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1. Introduction

1.1. Description of ECME Technical Manual

The Electronic Claims Management Engine (ECME) Technical Manual describes the technical and security aspects of the ECME V. 1.0 application. Its intended audience includes Health Systems Design & Development (HSD&D) developers, members of the Pharmacy Automated Data Processing Application Coordinator (ADPAC), and Information Resources Management Service (IRMS) staff. Users can find ECME V. 1.0 documentation, including any subsequent change pages affecting this guide, on the Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) Documentation Library (VDL).

The ECME V. 1.0 application generates electronic claims in National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) in version D.0 format based on the Outpatient Pharmacy V. 7.0 workflow. Claims will also be processed in version D.0. format until all payers switch to NCPDP version D.0.–D.9.

ECME V. 1.0 performs the following tasks:

- Allows pharmacy users to submit, resubmit, and reverse electronic claims
- Provides reports for end users and management on claims status, transaction history, and system configuration standings
- Allows Pharmacy ADPACs and IRMs to configure ECME to pharmacy site specifications
- Allows users to submit eligibility verification transmissions for pharmacy insurance

The ECME package was originally released in two phases, a dormant phase (released on 10/20/2004), and an active phase. The BPS 1.0 Master Build was the dormant phase, releasing the ECME V. 1.0 package (which occupies the BPS namespace) in a dormant state and enhancing Integrated Billing (IB) V. 2, so that the user can link pharmacy groups with insurance group plans. In addition, during the dormant phase, each site should have already registered the pharmacy with the Financial Services Center (FSC).

The active phase allowed the ECME V. 1.0 package to produce electronic claims. These changes allowed the VistA software applications to transmit outpatient pharmacy prescription claims to payers electronically and to receive claim responses (which include Drug Utilization Responses (DURs) and warnings) on a real-time basis and in accordance with Healthcare Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) transactions and NCPDP mandated format standards, specifically NCPDP Telecommunication Standard V. 5.1. A later release added the capability of sending claims in the NCPDP Telecommunication Standard V. D.0.

ECME V. 1.0 claims processing begins when events within Outpatient Pharmacy V. 7.0 meet specific criteria that indicate the system should generate an electronic claim.

To build a claim through ECME V. 1.0, the following must occur:

- 1. The patient must be registered.
- 2. The patient must have pharmacy insurance coverage.
- 3. The patient must have a prescription for a non-service-connected condition and with a billable drug.

Logic embedded within ECME V. 1.0 manages the creation of the electronic claim, which requires integration with Integrated Billing (IB) V. 2.0, Pharmacy Data Management (PDM) V. 1.0, and the National Drug File (NDF) V. 4.0. ECME V. 1.0 also generates claims during Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy (CMOP) V. 2.0 processing for prescriptions that meet billing requirements; the prescriptions are suspended for CMOP fills.

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) developed the ECME V. 1.0 software in order to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, which requires health care providers to transmit outpatient pharmacy prescription claims to payers electronically in the NCPDP format, and to receive responses on a real-time basis. ECME V. 1.0 was derived from the Pharmacy Point of Sale V. 1.0 (POS) application developed by the Indian Health Service (IHS).

1.2. Orientation

This guide consistently uses the following notation to enhance readability.

- Screen prompts are denoted with quotation marks around them. Example: the "Press ENTER to continue" prompt will display next.
- Menu options are italicized. Example: The Payable Claims Report option lists payable electronic claims in billed and paid amounts.
- Responses in bold face denote user input. Example: Select ECME Option: **RPT**.
- <Enter> indicates the user must press the Enter key (or Return key on some keyboards). Example: Type Y for Yes or N for No, and press <Enter>
- <Tab> indicates the user must press the Tab key. Example: Press <Tab> to move the cursor to the next field.
- Note indicates important or helpful information. Example:

NOTE: Important or helpful information.

• Key options are locked with a particular security key. The user must hold the particular security key to be able to perform the menu option. Example:

Key The user cannot access the Pharmacy ECME Manager Menu options without the BPS MANAGER key.

- The user can enter one, two, or three question marks at any prompt to get online help.
 - One question mark briefly states what information is appropriate for the prompt.
 - Two question marks provide more detailed help, plus hidden actions.
 - Three question marks give the most detailed help, including a list of possible answers, if appropriate.

Users can obtain online help in the following ways.

- Enter a question mark (?) for assistance in choosing actions at a prompt.
- Use the kernel routine, XINDEX, to produce detailed listings of the routines.
- Use VA FileMan to generate listings of data dictionaries for the files.

1.3. List of Related Documentation

Electronic Claims Management Engine V. 1.0 User Manual Outpatient Pharmacy V. 7.0 Technical Manual / Security Guide Change Pages Outpatient Pharmacy V. 7.0 User Manual Change Pages HIPAA NCPDP Connection for EDI Pharmacy (Active Release) Installation Guide HIPAA NCPDP Connection for EDI Pharmacy (Active Release) Release Notes HIPAA NCPDP IB/AR Release Notes PDM Technical Manual / Security Guide Change Pages PDM User's Manual Change Pages CMOP Technical Manual Change Pages

2. ECME V. 1.0 Menus

The complete list of ECME V. 1.0 menu options is shown below. The Claims Coordinator needs to access all ECME V. 1.0 options.

Key To view the complete ECME V. 1.0 menu structure, the user must hold the BPSMENU, BPS USER, BPS MANAGER, BPS MASTER, BPS REPORTS, and BPS SUPERVISOR keys.

U Claims Data Entry Screen

COB ECME Pharmacy COB...

- SEC Potential Secondary Rx Claims Report
- TRI Potential Claims Report for Dual Eligible
- PRO Process Secondary / TRICARE Rx to ECME

MGR Pharmacy ECME Manager Menu...

MNT ECME transaction maintenance options...

UNS View / Unstrand Submissions Not Completed

ROC Re-Open CLOSED Claim

- SET Pharmacy ECME Setup Menu...
 - BAS Edit Basic ECME Parameters
 - PHAR Edit ECME Pharmacy Data
 - REG Register Pharmacy with Austin Automation Center

STAT Statistics Screen

RPT Pharmacy Electronic Claims Reports...

CLA Claim Results and Status...

- PAY Payable Claims Report
- REJ Rejected Claims Report
- ECMP COMP / ECME Activity Report
- REV Reversal Claims Report
- NYR Claims Submitted, Not Yet Released
- REC Recent Transactions
- DAY Totals by Date
- CLO Closed Claims Report
- NBS Non-Billable Status Report
- SPA Spending Account Report

OTH Other Reports...

- CRI ECME Claims-Response Inquiry
- PAY Payer Sheet Detail Report
- PHAR ECME Setup Pharmacies Report
- TAT Turn-around time statistics
- VER View ePharmacy Rx
- OPR OPECC Productivity Report

3. Implementation and Maintenance

3.1. Site Parameters

The site parameters consist of the editing of the basic pharmacy ECME parameters and the association of the outpatient sites with the ECME pharmacy.

3.2. Editing the Basic Pharmacy ECME Parameters

The *Edit Basic Pharmacy ECME Parameters* option allows the user to determine how long progress messages will display on the screen when claims are being processed in the foreground.

