The 277CA Edit Tool allows suppliers, Trading Partners, billing services, and clearinghouses to view easy-to-understand descriptions associated with the edit code(s) returned on the 277CA – Claim Acknowledgement for 5010A1 claims. The tool allows the supplier to enter the edit codes to return the possible explanations for the cause of the edit.

Locating the Edit Information

Locate your error codes in the STC segment or reported on your acknowledgement file.

Examples:

1. STC*A7:562:85**U*1983~
2. STC*A7:507**U~
3. STC*A8:562:85**U*1983******A8:128:85
4. STC*A7:453**U~

Understanding the Codes

There are 3 types of codes returned in the STC segment:

- Claim Status Category Code (CSCC)
- Claim Status Codes (CSCs)
- Entity Identifier Code (EIC)

Each STC starts a new edit combination. However, one STC may have more than one (1) edit combination as shown in Example 3. Make sure you have all of the edit information in order for the tool to return accurate information.

Not all of these types of codes will be returned in all edit rejections. See Example 2 below.

Example 1:
STC*A7:562:85**U*1983~

A7 = CSCC
562 = CSC
85 = EIC

Example 2:
STC*A7:507**U~

A7 = CSCC
507 = CSC

Example 3:
STC*A8:562:85**U*1983******A8:128:85

A8 = CSCC
562 = CSC
128 = CSC
85 = EIC

As shown in Example 3, if an edit code is in the same STC segment and is the same code type (example the CSCC **A8** starts both edits) it will only be entered into the tool once. While the CSCCs and EICs are the same in the example, the CSCs are different: therefore, both must be entered into the edit tool to pull the correct results.

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Using the Tool

To use the CEDI 277CA Edit Lookup Tool, select "277CA Edit Lookup Tool" under Self-Service Tools on the CEDI Web site https://www.ngscedi.com.

Enter the edit information into the 5010A1 277CA Reject Code Lookup Tool.

> **Example 1:**
> 277CA edit code: **STC*A8:562:85**U*1983*****A8:128:85**
> With this code, the below information would be entered into the edit tool:
>
> **A8** = CSCC
> **562** = CSC
> **128** = CSC
> **85** = EIC

Notice that the repeating edits would not be used.

It is okay to leave the second and third CSC fields as well as the EIC field blank if the code being researched does not contain these types of codes. However, the CSCC and the first CSC fields are required.

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Example 2:

277CA edit code: STC*A7:507**U~

With this code, the below information would be entered into the edit tool:

A7 = CSCC
507 = CSC

CSCC	A7	*
CSC	507	*
CSC		
CSC		
EIC		
		*Required

Search   Reset

Once the edit information is entered, select "Search".

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Results

The results will be returned below the search fields and will display all possibilities for the cause of the edit.

CSCC	A7	*
CSC	507	*
CSC		
CSC		
EIC		
		*Required

Search   Reset

EDIT Code	CSCC	CSC	CSC	CSC	EIC	DESCRIPTION
X222.351.2400.SV101-2.020	A7	507				The Procedure Code must be a valid HCPCS Code for the Service Date. (DTP01 = "472")
X222.351.2400.SV101-2.030	A7	507				The HCPCS must be valid for the date of service and the modifiers attached must be a valid combination. Verify that all required modifiers are sent if modifiers are required. Questions regarding the correct procedure code and/or modifier to submit on a claim should be directed to the DME MAC where the claim would be processed based on the patient's state code in the address provided on the claim.
X222.416.2400.HCP10.020	A7	507				When Product or Service ID Qualifier = "HC", Procedure Code must be a valid HCPCS Code on the Date of Service when DTP01 = "472". Questions regarding the correct procedure code and/or modifier to submit on a claim should be directed to the DME MAC where the claim would be processed based on the patient's state code in the address provided on the claim.

Note that there may be more than one cause for the same edit combinations but not all explanations may have caused the edit. CEDI recommends reading through the possible causes and determine which reason caused the edit to be returned on the 277CA.

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