

BCBSM TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR SOFTWARE VENDOR, SERVICE BUREAUS, AND CLEARINGHOUSES

The current Approved Vendor List is no longer being updated. It is being replaced with a Preferred Vendor List.

To be considered for the Preferred Vendor List all Software Vendors, Service Bureaus, and Clearinghouses **MUST** pass the test requirements at the bottom of this document for the bill type being tested (Professional, Institutional, or Dental) for all lines of business listed under that billing type.

To submit claims electronically for Medicare B (Professional), Medicare A (Institutional), Medicaid (Professional and Institutional), and Commercial (Professional Only), the Software Vendor, Service Bureau, and Clearinghouse must test with same requirements as the BCBSM lines of business, but these line of business do not qualify for the Preferred Vendor List.

Should the Software Vendor, Service Bureau, Clearinghouse not wish to test for all the BCBSM lines of business listed below then they will not qualify for the Preferred Vendor List. However, they must at the very least test for BCBSM claims for the selected bill type and will be approved as long as tested claims for BCBSM and the other selected lines of business for that bill type pass both the Validator and Subsystem Test Processes. Please follow “Testing Steps” under Transaction Testing on BCBSM website (use link below).

Must follow the 837/835 Companion Document requirements for the specific bill type along with the Implementation Guide.

The companion documents can be found at http://www.bcbsm.com/providers/systems/systems_edi.shtml.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS TO BE ON THE PREFERRED VENDOR LIST

PROFESSIONAL	INSTITUTIONAL	DENTAL
Claim files must contain production-ready data with minimum 15 different claims and subscriber information. Must at the very least test for BCBSM Claims.	Claim files must contain production-ready data with minimum 15 different claims and subscriber information. Must at the very least test for BCBSM Claims.	Claim files must contain production-ready data with minimum 15 different claims and subscriber information.
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File must contain claims where the Patient is the Subscriber for each line of business.	File must contain claims where the Patient is the Subscriber	File must contain claims where the Patient is the Subscriber
File must contain claims where the Patient is not the Subscriber for each line of business.	File must contain claims where the Patient is not the Subscriber	File must contain claims where the Patient is not the Subscriber
Test file with a minimum of 15 valid claims for each line of business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Blue Cross Blue Shield ➤ BCN ➤ FEP ➤ Medicare Plus Blue ➤ Supplemental (where the secondary claim is either a BCBSM, FEP or BCN claim and Medicare is the primary claim) ➤ Coordination of Benefits (When the primary payer is not Medicare) Must test following lines of business to submit electronically, but does not qualify for Preferred Vendor List: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Medicare B ➤ Medicaid ➤ Commercial 	Test file with a minimum of 15 valid claims for each line of business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Blue Cross Blue Shield ➤ BCN ➤ FEP ➤ Medicare Plus Blue ➤ Supplemental (where the secondary claim is either a BCBSM, FEP or BCN claim and Medicare is the primary claim) ➤ Coordination of Benefits (When the primary payer is not Medicare) Must test following lines of business to submit electronically, but does not qualify for Preferred Vendor List: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Medicare A ➤ Medicaid 	Test file with a minimum of 15 valid claims for each line of business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Blue Cross Blue Shield ➤ BCN <p>*At this time we will not accept BCBSM & FEP COB claims.</p>