Abstract

First Health supporting documentation of the data deliverables for Transparency in Care

Preliminary - Transparency in care (TIC)  
Companion Guide

**Introduction**

On October 29, 2020, the Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Treasury, and Labor issued the “Transparency in Coverage” final rule. The final rule requires group health plans and health insurance issuers, in the individual and group markets, to disclose cost-sharing information upon request. This mandate requires plans and issuers to disclose in-network provider rates, historical out-of-network allowed amounts, and the associated charges and negotiated rates for prescription drugs.

First Health is obligated to provide clients that contain in-network rates. Clients will use the network pricing data received from First Health and combine it with any other network pricing they may have to produce their own machine-readable files and cost estimator tool.

**Scope**

First Health will offer their clients 3 file types to pick from to receive their in-network data (reference below):

1. Proprietary Pipe Delimited Format
2. Proprietary JSON Format
3. CMS JSON Format *“MRF”* *(at an additional cost and not detailed within this guide)*

The document references the proprietary pipe delimited flat file format to explain different record types and attributes. However, everything contained within this guide applies to the proprietary JSON format unless where otherwise stated. The first value found on each row represents the record type. The record type indicates the type of data to expect, and which record layout to review in this companion guide. All First Health data is generated monthly.

*Note: Instructions for file pickup based on file type selection provided at a later date.*

**File Descriptions**

Data will be supplied in 4 file categories:

1. **ClientSpecificFile:** Contains several types of records that identify different control aspects for the entire extract.
2. **ProductFile:** Associates providers and facilities to a specific product as well as provide some basic demographics to aid in location-based rates.
3. **CntlRateFile:** Associates providers and rates to a specific product.
4. **RatePackageFile:** Associates providers and facility rates/packages to a specific product.

**ClientSpecificFile**

First Health will provide ONE client specific control file per extract. It can be found under the following naming convention.

FH\_20210712\_20378\_CNTL.TXT

FH = First Health

20210712 = Date the file was created (YYYYMMDD format)

20378 = Client specific external control id (defined at setup for First Health services)

CNTL = File Type (CNTL = Control)

TXT = File extension (TXT or JSON)

The table below explains each record layout and associated attributes per record.

**Record Type:** 5 (Header)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
| 1 | RecordType | 5/String | Default value that indicates this is a HEADER record for the file in question. |
| 2 | CreateDate | Date | This is the date that the file was created. This date is in the YYYYMMDD format. |

***NOTE****: Header and Footer not applicable to Proprietary JSON file format*

**Record Type:** 10 (Products)

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| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
| 1 | RecordType | String | Default value that indicates this is a PRODUCTS record for the file in question. |
| 2 | ProductCode | String | This represents a unique product code that will associate a specific product to sub-clients, provider rates, and facility rates. This serves as a logical foreign key to associate the data. |
| 3 | ProductDescription | String | Basic product description. |
| 4 | ProductRank | Numeric | A numeric value that represents the order in which the products are to be applied for a specific client. |

**Record Type:** 20 (Clients)

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| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
| 1 | RecordType | String | Default value that indicates this is a CLIENTS record for the file in question. |
| 2 | ClientName | String | The client’s name associated with the file. |
| 3 | ExtClientID | String | The unique code associated with this client. This is created when the client is setup. This serves as a logical foreign key to associate the data. |

**Record Type:** 30 (SubClients)

| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
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| 1 | RecordType | String | Default value that indicates this is a SUBCLIENTS record for the file in question. |
| 2 | SubClientName | String | The name of the Sub-Client. |
| 3 | ExtSubClientID | String | The unique code associated with this sub-client. This is created when the sub-client is setup. This serves as a logical foreign key to associate the data. |
| 4 | AcroCode | String | A unique code that is short and for a specific sub-client. This is setup when the sub-client is as well. |
| 5 | ProductCode | String | This represents a unique product code that will associate a specific product to sub-clients, provider rates, and facility rates. This serves as a logical foreign key to associate the data. |
| 6 | Product\_File | String | This is the actual file name to use to pull product related information for this sub-client. A specific sub-client can have multiple products in use. |
| 7 | Provider\_Rates\_File | String | This is the actual file name to use to pull product related information for this sub-client. A specific sub-client can have multiple products in use. |
| 8 | Facility\_Rates\_File | String | This is the actual file name to use to pull product related information for this sub-client. A specific sub-client can have multiple products in use. |

**Record Type:** 99 (Footer)

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| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
| 1 | RecordType | String | Default value that indicates this is a FOOTER record for the file in question. |
| 2 | ProductCnt | Numeric | A numeric value that represents the total number of product records to expect in this file. |
| 3 | SubClientCnt | Numeric | A numeric value that represents the total number of sub-client records to expect in this file. |
| 4 | TotRecCnt | Numeric | A numeric value that represents the total number of records to expect in this file. |

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**ProductFile**

The client specific product file contains several types of records that identify different control aspects for the product in question. The CntlRate and CntlPkg will be associated to indicate what rates go with each entry. These codes are logical foreign keys to the rate files that go with this product for this sub-client. This is explained in detail below. There can be multiple product files, for a specific sub-client, depending on the sub-client’s contractual agreement. The product file is associated with the sub-client on the control file.