To edit this parameter, use the following menu path:

ECME Main Menu [BPSMENU] (Locked: BPSMENU) Pharmacy ECME Manager Menu [BPS MANAGER MENU] (Locked: BPS MANAGER) Pharmacy ECME Setup Menu [BPS SETUP MENU] Edit Basic Pharmacy ECME Parameters [BPS SETUP PART 1] (Locked: BPS MASTER)

Example of Screen Print:

```
Edit Pharmacy ECME configuration
ECME timeout? (0 to 30 seconds) : 30//
Insurer Asleep Interval (0 to 29 minutes): 10//
Insurer Asleep Retries (0 to 99): 10//
Default Eligibility Pharmacy:
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3.2.1. Associating the Outpatient Sites with an ECME Pharmacy

This option enables the pharmacy users to submit third party claims.

To edit this parameter, use the following menu path:

ECME Main Menu [BPSMENU] (Locked: BPSMENU) Pharmacy ECME Manager Menu [BPS MANAGER MENU] (Locked: BPS MANAGER) Pharmacy ECME Setup Menu [BPS SETUP MENU] (Locked: BPS MASTER) Edit ECME Pharmacy Data [BPS SETUP PHARMACY] (Locked: BPS MASTER)

The following is a list of prompts related to the Associating of Outpatient Sites with an ECME Pharmacy option:

- Select BPS PHARMACIES NAME: Enter a BPS PHARMACIES NAME, OR OUTPATIENT SITE. By entering a question mark (?), the system will return the available BPS Pharmacies. A new BPS Pharmacy can be entered, and the name must be 3 - 30 alphabetical characters (not numeric and cannot start with punctuation character).
- STATUS: Displays the current status (Active / Inactive). This is entered in the Register Pharmacy with Austin Automation Center option [BPS SETUP REGISTER PHARMACY] and is a read-only field on this screen.
- NCPDP #: Displays the Pharmacy NCPDP #. This is a number assigned to the pharmacy by the NCPDP and was formerly called NABP # (National Association of Boards of Pharmacy number). This is entered in the Register Pharmacy with Austin Automation Center option [BPS SETUP REGISTER PHARMACY] and is a read-only field on this screen.
- NPI: Displays the Pharmacy National Provider Identifier (NPI). This number is assigned to the pharmacy by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and was requested by the Central Business Office (CBO). It is automatically determined by linking an entry in BPS PHARMACIES (#9002313.56) to an Outpatient Site.
- Select OUTPATIENT SITE: Enter a new OUTPATIENT SITE. One or more of the VISTA Pharmacy package's OUTPATIENT SITE entries (file #59) must be associated with an ECME Pharmacy entry.
- **CMOP SWITCH:** Enter ON to process CMOP claims via ECME, OFF to not process CMOP claims. Choose from 0-CMOP OFF/1-CMOP ON.
- AUTO-REVERSE PARAMETER: ECME uses the AUTO-REVERSE site parameter when determining whether non-released prescription claims (those that have a PAYABLE response) are to be automatically REVERSED. The AUTO-REVERSE site parameter is set for the number of days that ECME will wait before the claim is automatically REVERSED. ECME will allow the user to enter a number between 3-10

and ECME will wait the entered number of days before REVERSING the non-released Rx with a payable response returned by the payer. The suggested setting is 5.

- **DEFAULT DEA #:** Many payers require the prescriber's Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number as part of the claim. If the pharmacy has a DEA # that may be used in case a prescriber does not have this DEA # on file, enter that default DEA # here.
- Select BPS Pharmacy for CS or Enter to bypass: Some pharmacies do not dispense controlled substances (CS), sending CS prescriptions to another pharmacy to be filled. Entering a CS pharmacy at this prompt will cause the NPI of the CS pharmacy to be used for any third party claim submissions.

Example Screen Print:

