

DATA REPORTING - PRICING FILE RECORD SUBMISSION

1.0. GENERAL

1.1. Contractors are required to submit TRICARE Encounter Pricing Records (TEPRC) via electronic media to TRICARE Management Activity (TMA). Contractors are required to report applicable pricing data for all medical procedure codes for which a prevailing fee, by report or a conversion amount, has been developed. This must be done for each state in the contractor's region. This does not apply to unique network pricing arrangements or dental (ADA) procedures. Contractors shall not submit national prevailings on pricing file updates to TMA. The records contain required information for each procedure code including the state of care, an element identifying the type of procedure code, and detailed pricing information. Separate pricing records are submitted for area prevailing, by report, or conversion data. These data will be used by TMA to verify amounts paid on TED Records. (Refer to [Chapter 2, Section 2.1](#) for element descriptions and [Chapter 2, Section 2.2](#) for record layouts for the pricing and corresponding batch header record).

1.2. The data must be submitted to TMA according to the procedures outlined in [Chapter 2, Section 1.1](#). Initial submission of the pricing file must contain all procedures for which a price exists including by report.

2.0. PRICING FILE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Pricing records must be reported for logical data relationships. The following rules are to be used in building the Pricing File for reporting to TMA.

2.1. The 'key' to the Pricing File consists of PRICING STATE OR COUNTRY CODE, PROCEDURE CODE, CLASS OF PROVIDER, TYPE OF PRICING SERVICE, CATEGORY OF CARE FOR CONVERSION FACTOR, and PRICING PROFILE. No duplicates are allowed within this key.

2.2. Within each PRICING STATE OR COUNTRY CODE, and PRICING PROFILE, the following are the logical relationships for area prevailing records, including Medicare Economic Index (MEI) where applied:

LOGICAL RELATIONSHIPS FOR AREA PREVAILING RECORDS

PROCEDURE CODE RANGE	SURGERY	RADIOLOGY	PATHOLOGY	PSYCHIATRY	ALL OTHERS
Class of Provider	01,04	01,04	01,04	01,02,03	01,04
Type of Pricing Svc.	04,09	01,02,05	01,02,05	07,08	03

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NOTE: CATEGORY OF CARE FOR CONVERSION FACTOR must be blank on all area prevailing pricing records and CONVERSION AMOUNT must be zeroes.

2.3. Within each PRICING STATE OR COUNTRY CODE, and PRICING PROFILE, the following are the logical relationships for conversion pricing records, including MEI, where applied:

LOGICAL RELATIONSHIPS FOR CONVERSION PRICING RECORDS

PROCEDURE CODE RANGE	SURGERY	RADIOLOGY	PATHOLOGY	PSYCHIATRY	ALL OTHERS
Class of Provider	01,04	01,04	01,04	01,02,03	01,04
Type of Pricing Svc.	04,09	01,02,05	01,02,05	03	03
Category of Care for Conversion Factor	S,A,B	R,B	P,B	M,B	M,B

NOTE: CONVERSION AMOUNT must be zeroes on 'By Report' pricing records.

3.0. PRICING FILE RECORD MAINTENANCE

3.1. The contractor's complete pricing file must be submitted on an annual basis (between the 1st and 15th of January). No pricing records will be accepted at any other time.

4.0. RESUBMISSION OF PRICING BATCHES AND PRICING RECORDS

4.1. Batches that fail any edits at the header record level will be rejected and returned to the contractor for correction. Header level rejections require the resubmission of the entire batch with the appropriate data corrections. The RESUBMISSION NUMBER must not be incremented from what was reported on the prior submission.

4.2. Pricing Records that fail any edits validity or relationship will be rejected and returned to the contractor for correction and resubmission.