

Notes to Accompany Changes to Benefits Software, Record Layouts and Appendix A

Benefits Appendix A tables and notes, and Record Layouts have been updated. Most of the changes in the Benefits documentation clarify the guidance to state programmers and validators, but do not affect how extract files should be built or how the software will handle records. The changes that may have implications for extract file programming are noted below.

Software Version 1.1 Change to Validation of Population 4 (Payments)			
<i>Change</i>		<i>Explanation/Impact</i>	
<p>For the monthly 5159, 9050, and 9051 reports, Version 1.1 now validates payment counts for the <i>last month</i> of the quarter being validated. The Population 4 extract file must include only transactions for the <u>last month</u> of the quarter being validated for regular (i.e., non-CWC) payments, and the software will retrieve the corresponding counts for that month. The only quarterly records in the file will be CWC payment records--built using the 586 instructions on the DV Web site and in the Benefits Handbook--to validate the quarterly 586 report.</p>		<p>In Version 1.0, Population 4's extract file was required to include all payments for the entire quarter being validated. In some states, this resulted in some extract files being larger than what the software could process efficiently. To improve software performance, Version 1.1 requires that the extract file includes non-CWC payments for only the last month of the quarter and CWC payments for the whole quarter being validated. In some states, this significantly reduces the extract file size.</p> <p>If an extract file built according Version 1.0 is loaded into the new software, about two thirds of the records will be rejected as out-of-date errors.</p>	
Changes Made to Record Layouts on the UI DV Web Site dated 2/23/2007			
<i>Population</i>	<i>Fields</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Explanation/Impact</i>
3	9	Allowable values of "New CWC Claim" and "Not a New CWC Claim" replaced by "Sufficient New CWC BY"	If Population 3 extract file contains CWC transactions establishing a new CWC benefit year, it must be corrected to use the value "Sufficient New CWC BY" in Field 9 for those transactions Otherwise, records that should be parsed into subpopulations 3.35 and 3.37-3.39 will be rejected as errors.
8	9	Number of multi-claimants changed from "optional" to "must be blank or 0" for single claimant appeals.	If Population 8 extract file has a value in Field 9 other than 0 for single-claimant appeals transactions, the file must be corrected. Otherwise, the

			software will reject single-claimant appeals transactions as errors.
8	9	Data Type for Number of Multi-claimants changed from CHAR (20) to INTEGER	If Population 8 extract file has a value in Field 9 other than 0 for single-claimant appeals transactions, the file must be corrected. Otherwise, the software will reject single-claimant appeals transactions as errors.
9	9	Number of multi-claimants changed from “optional” to “must be blank or 0” for single claimant appeals.	If Population 9 extract has a value in Field 9 other than 0 for single-claimant appeals transactions, the file must be corrected. Otherwise, the software will reject single claimant appeals transactions as errors.
5	3	Unique ID: this field changed from “optional” to “required if State maintains Unique ID.”	If the state has a Unique ID but its Population 5 extract file does not include it, the file must be corrected. If this field is blank, the software may falsely identify some transactions as duplicates.

Changes Made to Appendix A Tables on the UI DV Web Site dated 6/07/06

<i>Population</i>	<i>Subpops</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Explanation/Impact</i>
3	3.40-3.45	In accordance with Footnote d, the value “New Claims Filed in Prior Quarter” in the “Type of Claim” field now includes transitional and new initial claims.	If the State has transitional initial claims filed in the prior quarter, it must include them among “New Claims Filed in Prior Quarter” in its Population 3 extract file. This ensures that validation counts include prior-quarter transitional claims.