```
Select BPS PHARMACIES NAME: XXXXXX VAMC PHARMACY
NAME: XXXXXX VAMC PHARMACY
STATUS: ACTIVE
NCPDP #: XXXXXXX
NPI: XXXXXXXXX
Select OUTPATIENT SITE: XXXXXX VAMC PHARMACY// <ENTER>
 OUTPATIENT SITE: XXXXXX VAMC PHARMACY// <ENTER>
Select OUTPATIENT SITE: <ENTER>
CMOP SWITCH: CMOP ON// <ENTER>
AUTO-REVERSE PARAMETER: 10// <ENTER>
DEFAULT DEA #: XXXXXXXXX// <ENTER>
*** BPS Pharmacy for CS is an optional field.
This field should only be used when a dispensing pharmacy does not
have a valid DEA Controlled Substance Registration Certificate
and therefore those products are dispensed by a different pharmacy.
Press Enter to bypass the prompt. **
     Select one of the following:
          1
              Pharmacy 001
          2
                   Pharmacy 002
Select BPS Pharmacy for CS or Enter to bypass: // Pharmacy 001
     NCPDP #: XXXXXXXX
     NPI: XXXXXXXX
Press enter to continue:
```

3.3. System Requirements

There are no specific hardware requirements for the ECME V. 1.0 package.

3.3.1. Disk Space Requirements

Since this version is distributed using KIDS, the transport global is automatically deleted after the initial installation.

There are less than 200 BPS* routines, which occupies less than one MB of space.

3.3.2. Journaling Globals

The ECME V. 1.0 package uses the namespace BPS. All BPS* globals should be journaled if journaling is used.

4. Files

Number	Global Location	Name	Brief Description
9002313.02	^BPSC(BPS CLAIMS	Intermediate form of transmissions. Fields are stored in formatted form. Raw packet is also stored. Most fields are in Free Text format to accommodate NCPDP Standard formatting criteria and required field lengths. Fields other than those with decimals in the number correlate directly to the field numbers supplied in the NCPDP Data Dictionary.
9002313.03	^BPSR(BPS RESPONSES	This file stores the response information returned by the third- party payer. Most of the fields have 'raw' NCPDP data so it is formatted per the NCPDP specifications.
9002313.12	^BPS(9002313.12,	BPS LOG	This is the ECME log, which is used to store an audit trail of ECME activity. There are currently two types of logs – one for transactions and another for purging.
9002313.15	^BPS(9002313.15,	BPS ASLEEP PAYERS	This file is used to store payers that are asleep or should be ignored because they are asleep. Generally, there should be few or no entries in this file unless there are payers that are asleep.
9002313.19	^BPS(9002313.19,	BPS NCPDP PATIENT RELATIONSHIP CODE	Standard NCPDP Patient Relationship data to be used in submitting claims. The file and data should never be locally modified.
9002313.2	^BPS(9002313.2,	BPS NCPDP OTHER PAYER AMT PAID QUAL	Static file to store the codes and descriptions for NCPDP field 342-HC (Other Payer Amount Paid Qualifier). These codes are used for secondary electronic claim transmissions to third party payers. No local changes should ever be made to this file.

Table 1: Files

Number	Global Location	Name	Brief Description
9002313.21	^BPS(9002313.21,	BPS NCPDP PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CODE	Static file that is used to store the possible NCPDP PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CODE values, which are used for overriding DUR rejects. This file is populated by the installation and should not be edited by sites.
9002313.22	^BPS(9002313.22,	BPS NCPDP RESULT OF SERVICE CODE	Static file used to store the possible NCPDP RESULT OF SERVICE CODE values, which are used for overriding DUR rejects. This file is populated by the installation and should not be edited by sites.
9002313.23	^BPS(9002313.23,	BPS NCPDP REASON FOR SERVICE CODE	Static file that is used to store the possible NCPDP REASON FOR SERVICE CODE values, which are used for overriding DUR rejects. This file is populated by the installation and should not be edited by sites.
9002313.24	^BPS(9002313.24,	BPS NCPDP DAW CODE	Static file used to store NCPDP DAW (Dispense as Written) codes, which are used for prescription electronic claim transmission to third party payers. This file is populated by the installation and should not be edited by sites.
9002313.25	^BPS(9002313.25,	BPS NCPDP CLARIFICATION CODES	This file is used to store the possible NCPDP CLARIFICATION CODE values, which are used for overriding DUR rejects. No local changes should ever be made to this file. The data stored in this file are based on the NCPDP standards and are nationally distributed.
9002313.26	^BPS(9002313.26,	BPS NCPDP PRIOR AUTHORIZATION TYPE CODE	This file comes with standard NCPDP prior authorization data to be used in submitting claims. The file and data should never be locally modified, edited or changed.

Number	Global Location	Name	Brief Description
9002313.27	^BPS(9002313.27,	BPS NCPDP PATIENT RESIDENCE CODE	Standard NCPDP Patient Residence data used in submitting claims. The file and data should never be locally modified.
9002313.28	^BPS(9002313.28,	BPS NCPDP PHARMACY SERVICE TYPE	Standard NCPDP Pharmacy Service Type data used in submitting claims. The file and data should never be locally modified.
9002313.29	^BPS(9002313.29,	BPS NCPDP DELAY REASON CODE	Standard NCPDP Delay Reason Code data used in submitting claims. The file and data should never be locally modified.
9002313.31	^BPS(9002313.31,	BPS CERTIFICATION	This file holds data for development use in certifying software when required by clearinghouses and payers.
9002313.32	^BPS(9002313.32,	BPS PAYER RESPONSE OVERRIDES	This file is used to store Payer Response Overrides. This file should not be populated on production systems, only on test systems.
9002313.34	^BPS(9002313.34,	BPS NCPDP PRESCRIBER PLACE OF SERVICE	This file is used to store the possible NCPDP PRESCRIBER PLACE OF SERVICE CODES, that can be sent with a claim.
9002313.35	^BPS(9002313.35,	BPS NCPDP BENEFIT STAGE INDICATOR	This file is used to store the possible NCPDP BENEFIT STAGE INDICATOR, that can be sent on a claim or returned by the payer.
9002313.36	^BPS(9002313.36,	BPS NCPDP LTPAC DISPENSE FREQUENCY	This file is used to store the possible NCPDP LTPAC DISPENSE FREQUENCY, that can be sent on a claim.
9002313.37	^BPS(9002313.37,	BPS NCPDP PATIENT PAY COMPONENT QUALIFIER	This file is used to store the possible NCPDP PATIENT PAY COMPONENT QUALIFIER, that can be returned by the payer.
9002313.38	^BPS(9002313.38,	BPS NCPDP OTHER PAYER PROGRAM TYPE	This file is used to store the possible NCPDP OTHER PAYER ADJUDICATED PROGRAM TYPE, that can be returned by the payer.

Number	Global Location	Name	Brief Description
9002313.39	^BPS(9002313.39,	BPS NCPDP COMPOUND PROD ID QUALIFIER	
9002313.4	^BPS(9002313.4,	BPS NCPDP OTHER PHARMACY ID QUALIFIER	
9002313.41	^BPS(9002313.41,	BPS NCPDP OTHER PRESCRIBER ID QUALIFIER	
9002313.42	^BPS(9002313.42,	BPS NCPDP INVALID PROVIDER DATA SOURCE	
9002313.511	^BPS(9002313.511 ,	BPS NCPDP OVERRIDE	Contains values for override of specific NCPDP fields.
9002313.56	^BPS(9002313.56,	BPS PHARMACIES	Pharmacy-specific data NCPDP #, NPI, default DEA #, etc. One BPS PHARMACY has a list of one or more OUTPATIENT SITES (file 59)
9002313.57	^BPSTL(BPS LOG OF TRANSACTIONS	This file contains a copy of the BPS Transaction (#9002313.59) record after it completes (reaches 99%) and thus, provides a historical record of all completed transactions.
9002313.58	^BPSECX("S",	BPS STATISTICS	Statistics; displayed by the BPS STATISTICS SCREEN option.
9002313.59	^BPST(BPS TRANSACTION	This file stores the most recent transactions for an RX/Fill (Billing Request or Reversal) or Patient/Policy (Eligibility Verification). When complete (status 99), a copy of the record is placed in the BPS Log of Transactions file (#9002313.57).

Number	Global Location	Name	Brief Description
9002313.77	^BPS(9002313.77,	BPS REQUESTS	This file is used to store data for queued requests before the ECME engine un-queues them during processing. The data stored in this file are used to create a record in BPS TRANSACTION file (#9002313.59) to build a claim request or reversal and send it to the insurer (payer). Generally, there should be few or no entries in this file unless there are stranded claims/reversal or requests that need to be un- stranded by the user.