The product file naming convention is below.

FH\_20210712\_20378\_PRDT\_997669849\_Rock001.TXT

FH = First Health

20210712 = Date the file was created (YYYYMMDD format)

20378 = Client specific external control id (defined at setup for First Health services)

PRDT = File Type (PRDT = Product)

997669849 = Sub-Client specific external control id (defined at setup for First Health services)

Rock001 = Product code

TXT = File extension (TXT or JSON)

The table below explains each record layout and all associated attributes per record.

**Record Type:** 5 (Header)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
| 1 | RecordType | 5/String | Default value that indicates this is a HEADER record for the file in question. |
| 2 | CreateDate | Date | This is the date that the file was created. This date is in the YYYYMMDD format. |

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**Record Type:** 10 (Providers)

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| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
| 1 | RecordType | String | Default value that indicates this is a PROVIDERS record for the file in question. |
| 2 | Prov\_NPI\_1 | String | Individual (type 1) provider identification numbers (NPI). |
| 3 | Prov\_NPI\_2 | String | Individual (type 2) provider identification numbers (NPI). |
| 4 | ProvTaxID | String | The unique identification number issued either by the Social Security Administration or by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). |
| 5 | InternalProvNum | String | Internal FH provider key for audit purposes. |
| 6 | ProvLocID | String | Internal FH provider location key for audit purposes. |
| 7 | ProvType | String | An indicator that indicates what type of entry this is. P = Provider, F = Facility |
| 8 | Name | String | Provider full name. |
| 9 | Address1 | String | Provider full address. |
| 10 | City | String | Provider city. |
| 11 | State | String | Provider state code. |
| 12 | PostalCode | String | Provider postal code. |
| 13 | CntlRate | String | Rate Package Code unique key. |
| 14 | CntlPkg | String | Number of records located below CntlRate |

**Record Type:** 99 (Footer)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
| 1 | RecordType | 99/String | Default value that indicates this is a FOOTER record for the file in question. |
| 2 | ProviderCnt | Numeric | A numeric value that represents the total number of provider records to expect in this file. |
| 3 | TotRecCnt | Numeric | A numeric value that represents the total number of records to expect in this file. |

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**CntlRateFile**

The Client specific provider rates file contains several types of records that identify different control aspects for the product/provider in question. This is explained in detail below. There can ONLY be one provider rate file for a specific sub-client. The provider rate file is associated with the sub-client on the control file.

The provider rate file naming convention is below.

FH\_20210712\_20378\_PRATE\_997669849\_ROCK001.TXT

FH = First Health

20210712 = Date the file was created (YYYYMMDD format)

20378 = Client specific external control id (defined at setup for First Health services)

PRATE = File Type (PRATE = Provider Rates)

997669849 = Sub-Client specific external control id (defined at setup for First Health services)

Rock001 = Product code

TXT = File extension (TXT or JSON)

The table below explains each record layout and all associated attributes per record.

**Record Type:** 5 (Header)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
| 1 | RecordType | 5/String | Default value that indicates this is a HEADER record for the file in question. |
| 2 | CreateDate | Date | This is the date that the file was created. This date is in the YYYYMMDD format. |

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**Record Type:** 10 (CntlRates)

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| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
| 1 | RecordType | String | Default value that indicates this is a CNTRATES record for the file in question. |
| 2 | CntlRate | String | NRC Code unique key for provider rates. |
| 3 | DeFt\_RatePct | String | The default discount percentage to be used for all codes not defined in the fee schedules. |
| 4 | Fract\_Units | String | Anesthesia – Fractional units to use |
| 5 | Allow\_Pct | Decimal(5,2) | Anesthesia – Allowed percentage |
| 6 | Rate\_Per\_Unit | Decimal(5,2) | Anesthesia – Rate per unit |
| 7 | Min\_Per\_Unit | Numeric | Anesthesia – Minimum per unit |
| 8 | Time\_Threshold | String | Anesthesia – Time threshold |
| 9 | Post\_Min\_Per\_Unit | Numeric | Anesthesia – Post minimum per unit |
| 10 | Rounding | String | Anesthesia – Unit rounding |
| 11 | TotRecs | Numeric | Total number of rate detail records for this rate control id. |

**Record Type:** 20 (CntRateDetails)

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| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
| 1 | RecordType | String | Default value that indicates this is a CNTRATEDETAILS record for the file in question. |
| 2 | CntlRate | String | Rate Package Code unique key. |
| 3 | CodeType | String | The type of medical management code to be charged for. **See appendix for relative values.** |
| 4 | Code | String | The medical management code to be charged for. |
| 5 | CodeVersion | String | There might be versions associated with the **Code.** |
| 6 | NegRateType | String | There are a few ways in which negotiated rates can happen. Allowed values:  Negotiated = “NEG”  Fee Schedule = “FFS”  Percentage = “PCT”  Per Diem = “PRD”  Derived = “DRV” |
| 7 | ServiceAmt | Decimal(18,6) | The dollar value/ Pct. to charge for this service. |
| 8 | POSCode | Numeric | Codes that are be used on professional claims to specify the entity where service(s) were rendered |
| 9 | MaxThreshold | Decimal(18,6) | Billed to amount, that if exceeded, switches payment methods to percentages of billed amount. |

