The Basics of an EOB

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$EOB \rightarrow$

Explanation of Benefits Explanation of Payments Remittance or "Remit" for short

The documentation submitted to the medical practice that provides a record of what the insurance company is paying – or has decided not to pay. It is typically transmitted electronically, but may be received on paper.

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The difference between the charge and the allowance is the 'Contractual Adjustment.'

The difference between the allowance and the payment is the 'Bad Debt.' (It also includes any uncollectable charges.)





Charge

Allowance

Payment

This is the price; it is usually established for each CPT® code (aka line item). This may also be referred to as the "fee." The CPT code is the main driver of the price, but reimbursement may be influenced by other factors.

Providers normally don't get paid what they charge – in fact, they rarely do. Instead, each payer has a payment they are 'allowed' to get. This is often called an 'allowance' or an 'allowable.'

The payment should equal the allowance, but it can come from the guarantor (who is often the patient, but may be a spouse, parent, etc.) – and/or the payer providing coverage.

Most often, multiple parties make up the 'correct' payment.



Let's look at an example...

CPT® Code for Level 2 Office Visit 10-19 minutes for an Established Patient

Charge

Allowance*

Payment

\$150

\$57.45

\$50.00 Copayment \$7.45 Payer's Payment



\$92.55 Contractual **Adjustment**



Remittance Summary

Provider Provider Name: Address: Provider NPI: WPS GHA - MAC 28 IN PART B Payer: EFT Date: 2021-11-29 888901497 Number:

Remittance	e Details														
Patient Accou	nt Number:														
Patient Name:	:														
Member ID:															
Payer ICN:															
Processing Or	der:			Primary											
Crossover Inf	omation:			MUTUAL O	F OMAH	A INSUR	RANCE								
	Service				-	_	Other	Other	Patient						
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		\$18,954.00	\$5,121.24	\$0.00	\$835.34	\$0.00			\$835.34	\$3,401.17					
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	10/29/2021	22840			1	1	\$2,335.00	\$589.97	\$0.00	\$137.99	\$0.00	N807	144	(\$9.88)	\$561.86
	10/29/2021	22845	XU		1	1	\$2,240.00	\$559.35	\$0.00	\$131.87	\$0.00	N807	144	(\$9.44)	\$535.93
	10/29/2021	22853			1	1	\$781.00	\$234.53	\$0.00	\$46.91	\$0.00	N807	144	(\$3.36)	\$190.98
	10/29/2021	63048			1	1	\$649.00	\$191.64	\$0.00	\$38.33	\$0.00	N807	144	(\$2.74)	\$156.03
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		Cont	ract Discount Total	\$13,832.76	Othe	r Adjustr	ment Total:	\$884.73	G	rand Total:	\$14,717.49	9			
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		FB	8421313700073 4232875-01	(\$29.35)											
		FB	8421316700006 - -4205695- UNOSW3X-	(\$25.42)											
		FB	8421316700078 - -4214783- UNOTAHR-	(\$41.82)											
		FB	8421316700178 4228926-01	(\$25.40)											

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Administrative Services

MedPartners 6920 Pointe Inverness Way, Ste 200 Fort Wayne, IN 46804-7934

Reference

Provider Tax ID:

Check No: NA Check Amount: \$0.00 Check Date:

Payee ID:

09/24/2021

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Patient Name:	-			Provider	/Prof:			Em	ployer Name:		
Insured No:				Network	:			Em	ployer ID:		
Patient No:				Prof Gro	up Name:			Cla	im No:		
				Patient A	Acct No:		in.				
Service Dates	Service Code	QTY	Charged	Allowed	**Discount	Co_Ins	**Deductible	CoPay	WithHold	EOP Codes	Paid Amount
09/01/2021-09/01/2021	64490	1.000	\$1,166,00	\$1.166.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	E95 LP	\$0.00

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09/01/2021-09/01/2021	64491	1.000	\$580.00	\$580.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	E95 LP	\$0.00
09/01/2021-09/01/2021	64492	1.000	\$582.00	\$582.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	E95 LP	\$0.00
	Totals this cla	aim:	\$2,328.00	\$2,328.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00

Adjustment Amount this claim: \$0.00 Total Paid this claim: \$0.00

Paid by Primary Payer: \$0.00

EOP Explanation

E95 Please submit clinical documentation of medical necessity from the referring physician. LP

CLAIM DISCOUNTED ACCORDING TO LUTHERAN PREFERRED CONTRACT



Remittance Summary

Provider Name:		Provider Address:	60
Provider NPI:			
Payer:	UNITED HEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY		
EFT Date:	2021-12-28	EFT Number:	1TZ13072896

Remittance Details

Patient Acco	unt Number:														
Patient Nam	e:														
Member ID:															
Payer ICN:															
Processing (Order:			Primary											
	Service Provider Name	Total Claim Amount	Total Allowed Amount	Deductible Amount	Coins Amount	Copay Amount	Other Adjust Reason	Other Adjustment Amount	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE	Claim Paid Amount					
	CONE, TAYLOR	\$590.00	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$590.00	\$0.00					
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	12/14/2021	73030	RT		1	1	\$87.00	\$87.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		27	\$87.00	\$0.00
	12/14/2021	99204			1	1	\$503.00	\$503.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		27	\$503.00	\$0.00
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		Contra	act Discount Total	\$0.00	Other	Adjustme	ent Total:	\$590.00	Gra	nd Total:	\$590.00				
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Provider ID	Fiscal Period	Adjustment Reason	Adjustment Tracking ID(s)	Adjustment Amount
1740268796	2021-12-31	WO	20210720 4166389- UNORDZR	\$147.13
		WO	20210727 4171044- UNORJGY	(\$2.40)



CARCs & RARCs:

https://x12.org/index.php/codes/claim-adjustment-reason-codes