9002313.78	^BPS(9002313.78,	BPS INSURER DATA	This file is used to store insurers' details data returned by the Integrated Billing package to be used by the ECME engine to build claim requests and reversals and send them to insurers (payers). Generally, there should be few or no entries in this file unless there are stranded claims, reversal or requests that need to be un- stranded by the user.
9002313.83	^BPSF(9002313.83,	BPS RESULT CATEGORY	A list of the possible result categories, as returned by CATEG^BPSOSUC(). This table is overwritten by the installation.
9002313.89	^BPSF(9002313.89,	BPS ERROR CODES	Obsolete.
9002313.91	^BPSF(9002313.91,	BPS NCPDP FIELD DEFS	The file of NCPDP Data Dictionary fields which are combined into formatted packets. Package installation updates this file.
9002313.92	^BPSF(9002313.92,	BPS NCPDP FORMATS	Entries are commonly referred to as "payer sheets". These are the formats for sending claims. This file was initially installed as part of the dormant release and updates are sent by the AITC via HL7. Never modify locally, except in cooperation with development.

Number	Global Location	Name	Brief Description
9002313.93	^BPSF(9002313.93,	BPS NCPDP REJECT CODES	Rejection codes as defined by NCPDP. Never edit this file. Installation overwrites this file, totally.
9002313.99	^BPS(9002313.99,	BPS SETUP	ECME system parameters. Contains only one entry called MAIN SETUP ENTRY with an IEN of 1.

Data Dictionaries (DD) are part of the online documentation for this software application. Use VA FileMan List File Attributes [DILIST] option, under the Data Dictionary Utilities [DI DDU] option, to print the DDs.

5. Routines

5.1. Descriptions

The following is a list of routines exported by the ECME V. 1.0 package. Each routine's first line contains a brief description of the routine's function. Use the First Line Routine Print [XU FIRST LINE PRINT] option to print a list of just the first line of each BPS* routine.

• BPSBCKJ	• BPSJAREG	• BPSNCPD3	• BPSOS6M
• BPSBUTL	• BPSJHLI	• BPSNCPD4	• BPSOSC2
• BPSCMT	• BPSJHLT	• BPSNCPD5	• BPSOSCA
• BPSCMT01	• BPSJINIT	• BPSNCPD6	• BPSOSCB
• BPSCT	• BPSJPHNM	• BPSNCPD9	• BPSOSCC
• BPSECA1	• BPSJPREG	• BPSNCPDP	• BPSOSCD
• BPSECA8	• BPSJUTL	• BPSNPI	• BPSOSCE
• BPSECFM	• BPSJUTL1	• BPSOPR	• BPSOSCF
• BPSECMC2	• BPSJVAL	• BPSOPR2	• BPSOSH2
• BPSECMP2	• BPSJVAL1	• BPSOPR3	• BPSOSHF
• BPSECMPS	• BPSJVAL2	• BPSOS	• BPSOSHR
• BPSECX0	• BPSJZPR	• BPSOS03	• BPSOSIY
• BPSECX1	• BPSJZQR	• BPSOS2	• BPSOSIZ
• BPSELG	• BPSJZRP	• BPSOS2A	• BPSOSK
• BPSFLD01	• BPSMHDR	• BPSOS2B	• BPSOSL
• BPSGRPL	• BPSNCPD1	• BPSOS2C	• BPSOSL1
• BPSJACK	• BPSNCPD2	• BPSOS57	• BPSOSO

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 BPSOSO1 BPSOSQ2 BPSOSQ2 BPSOSQ4 BPSOSQ4 BPSOSQ4 BPSOSQ4 BPSOSQ4 BPSOSQ4 BPSOSQ5 BPSOSQ6 BPSOSR1 BPSOSR1 BPSOSR22 BPSOSR23 BPSOSR24 BPSOSR24 BPSOSR25 BPSOSR25 BPSOSR26 BPSOSR26 BPSOSR27 BPSOSR27 BPSOSR28 BPSOSR28 BPSOSR28 BPSOSR28 BPSOSR28 BPSOSR28 BPSOSR26 BPSOSR26 BPSOSR26 BPSOSR26 BPSOSR27 BPSOSR28 BPSOSR28 BPSOSR26 BPSOSR26 BPSOSU1 BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 BPSOSU3 BPSOSU4 	 BPSOSUD BPSOSUE BPSPHAR BPSPRRX BPSPRRX1 BPSPRRX2 BPSPRRX3 BPSPRRX4 	 BPSRPT8 BPSRPT8A BPSRPT9 BPSRSELG BPSRSEV BPSRSHLD 	 BPSSCRSL BPSSCRU1 BPSSCRU2 BPSSCRU3 BPSSCRU4
 BPSOSQ BPSOSQ2 BPSOSQ4 BPSOSQA BPSOSQC BPSOSQF BPSOSQG BPSOSQL BPSOSRX BPSOSRX2 BPSOSRX3 BPSOSRX4 BPSOSRX4 BPSOSRX5 BPSOSRX5 BPSOSRX6 BPSOSRX7 BPSOSRX8 BPSOSRX8 BPSOSSQ BPSOSSQ BPSOSSQ BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 	 BPSPHAR BPSPRRX BPSPRRX1 BPSPRRX2 BPSPRRX3 	BPSRPT9BPSRPT9ABPSRSELGBPSRSEV	BPSSCRU2BPSSCRU3
 BPSOSQ2 BPSOSQ4 BPSOSQA BPSOSQC BPSOSQF BPSOSQG BPSOSQL BPSOSRB BPSOSRX2 BPSOSRX3 BPSOSRX3 BPSOSRX4 BPSOSRX5 BPSOSRX5 BPSOSRX6 BPSOSRX7 BPSOSRX8 BPSOSSQ BPSOSSQ BPSOSSQ BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 	BPSPRRXBPSPRRX1BPSPRRX2BPSPRRX3	BPSRPT9ABPSRSELGBPSRSEV	• BPSSCRU3
 BPSOSQ4 BPSOSQA BPSOSQC BPSOSQF BPSOSQG BPSOSQL BPSOSRB BPSOSRX BPSOSRX2 BPSOSRX3 BPSOSRX4 BPSOSRX4 BPSOSRX5 BPSOSRX6 BPSOSRX7 BPSOSRX8 BPSOSSQ BPSOSSQ BPSOSSQ BPSOSU BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 	BPSPRRX1BPSPRRX2BPSPRRX3	BPSRSELGBPSRSEV	
 BPSOSQA BPSOSQC BPSOSQF BPSOSQG BPSOSQL BPSOSRB BPSOSRX BPSOSRX2 BPSOSRX3 BPSOSRX4 BPSOSRX4 BPSOSRX5 BPSOSRX6 BPSOSRX7 BPSOSRX8 BPSOSSQ BPSOSSQ BPSOSSQ BPSOSU BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 	BPSPRRX2BPSPRRX3	• BPSRSEV	• BPSSCRU4
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 BPSOSQG BPSOSQL BPSOSRB BPSOSRX BPSOSRX2 BPSOSRX3 BPSOSRX4 BPSOSRX4 BPSOSRX5 BPSOSRX6 BPSOSRX7 BPSOSRX8 BPSOSSR3 BPSOSSQ BPSOSSQ BPSOSU BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 	• BPSPRRX4	• DI SKSHED	• BPSSCRU6
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 BPSOSRB BPSOSRX BPSOSRX2 BPSOSRX3 BPSOSRX4 BPSOSRX4 BPSOSRX5 BPSOSRX6 BPSOSRX7 BPSOSRX8 BPSOSSR8 BPSOSSG BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 	• BPSPRRX5	• BPSRSM	• BPSSCRV1
 BPSOSRX BPSOSRX2 BPSOSRX3 BPSOSRX4 BPSOSRX5 BPSOSRX6 BPSOSRX7 BPSOSRX8 BPSOSS8 BPSOSSG BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 	• BPSPRRX6	• BPSRSPRS	• BPSSCRV2
 BPSOSRX2 BPSOSRX3 BPSOSRX4 BPSOSRX5 BPSOSRX6 BPSOSRX7 BPSOSRX8 BPSOSS8 BPSOSSG BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 	• BPSPRRX7	• BPSRSRLC	• BPSTEST
 BPSOSRX3 BPSOSRX4 BPSOSRX5 BPSOSRX6 BPSOSRX7 BPSOSRX8 BPSOSS8 BPSOSSG BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 	• BPSPSOU1	• BPSRSTPJ	• BPSTEST1
 BPSOSRX4 BPSOSRX5 BPSOSRX6 BPSOSRX7 BPSOSRX8 BPSOSS8 BPSOSSG BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 	• BPSRCRI	• BPSSCR	• BPSTEST2
 BPSOSRX5 BPSOSRX6 BPSOSRX7 BPSOSRX8 BPSOSS8 BPSOSU0 BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 	• BPSRDT1	• BPSSCR01	• BPSTSET
 BPSOSRX6 BPSOSRX7 BPSOSRX8 BPSOSS8 BPSOSSG BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 	• BPSREOP	• BPSSCR02	• BPSTSET2
 BPSOSRX7 BPSOSRX8 BPSOSS6 BPSOSU BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 	• BPSREOP1	• BPSSCR03	• BPSUSCR
 BPSOSRX8 BPSOSSG BPSOSU BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 	• BPSRES	• BPSSCR04	• BPSUSCR1
 BPSOSS8 BPSOSSG BPSOSU1 BPSOSU2 BPSOSU3 	• BPSRES1	• BPSSCR05	• BPSUSCR2
BPSOSSGBPSOSUBPSOSU1BPSOSU2BPSOSU3	• BPSRPAY	• BPSSCRCL	• BPSUSCR4
BPSOSUBPSOSU1BPSOSU2BPSOSU3	• BPSRPT0	• BPSSCRCU	• BPSUTIL
BPSOSU1BPSOSU2BPSOSU3	• BPSRPT1	• BPSSCRCV	• BPSUTIL1
BPSOSU2BPSOSU3	• BPSRPT2	• BPSSCRDS	• BPSUTIL2
• BPSOSU3	• BPSRPT3	• BPSSCRDV	• BPSVRX
	• BPSRPT3A	• BPSSCRL1	• BPSVRX1
• BPSOSU4		• BPSSCRLG	• BPSVRX2
	• BPSRPT4	• BPSSCRN0	• BPSVRX3
• BPSOSU5	BPSRPT4BPSRPT5		• BPSWRKLS
• BPSOSU8		• BPSSCRPR	
• BPSOSU9	• BPSRPT5	BPSSCRPRBPSSCRRJ	
• BPSOSUC	BPSRPT5BPSRPT5A		

5.2. Callable Routines

Entry points provided by the ECME V. 1.0 package to other software packages can be found in the External Relationships section of this manual. No other routines are designated as callable from outside of this package.

6. Templates

6.1. Print Templates

Table 2: Print Templates

Name	File
BPS TECH – FILES	FILE (#1)
BPS TECH – OPTIONS	OPTION (#19)

6.2. Input Templates

Table 3: Input Templates

Name	File
BPSJ PHARMACY ENTER/EDIT	BPS PHARMACIES (#9002313.56)
BPSJ SITE SETUP	BPS SETUP (#9002313.99)

6.3. Sort Templates

Table 4: Sort Templates

Name	File
BPS SETUP PHARMACIES	BPS PHARMACIES (# 9002313.56)

6.4. List Templates

BPS LSTMN COMMENTS BPS LSTMN DEVLOG BPS LSTMN ECME REOPEN BPS LSTMN ECME UNSTRAND BPS LSTMN ECME USRSCR BPS LSTMN LOG BPS LSTMN RSCH MENU BPS OPECC REJECT INFORMATION BPS STATISTICS AND MANAGEMENT BPS VIEW ECME RX

How to View List Templates using VA FileMan

Select VA FileMan Option: Inquire to File Entries					
OUTPUT FROM WHAT FILE: LIST TEMPLATE//	OUTPUT FROM WHAT FILE: LIST TEMPLATE//				
Select LIST TEMPLATE NAME: BPS STATIS	TICS AND MANAGEMENT				
ANOTHER ONE:					
STANDARD CAPTIONED OUTPUT? Yes// (Yes)					
Include COMPUTED fields: (N/Y/R/B): NO/	/ - No record number (IEN), no Computed Fields				
NAME: BPS STATISTICS AND MANAGEMENT	TYPE OF LIST: PROTOCOL RIGHT MARGIN: 80				
TOP MARGIN: 4	BOTTOM MARGIN: 18				
OK TO TRANSPORT?: NOT OK					
USE CURSOR CONTROL: YES	PROTOCOL MENU: BPS PROTOCOL 2 SCREEN TITLE: ECME				
STATISTICS					
ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF ACTIONS: 1	AUTOMATIC DEFAULTS: YES HIDDEN ACTION MENU: VA	ALM			
HIDDEN ACTIONS					
ARRAY NAME: ^TMP("BPSOS2",\$J)	EXIT CODE: D EXIT^BPSOS2 HEADER CODE: D HDR^BPS	SOS2			
HELP CODE: D HELP^BPSOS2	ENTRY CODE: D INIT^BPSOS2				

