



HIPAA & CLAIMS: 10 GUIDELINES FOR PROCESSING MEDICAL AUTHORIZATIONS FOR CLAIMS FILES

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KEYS TO VALIDATING REQUESTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

- › Establish a consistent set of standards to evaluate & validate an authorization
- › Validate signatures on the request and on-file

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PROTECTING YOUR COMPANY'S OWN RISK

- › Proprietary information & non-disclosure agreements are critical
- › Screen any documents or information being released from the claims file to protect
- › Define third party responsibilities, clearly outlining the sharing of the protected information

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QUALITY CONTROL MUST BE DEFINED AND DOCUMENTED

- › Develop a protocol for reviewing claims data by internal staff and third parties
- › Carefully review all protected health information, ensuring it meets the requirements of the authorization

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WHO IS THE OWNER OF THE PROCESS?

- › Lead and develop documentation workflows and protocols, and oversee updates

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HYBRID RECORDS AND INTEGRATION

- › Integrate and consolidate the multiple systems where current claims files are recorded and stored
- › Leverage technology to manage hybrid record sets

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TRAINING

- › Conduct initial, spot and ongoing training to stay current on new regulations and policies
- › Define organization standards on sharing claims file data, and how to deploy protected information within the organization

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MANAGING THE COMPLEXITIES OF TRACKING REQUESTS

- › Track how claims information is entering and exiting your organization
- › Have reporting capabilities to electronically track the life cycle and turnaround time data

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REPORTING IMPORTANCE

- › Escalate and address claims information that was improperly shared, and manage that escalation process
- › Ensure and track turnaround time on completion of requests and supporting claims management processes

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PHYSICAL, PROCEDURAL & ELECTRONIC SECURITY STANDARDS

- › Define physical measures, procedural checklists, documentation, protocol and workflows to safeguard your processes and claims information
- › Define electronic safeguards including saving, backup, disaster recovery plans

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PRIORITIZING REQUESTS

- › Define the priority of requests and subpoena deadlines
- › Internal requests and external requests

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