment).
- The Transaction Header Segment Software Vendor v5.1 Certification ID (Field 110-AK) currently being submitted also remains unchanged.

For those software vendors wishing to test in the **FirstRx™** test region, testing will be available from September 26 through October 31, 2011 **for v.5.1.**

While all software vendors are invited to test, smaller vendors, or those vendors that have never submitted claims to **FirstRx™** are especially encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity by contacting Dorothea Roane at the vendor certification line: 804-217-7900.

Switches currently used by providers for the submission of PACE claims-- Relay Health, QS1, e-Rx and Emdeon—are being informed of the new IP address for testing and production.

As stated, the move to the **FirstRx™** system is the first step in the transition to NCPDP vD.Ø. As this transition proceeds, future bulletins will provide more detailed information; however, the basic timeline for the transition appears below:

D.Ø. Conversion

Version D.Ø specifications will be announced and made available to providers and software vendors the week of September 26, 2011.

Software vendors will be contacted beginning September 12, 2011 to schedule vD.Ø testing.

Version D.Ø claims from approved vendors will be accepted December 5, 2011.

Claims submitted using either NCPDP v5.1 or NCPDP vD.Ø will be accepted from December 5 through December 31, 2011.

Only vD.Ø claims will be accepted January 1, 2012.

Questions should be directed to Provider Services at 1-800- 835-4080.