7. Exported Options

7.1. Stand-alone Options

All of the Electronic Claims Management Engine (ECME) V. 1.0 package options are designed to be "stand-alone,, that is, options can be accessed without first accessing the top-level menu. All the options can be placed on menus other than the original menu without any additional editing; users will still be required to hold the proper security key to gain access to each option.

7.2. Top-level Menus

The ECME Main Menu [BPSMENU] option is the top-level menu. It contains one user option, plus three BPS sub-menus.

ECME	BPS
ECME User Screen	[BPS USER SCREEN]
ECME Pharmacy COB	[BPS COB MENU]
Pharmacy ECME Manager Menu	[BPS MANAGER MENU]
Pharmacy Electronic Claims Reports	[BPS MENU RPT MAIN]

Table 5: Top-level Menus

7.2.1. Key Assignment

The ECME Main Menu [BPSMENU] and its main sub-menus require users to possess Security Keys (file #19.1) for access to the options.

The following keys control the ECME Main Menu and its three main sub-menus:

Key	Menu
BPSMENU	Required for the main ECME menu [BPSMENU].
BPS USER	Required for the ECME User Screen [BPS USER SCREEN] and for the option "Process Secondary/TRICARE Rx to ECME" [BPS COB PROCESS SECOND TRICARE].

Table 6: Key Assignments

Кеу	Menu
BPS MANAGER	 Required for these ECME options: Pharmacy ECME Manager Menu [BPS MANAGER MENU]. Statistics Screen [BPS STATISTICS SCREEN]. ECME transaction maintenance options [BPS MENU MAINTENANCE]. View/Unstrand Submissions Not Completed [BPS UNSTRAND SCREEN]. Re-Open CLOSED Claims [BPS REOPEN CLOSED CLAIMS].
BPS MASTER	 Required for these ECME options: Pharmacy ECME Setup Menu [BPS SETUP MENU]. Edit Basic ECME Parameters [BPS SETUP BASIC PARAMS]. Edit ECME Pharmacy Data [BPS SETUP PHARMACY]. Register Pharmacy with Austin Automation Center [BPS SETUP REGISTER PHARMACY].
BPS REPORTS	 Required for these ECME options: Pharmacy Electronic Claims Reports [BPS MENU RPT MAIN]. Claim Results and Status [BPS MENU RPT CLAIM STATUS]. Recent Transactions [BPS RPT RECENT TRANSACTIONS]. Closed Claims Report [BPS RPT CLOSED CLAIMS]. CMOP/ECME Activity Report [BPS RPT CMOP/ECME ACTIVITY]. Claims Submitted, Not Yet Released [BPS RPT NOT RELEASED]. Payable Claims Report [BPS RPT PAYABLE]. Payer Sheet Detail Report [BPS RPT REJECTION]. Reversal Claims Report [BPS RPT REVERSAL]. Totals by Date [BPS RPT TOTALS BY DAY]. Turn-around time statistics [BPS RPT TURNAROUND STATS]. ECME Setup – Pharmacies Report [BPS RPT SETUP PHARMACIES]. ECME Claims-Response Inquiry [BPS RPT CLAIMS RESPONSE]. Spending Account Report [BPS RPT SPENDING ACCOUNT]. Other Reports [BPS MENU RPT OTHER]. Non-Billable Status Report [BPS RPT DUPLICATE CLAIMS].
BPS SUPERVISOR	 Required for this ECME option: OPECC Productivity Report [BPS OPECC PRODUCTIVITY REPORT].

ECME (BPSMENU) **LOCKED: BPSMENU** ------U ECME User Screen [BPS USER SCREEN] **LOCKED: BPS USER** --COB ECME Pharmacy -----SEC Potential COB [BPS COB Secondary Rx MENU] Claims Report [BPS COB RPT SECONDARY CLAIMS] -----TRI Potential Claims Report for Dual Eligible [BPS POTENTIAL CLAIMS RPT DUAL] -----PRO Process Secondary/TRICAR E Rx to ECME [BPS COB PROCESS SECOND TRICARE] **LOCKED: BPS USER** --MGR Pharmacy ECME -----MNT ECME transaction -----UNS View/Unstrand Manager Menu maintenance Submissions Not [BPS MANAGER options [BPS Completed [BPS MENU] MENU UNSTRAND SCREEN] **LOCKED: BPS MAINTENANCE] **LOCKED: BPS MAI **LOCKED: BPS MAINTENANCE] MANAGER** **LOCKED: BPS **LOCKED: BPS MANAGER** MANAGER** |-----ROC Re Open CLOSED Claim [BPS REOPEN CLOSED CLAIM] **LOCKED: BPS MANAGER** -----BAS Edit Basic ECME Setup Menu [BPS Parameters [BPS SETUP MENU] SETUP BASIC **LOCKED: BPS PARAMS] MASTER** **LOCKED: BPS M2 MASTER** **LOCKED: BPS MASTER** -----PHAR Edit ECME Pharmacy Data [BPS SETUP PHARMACY] **LOCKED: BPS MASTER** |-----REG Register Pharmacy with Austin Automation Center [BPS SETUP REGISTER PHARMACY] **LOCKED: BPS MASTER** -----STAT Statistics Screen [BPS STATISTICS SCREEN] **LOCKED: BPS MANAGER**

Hierarchy of ECME Menu Options and Security Keys:

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Elect Clair [BPS	tronic ms Reports MENU RPT		Payable Claims Report [BPS RPT PAYABLE] **LOCKED: BPS REPORTS**
MAIN **LO] CKED: BPS REPORTS**	**LOCKED: BPS REPORTS**	
			Defected Claims
		KEJ 	Rejected Claims Report [BPS RPT REJECTION] **LOCKED: BPS REPORTS**
	 	 ECMP	
			Activity Report [BPS RPT
			CMOP/ECME ACTIVITY] **LOCKED: BPS REPORTS**
		 REV	Reversal Claims
			Report [BPS RPT REVERSAL] **LOCKED: BPS REPORTS**
	 	 NYR 	Claims Submitted, Not
	 		Yet Released [BPS RPT NOT RELEASED]
			LOCKED: BPS REPORTS
		REC 	Transactions
			[BPS RPT RECENT TRANSACTIONS] **LOCKED: BPS REPORTS**
		 DAY 	Totals by Date [BPS RPT TOTALS
	 		BY DAY] **LOCKED: BPS REPORTS**
		CLO 	Closed Claims Report [BPS RPT
	 		CLOSED CLAIMS] **LOCKED: BPS REPORTS**
		NBS	Non-Billable Status Report [BPS RPT
	 		NON-BILLABLE REPORT **LOCKED: BPS REPORTS**
		SPA 	Spending Account Report [BPS RPT SPENDING
	 		ACCOUNT] **LOCKED: BPS REPORTS**
		 DUP	Duplicate Claims Report Report [BPS RPT
			DUPLICATE CLAIMS] **LOCKED: BPS REPORTS**
	 	Other Peports OPT	FOME
	·01H	Other ReportsCRI [BPS MENU RPT OTHER]	Claims-Response Inquiry [BPS RPT
		LOCKED: BPS REPORTS	CLAIMS RESPONSE] **LOCKED: BPS REPORTS**

PAY 	Payer Sheet Detail Report [BPS RPT PAYER SHEET DETAIL] **LOCKED: BPS REPORTS**
PHAR	ECME Setup - Pharmacies Report [BPS RPT SETUP PHARMACIES] **LOCKED: BPS REPORTS**
TAT	Turn-around time statistics [BPS RPT TURNAROUND STATS] **LOCKED: BPS REPORTS**
 VER 	View ePharmacy Rx [BPS RPT VIEW ECME RX]
OPR	OPECC Productivity Report [BPS OPECC PRODUCTIVITY REPORT] **LOCKED: BPS SUPERVISOR**

7.2.2. Menu Placement

It is recommended that the user place the ECME V. 1.0 main menu and sub-menus on the Core Applications menu where the other package menus are found.

7.2.3. Options

The following options are exported with the ECME V. 1.0 package:

Table 7: Options		
Option Name	Menu Text	
BPS MANAGER MENU	Pharmacy ECME Manager Menu	
BPS MENU MAINTENANCE	ECME Transaction Maintenance Options	
BPS MENU RPT CLAIM STATUS	Claim Results and Status	
BPS MENU RPT MAIN	Pharmacy Electronic Claims Reports	
BPS MENU RPT OTHER	Other Reports	
BPS COB MENU	ECME Pharmacy COB	
BPS COB PROCESS SECOND TRICARE	Process Secondary / TRICARE Rx to ECME	
BPS COB RPT SECONDARY CLAIMS	Potential Secondary Rx Claims Report	
BPS POTENTIAL CLAIMS RPT DUAL	Potential Claims Report for Dual Eligible	
BPS NIGHTLY BACKGROUND JOB	BPS Nightly Background Job	
BPS REOPEN CLOSED CLAIM	Re-Open CLOSED Claim	
BPS RPT RECENT TRANSACTIONS	Recent Transactions	

Option Name	Menu Text
BPS RPT CLOSED CLAIMS	Closed Claims Report
BPS RPT CMOP/ECME ACTIVITY	CMOP / ECME Activity Report
BPS RPT NOT RELEASED	Claims Submitted, Not Yet Released
BPS RPT PAYABLE	Payable Claims Report
BPS RPT PAYER SHEET DETAIL	Payer Sheet Detail Report
BPS RPT REJECTION	Rejected Claims Report
BPS RPT REVERSAL	Reversal Claims Report
BPS RPT SETUP PHARMACIES	ECME Setup - Pharmacies Report
BPS RPT TOTALS BY DAY	Totals by Date
BPS RPT TURNAROUND STATS	Turn-around Time Statistics
BPS SETUP MENU	Pharmacy ECME Setup Menu
BPS SETUP BASIC PARAMS	Edit Basic Pharmacy ECME Parameters
BPS SETUP PHARMACY	Edit ECME Pharmacy Data
BPS SETUP REGISTER PHARMACY	Register Pharmacy with Austin Automation Center
BPS STATISTICS SCREEN	Statistics Screen
BPS UNSTRAND SCREEN	View / Unstrand Submissions Not Completed
BPS USER SCREEN	ECME User Screen
BPSMENU	ECME
BPS RPT CLAIMS RESPONSE	ECME Claims-Response Inquiry
BPS RPT NON-BILLABLE REPORT	Non-Billable Status Report
BPS RPT SPENDING ACCOUNT	Spending Account Report
BPS RPT VIEW ECME RX	View ePharmacy Rx
BPS OPECC PRODUCTIVITY REPORT	OPECC Productivity Report
BPS RPT DUPLICATE CLAIMS	Duplicate Claims Report

The following external options are accessed by the ECME V. 1.0 package:

Table 8: External Options

Option Name	Menu Text	Package
N/A		

Example: How to View the Exported Options Using VA FileMan

VA FileMan 22.0 Select OPTION: 5 INQUIRE TO FILE ENTRIES OUTPUT FROM WHAT FILE: OPTION// **<Enter>** Select OPTION NAME: **BPSMENU** ECME ANOTHER ONE: **<Enter>** STANDARD CAPTIONED OUTPUT? Yes// **<Enter>** (Yes) Include COMPUTED fields: (N/Y/R/B): NO// **<Enter>** - No record number (IEN), no Computed Fields DISPLAY AUDIT TRAIL? NO// **<Enter>** NO

