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The CMS-1450 form (aka UB-04 at present) can be used by an institutional provider to bill a Medicare fiscal intermediary (FI) when a provider qualifies for a waiver from the Administrative Simplification Compliance Act requirement for electronic submission of claims. It is also used for billing of institutional charges to most Medicaid State Agencies. Please contact your Medicaid State Agency for more details on their requirements for this form.

The National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) is responsible for the design of the form, and award of the printing of the form. CMS does not supply the form to providers for claim submission. Blank copies of the form also be available through office supply stores in your geographic area. Although a copy of that form can be downloaded, copies of the form should not be downloaded for submission of claims, since your copy may not accurately replicate colors included in the form. These colors are needed to enable automated reading of the form.

You can find Medicare CMS-1450 UB-04 completion and coding instructions in Chapter 25 of the Medicare Processing Manual (Pub.100-04).

Further information on the UB-04 is available through the NUBC web site. A link is provided below. The UB-04 is the CMS-1450 designation.

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