**Record Type:** 99 (Footer)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
| 1 | RecordType | 99/String | Default value that indicates this is a FOOTER record for the file in question. |
| 2 | CntlRateCnt | Numeric | A numeric value that represents the total number of rate control records to expect in this file. |
| 3 | CntlRateDtlCnt | Numeric | A numeric value that represents the total number of rate detail records to expect in this file. |
| 4 | TotRecCnt | Numeric | A numeric value that represents the total number of records to expect in this file. |

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**RatePackageFile**

The Client specific facility rates file contains several types of records that identify different control aspects for the product/provider in question. There can be ONLY one facility rate file for a specific sub-client. The facility rate file is associated with the sub-client on the control file. The facility rate file naming convention is below.

FH\_20210712\_20378\_FRATE\_997669849\_ROCK001.TXT

FH = First Health

20210712 = Date the file was created (YYYYMMDD format)

20378 = Client specific external control id (defined at setup for First Health services)

FRATE = File Type (FRATE = Facility Rates)

997669849 = Sub-Client specific external control id (defined at setup for First Health services)

Rock001 = Product code

TXT = File extension (TXT or JSON)

The table below will explain each record layout and all associated attributes per record.

**Record Type:** 5 (Header)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
| 1 | RecordType | 5/String | Default value that indicates this is a HEADER record for the file in question. |
| 2 | CreateDate | Date | This is the date that the file was created. This date is in the YYYYMMDD format. |

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**Record Type:** 10 (CntPackages)

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| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
| 1 | RecordType | String | Default value that indicates this is a CNTPACKAGES record for the file in question. |
| 2 | CntlPkg | String | Rate Package Code unique key. |
| 3 | DeFt\_Rate | String | The default discount percentage to be used for all codes not defined in the fee schedules. |
| 4 | TotRecs | Numeric | Total number of rate package detail records for this rate package control id. |

**Record Type:** 20 (CntPackageDetails)

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| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
| 1 | RecordType | String | Default value that indicates this is a CNTPACKAGEDETAILS record for the file in question. |
| 2 | CntlPkg | String | Rate Package Code unique key. |
| 3 | CodeType | String | The type of medical management code to be charged for. **See appendix for relative values.** |
| 4 | Code | String | The medical management code to be charged for. |
| 5 | CodeVersion | String | There might be versions associated with the **Code.** |
| 6 | NegRateType | String | There are a few ways in which negotiated rates can happen. Allowed values:  Negotiated = “NEG”  Fee Schedule = “FFS”  Percentage = “PCT”  Per Diem = “PRD”  Derived = “DRV” |
| 7 | ServiceAmt | Decimal(18,6) | The dollar value/ Pct. to charge for this service. |
| 8 | POSCode | Numeric | Codes that are be used on professional claims to specify the entity where service(s) were rendered |
| 9 | MaxThreshold | Decimal(18,6) | Billed to amount, that if exceeded, switches payment methods to percentages of billed amount. |

**Record Type:** 99 (Footer)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Attribute Position** | **Attribute Name** | **Default Value/Data Type** | **Description** |
| 1 | RecordType | 99/String | Default value that indicates this is a FOOTER record for the file in question. |
| 2 | CntlPkgCnt | Numeric | A numeric value that represents the total number of rate package control records to expect in this file. |
| 3 | CntlPkgDtlCnt | Numeric | A numeric value that represents the total number of rate package detail records to expect in this file. |
| 4 | TotRecCnt | Numeric | A numeric value that represents the total number of records to expect in this file. |

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**CMS – First Health Cross Reference Documentation**

A crosswalk is provided to assist clients in associating data from the First Health proprietary formats to the CMS JSON required format for posting in a public space.

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**Additional Details**

**Billing Code Type**

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| **Standard Name** | **Reporting Value** | **Version** |
| Current Procedural Terminology | CPT | Current Year |
| National Drug Code | NDC | Current Year |
| Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System | HCPCS | Current Year |
| Revenue Code | RC | Current Year |
| Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Groups | MS-DRG | Current Year |
| Ambulatory Payment Classifications | APC | Current Year |

**Updates**

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| **Version** | **Date** | **Description** | **Name** |
| Initial | 9/22/2021 | Updated the Control file layout. The product ranking was moved to the sub client data area and replaced the Base File attribute. | Chuck Ball |
| Revision | 3/3/2022 | Updated all contents to reflect File Format V2.0 Changes | Robert Petruska |
| Revision | 3/14/2022 | Updated all contents to reflect File Format V2.1 Changes | Robert Petruska |
| Revision | 3/28/2022 | Spelling and Review | Robert Petruska |