```
NAME: BPSMENU
                                       MENU TEXT: ECME
 TYPE: menu
                                       CREATOR: ECMEuser, One
 LOCK: BPSMENU
                                      PACKAGE: IHS PHARMACY POINT OF SALE
 E ACTION PRESENT: YES
                                      HEADER PRESENT?: YES
DESCRIPTION: The main menu
ITEM: BPS MANAGER MENU
                                       SYNONYM: MGR
 DISPLAY ORDER: 2
ITEM: BPS USER SCREEN
                                       SYNONYM: U
 DISPLAY ORDER: 1
ITEM: BPS MENU RPT MAIN
                                       SYNONYM: RPT
 DISPLAY ORDER: 4
  ENTRY ACTION: K BPSQUIT D INIT^BPSMHDR I $G(BPSQUIT) K BPSQUIT S XQUIT=1
 HEADER: D HDR^BPSMHDR
                                      TIMESTAMP: 60116,62862
  TIMESTAMP OF PRIMARY MENU: 60044,54655
  UPPERCASE MENU TEXT: ECME
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```
Select OPTION NAME:
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8. Archiving and Purging

8.1. Archiving

At present, the Electronic Claims Management Engine (ECME) V. 1.0 package does not provide for the archiving of its data.

8.2. Purging

The BPS Nightly Background Job, which should be scheduled to run nightly, will purge data older than 365 days from the BPS LOG (#9002313.12) file.

9. Callable Routines / Entry Points / Application Programmer Interfaces (APIs)

The only calls into Electronic Claims Management Engine (ECME) V. 1.0 should be done by the Pharmacy package interface and Claims Tracking.

9.1. Callable Routines

There are no routines that are callable by the first routine line. Please see the API section for callable entry points in the routines.

