

HCFA 1500 Form : Rendering Physician

Regarding Dr. Ganesh billed with Dr. Dewees as Rendering Physician..

There were more than two versions of HCFA forms in use in the industry then at the time of the accusation. Here is a link to the Anthem's instruction, where it states that the rendering physician 24J is not a required field whereas the Tax ID is a required field: https://www11.anthem.com/provider/me/f5/s2/t0/pw_041940.pdf

		<i>not applicable</i>
24J	Recommended (please refer to the column to the right for more information)	Rendering Provider ID # The NPI number for the provider who rendered the services. (NOTE: if you chose to complete this field, do NOT enter the NPI of non-recognized professionals (PA, RN, etc.) or physicians who are not contracted with Anthem at the individual level, i.e., physicians who are employed by a hospital or a behavioral health facility).
25	Required	Federal Tax ID Number Nine-digit federally assigned tax ID# of the billing provider. Can be either the employer ID number (EIN) or the social security number (SSN). Please check the appropriate SSN or EIN box.

One version of the HCFA form in use did not even have 24J for physician info.

In Haskin's (an insurance company staff) testimony, when Greg's lawyer Brendan cross examined. Page 35 they couldn't refer to it (24J)

Q. OKAY. AND THEN WE'VE GOT OVER HERE, WE'VE GOT BILLING PROVIDER INFORMATION; RIGHT?

A. YES.

Q. AND THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE REFERRING TO IN YOUR TESTIMONY IS ABOUT THE BILLING PROVIDER INFORMATION?

A. NO. THE ATTENDING OR RENDERING.

Q. AND WHERE IS THAT LOCATED ON THE HCFA FORM?

A. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE IN BOX 24J OVER ON THE RIGHT.

*Q. OKAY. AND THERE'S -- **AND IN THIS PARTICULAR HCFA FORM, THERE IS NO RENDERING PROVIDER INFORMATION (INDICATING)?***

A. CORRECT.

Q. OKAY. WOULD IT SURPRISE YOU IF THE CLAIM WAS PAID ANYWAY?

A. NO.

The spreadsheets are NOT an exact replica of the HCFA forms because simply there were even multiple versions of HCFA forms in use esp. in the context of rendering physician.

Moreover, the concept of rendering physician is immaterial for payment of claims it is not a required field when submitting claims and Haskin confirms that in Pages 35/36.

*Q. OKAY. BUT APPARENTLY **RENDERING A PROVIDER I.D. NUMBER IS***

NOT A NECESSARY COMPONENT OF A HCFA FORM IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PAYMENT; RIGHT?

A. CORRECT, BECAUSE WE HAVE THE TAX I.D.

The only significant provider information is their Tax ID that's required for billing in the HCFA form 1500.

Dr. Ganesh only used KRD name and their Tax ID where the contract was established with the insurance companies. She never billed with Dr. Dewees as the provider because in all the spreadsheets where Dr. Dewees is listed as the rendering physician as the government points, the Tax ID is always KRD.

Even if we use the logic that "rendering physician" is the field called "prove_name" in the spreadsheet, there are a lot of rows with Kuhlman Riley & Dewees as the prove_name. So how can Kuhlman Riley & Dewees be the rendering physician. Dr. Ganesh never billed that way either.

Should we then assume that serv_prov_id is the NPI number of the rendering physician? Then how is there KRD Tax ID in those?

This is strong evidence that the spreadsheets are not an actual representation of what was submitted as billing forms or the data in them were fabricated.