9.2. Application Programmer Interfaces (APIs)

9.2.1. \$\$EN^BPSNCPDP

This API submits a billing request or reversal to ECME. The software uses Integrated Billing to determine if the claim is ECME billable. If it is, the claim will be put on a queue and processed. Use of \$\$EN^BPSNCPDP is supported by Integration Agreement #4415 and is only available to Outpatient Pharmacy and Integrated Billing.

There are eighteen parameters that can be passed into this API.

- 1. BRXIEN (required) Prescription IEN, file #52 (required).
- 2. BFILL (optional) Prescription Fill Number. If omitted, the first fill is assumed.
- 3. DOS (optional) Date of Service. If omitted, this will be calculated to be the released date or the prescription and fill. If the prescription and fill has not been released, it will be the current date.
- 4. BWHERE (required) Prescription Action string (optional). Allowed values:
 - AREV = Auto-Reversal
 - BB = Back Billing
 - CRLB = CMOP / OPAI Release & Rebill
 - CRLR = CMOP / OPAI Release & Reverse (successful release)
 - CRLX = CMOP / OPAI unsuccessful release & reverse
 - CRRL = CMOP / OPAI Release Original claim not paid, submit another claim, no reversal
 - DC = Discontinue only reverse un-released PAYABLE DC's, release date check should be in calling routine.
 - DE = Delete
 - ED = Edit (includes RX release with NDC edit)
 - ERES = Resubmit from ECME user screen
 - ERWV = Resubmit Without Reversal from ECME user screen
 - ERNB = Resubmit of a TRI / CVA non-billable entry from the ECME user screen
 - EREV = Reversal from ECME user screen
 - HLD = Put prescription on Hold
 - OREV = Reversal from Outpatient Pharmacy edit screen
 - RSNB = Resubmit Non-Billable TRICARE & CHAMPVA from PSO Reject Info Screen
 - OF = Original Fill
 - P2 = Original submission from PRO Option, no reversal
 - P2S = Resubmit from PRO Option
 - PC = Pull CMOPs
 - PE = Pull early from suspense
 - PL = Pull local from suspense
 - PP = Pull RX (PP) action from Patient Prescription Processing option.
 - RF = Refill
 - RN = Renew
 - RRL = Release Original claim not paid, submit another claim, no reversal
 - RS = Return-to-Stock

- 5. BILLNDC (optional) Valid NDC# with format 5-4-2 (optional). If omitted, the NDC for the prescription / fill is assumed.
- 6. REVREAS (optional) Reversal Reason
- DURREC (optional) String of up to three sets of DUR info. Sets are delimited with "~". Each set consists of three "^" pieces:
 - 1st piece Professional Service Code
 - 2nd piece Reason for Service Code
 - 3rd piece Result of Service Code
- BPOVRIEN (optional) Pointer to the BPS NCPDP OVERRIDE file (#9002313.511); only passed if there are overrides entered by a user via the Resubmit with Edits (RED) option.
- 9. BPSCLARF (optional) Submission Clarification Code to be included in the claim.
- 10. BPSAUTH (optional) String of Prior Authorization info (optional) Two "^" pieces:
 - 1st piece Prior Authorization Type Code
 - 2nd piece Prior Authorization Number
- 11. BPCOBIND (optional) Coordination of Benefits (COB) indicator 1- Primary, 2-Secondary. If omitted, defaults to 1.
- 12. BPJOBFLG (optional) Background / foreground job flag:
 - B if called by un-queuing logic in background
 - F if called by other (foreground) processes (default)
- 13. BPREQIEN (optional) IEN of the BPS REQUEST entry to be unqueued.
- 14. BPSCLOSE (optional) Local array used for Close After Reversal functionality when the user had chosen to close the claim after successful reversal. Used with BWHERE="EREV" only. If claim needs to be closed then:

BPSCLOSE("CLOSE AFT REV")=1 BPSCLOSE("CLOSE AFT REV REASON")= IEN of file #356.8 BPSCLOSE("CLOSE AFT REV COMMENT")= text of the comment

- 15. BPSPLAN (optional) IEN of the entry in the GROUP INSURANCE PLAN file (#355.3).
- 16. BPSPRDAT (optional) Array, passed by reference, which contains primary claim data that is needed to submit a secondary claim.

Format: BPSPRDAT(NCPDP field)

- 17. BPSRTYPE (optional) Rate Type, IEN file #399.3.
- 18. BPSDELAY (optional) Delay Reason Code, IEN of BPS NCPDP DELAY REASON CODE, file #9002313.29.

The output of this extrinsic function is a string in the format:

RESPONSE^MESSAGE^ELIGIBILITY^CLAIMSTATUS^COB^RXCOB^INSURANCE

Where:

- 1. RESPONSE indicates:
 - 0 Submitted through ECME
 - 1 No submission through ECME
 - 2 IB not billable
 - 3 Claim was closed, not submitted (RTS / Deletes)
 - 4 Unable to queue claim
 - 5 Incorrect information supplied to ECME
 - 6 Inactive ECME Primarily used for TRICARE and CHAMPVA to indicate it is ok to process the prescription
 - 10 Reversal but no resubmit
- 2. MESSAGE = Message associated with the response (error/submitted).
- 3. ELIGIBILITY
 - V Veteran
 - T TRICARE
 - C CHAMPVA
- 4. CLAIMSTATUS = claim status (null or IN PROGRESS / E PAYABLE / etc.).
- 5. COB = Coordination of Benefit indicator of the insurance as it is stored in the PATIENT file:
 - 1 primary
 - 2-secondary
 - 3 tertiary
- 6. RXCOB = payer sequence indicator of the claim sent to the payer as a result of this call:
 - 1 primary
 - 2 secondary
- 7. INSURANCE = Name of the insurance company that was billed as a result of this call.

Examples of returned values:

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"0^Prescription XYZ successfully submitted to ECME for claim generation.^V^E PAYABLE"
"0^Reversing prescription 100469.^V^E REVERSAL ACCEPTED"
"1^ECME switch is not on for the site^T^E REVERSAL ACCEPTED
"2^Null DEA Special Handling field^V^"
"3^Claim was not payable so it has been closed. No ECME claim created.^V^E REJECTED"
"4^Error: There is a SCHEDULED request without ACTIVATED requests, RXIEN=XYZ, REFILL=0^V^IN
PROGRESS"
"5^RX Action parameter missing^V^E PAYABLE"
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9.2.2. \$\$EN^BPSNCPD9

This API submits an eligibility verification request to ECME. The software uses Integrated Billing to determine if the request is ECME billable. If it is, the request will be put on a queue and processed. Use of \$\$EN^BPSNCPD9 is supported by Integration Agreement # 5576 and is only available to Integrated Billing.

Input Parameters:

- DFN (required) Patient.
- BPSARRY- Array of values:
 - "PLAN" (required) IEN to the GROUP INSURANCE PLAN file (#355.3)
 - "DOS" (required) Date of Service
 - "IEN" (optional) IEN to PRESCRIPTION file (#52)
 - "FILL NUMBER" (optional) Fill Number
 - "REL CODE" (optional) Relationship Code
 - "PERSON CODE" (optional) Person Code

Return Value – A string with two pieces

- Piece 1 0: Not submitted or 1: Submitted.
- Piece 2 Message with final disposition (submitted or reason not submitted).

9.2.3. **\$\$STATUS^BPSOSRX**

This API shows the status, or a claim submitted to ECME. Use of \$\$STATUS^BPSOSRX is supported by Integration Agreement #4300 and is only available to Outpatient Pharmacy.

NOTE: If the claim has already been processed and it is resubmitted, a reversal will be done first, and then the resubmit will be done. Intervening calls to \$\$STATUS may show progress of the reversal before the resubmitted claim is processed.

Input Parameters:

- KEY1 (required) First key of the request.
- KEY2 (required) Second key of the request.
- QUE (optional) Queue check flag, where:
 - 0 Do not check if a request is on the queue
 - 1 (or null) Check if a request is on the queue, defaults to 1

NOTE: External routines should either not pass this parameter or set it to 1. The values of 0 (zero) or null are reserved for internal ECME processing.

- BPRQIEN (optional) BPS REQUESTS ien, file #9002313.77.
- BPCOB (optional) The payer sequence, where '1' indicates Primary and '2' indicates Secondary. If BPCOB is null, then Primary is assumed.

Return Value:

This function will return null if there is not ECME record for this request or a string in the format "RESULT^LAST UPDATE DATE/TIME^DESCRIPTION^STATUS %."

Where:

- RESULT Current status of the request. It can have one of three values:
 - "SCHEDULED" for scheduled (not ACTIVATED) requests
 - "IN PROGRESS" for incomplete request
 - The final status for complete requests (see below)
- LAST UPDATE DATE/TIME The FileMan date / time of the last update to the status of this request.
- DESCRIPTION is either:
 - Incomplete requests will be the progress status (e.g., Waiting to Start, Transmitting, etc.)
 - Completed requests will have either be:
 - The reason that the ECME process was aborted if the result is E OTHER.
 - If the result is not E OTHER, it will be similar to the RESULT.
- STATUS % The completion percentage.

NOTE: 99 is considered complete.

The possible final status values for:

- Claim Billing Requests
 - E PAYABLE, E REJECTED, E CAPTURED, E DUPLICATE, E UNSTRANDED, E OTHER
- Claim Reversals
 - E REVERSAL ACCEPTED, E REVERSAL REJECTED, E REVERSAL UNSTRANDED, E REVERSAL OTHER
- Eligibility Verification
 - E ELIGIBILITY ACCEPTED, E ELIGIBILITY REJECTED, E ELIGIBILITY UNSTRANDED, E REVERSAL OTHER
- Any Submission Type
 - CORRUPT

9.2.4. \$\$NABP^BPSBUTL

This extrinsic function returns the Service Provider ID for the most recent NCPDP claim for the prescription and fill. Use of \$\$NABP^BPSBUTL is supported by Integration Agreement #4719.

Input Parameters:

- RXP (required) IEN in the PRESCRIPTION file #52.
- BFILL (optional) The fill number. If BFILL is omitted, the first fill is assumed.

Return Value:

• Returns the value of the Service Provider ID field (201-B1) for the latest NCPDP claim. This field will have the NPI number.

9.2.5. \$\$CLAIM^BPSBUTL

This extrinsic function API is used to retrieve the most recent ECME transaction, claim, and response information related to a specific prescription and fill. Use of \$\$CLAIM^BPSBUTL is supported by Integration Agreement #4719.

Input Parameters:

- RXI (required) Prescription IEN (Pointer to the PRESCRIPTION File [#52]).
- RXR (optional) Fill Number (0 for Original, 1 for 1st refill, 2 for the 2nd refill, etc.). Default to the original fill (0), if not passed in.
- COB (optional) COB Indicator (1: Primary, 2: Secondary, 3: Tertiary). Defaults to primary (1) if not passed in.

Return Value. A following string with the following pieces:

- 1 BPS TRANSACTION file (#9002313.59) pointer.
- 2 BPS CLAIMS file (#9002313.02) pointer for the most recent billing request.
- 3 BPS RESPONSES file (#9002313.03) pointer associated with the billing request returned in piece 2.
- 4 BPS CLAIMS file (#9002313.02) pointer for the reversal claim if it is the most recent claim.
- 5 BPS RESPONSES file (#9002313.03) pointer associated with the reversal claim returned in piece 4.
- 6 Prescription / Service Reference Number (ECME Number) of the most recent claim.

9.2.6. \$\$DIVNCPDP^BPSBUTL

This extrinsic function API returns the NCPDP and NPI numbers for a specific outpatient site. Use of \$\$DIVNCPDP^BPSBUTL is supported by Integration Agreement #4719.

Input Parameters:

• BPSDIV (required) – Pointer to the Outpatient Site file, #59.

Return Value:

- Returns the NCPDP and NPI numbers associated with the Outpatient Site.
- Returns NULL if the Outpatient Site is not passed in, or if the Outpatient Site is not linked to a BPS Pharmacy.

9.2.7. \$\$ADDCOMM^BPSBUTL

This extrinsic function API is used to pass comments that will be stored in the BPS TRANSACTION file (#9002313.59) and displayed in the ECME User Screen. Use of \$\$ADDCOMM^BPSBUTL is supported by Integration Agreement #4719.

Input Parameters:

- BPRX (required) Pointer to the PRESCRIPTION File [#52]).
- BPREF (optional) Fill Number (0 for Original, 1 for 1st refill, 2 for the 2nd refill, etc.). If not passed in, it will default to the original fill.
- BPRCMNT (required) Comment to be added.
- BPBKG (optional Indicates if the API was called by a background process.

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NOTE: If this parameter value is 1, then the comment is stored in BPS TRANSACTION (#9002313.59) file with POSTMASTER as the user entering the comment.
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Return Value:

- Returns 1 if the comments were added successfully.
- Returns -1 if the comments were not added successfully.

9.2.8. \$\$AMT^BPSBUTL

This API returns the Gross Amount Due for the given Rx, Fill, and COB.

Input Parameters:

- RX (required) This is a pointer to the Prescription file #52.
- RFILL (optional) This is the fill number of the prescription. Defaults to original fill if not passed.
- COB (optional) This is the COB payer sequence number of the ECME bill. Defaults to 1 (primary) if not passed.

Return Values:

• \$\$AMT (optional) – The function value is the value of the Gross Amount Due field (#902.15) from the #9002313.59902 subfile of the BPS Transaction file.

9.2.9. \$\$NFLDT^BPSBUTL

This API returns the Next Available Fill Date from BPS RESPONSES File #9002313.03.

Input Parameters:

- RX (required) Pointer to the Prescription file #52.
- RFILL (required) This is the fill number of the prescription.
- COB (optional) This is the COB payer sequence number of the original bill. Defaults to 1 (primary) if not passed.

Return Values:

• \$\$NFLDT Next Available Fill Date.

9.2.10. **\$\$BBILL^BPSBUTL**

Back Bill indicator from BPS CLAIMS file #9002313.02. Returns 1 if RX ACTION code of "BB", "P2", or "P2S" is found. Otherwise returns 0.

Input Parameters:

- RX (optional) This is a pointer to the Prescription file #52.
- RFILL (optional) Fill / refill number. Defaults to 0 (original fill) if not passed.
- COB (optional) This is the COB payer sequence number of the original bill. Defaults to 1 (primary) if not passed.

Return Values:

- \$\$BBILL Back Bill Indicator:
 - 1 Back Bill
 - 0 Not a Back Bill

9.2.11. \$\$ELIG ^BPSBUTL

This API returns the Eligibility for the given Rx, Fill and COB.

Input Parameters:

- RX (required) This is the pointer to the Prescription file #52.
- RFILL (optional) Fill / Refill number. Defaults to 0 (original fill) if not passed.
- COB (optional) This is the COB payer sequence number of the ECME bill. Defaults to 1 (primary) if not passed.

Return Values:

• \$\$ELIG the function value is the value of the Gross Amount Due field (#901.04) from the BPS Transaction file #9002313.59.

9.2.12. IBSEND^BPSECMP2

This API is called by Outpatient Pharmacy and the API will then compile the information needed to create a BILLING event in Integrated Billing. Use of IBSEND^BPSECMP2 is supported by Integration Agreement #4411 and is only available to Outpatient Pharmacy.

Input Parameters:

- CLAIMIEN (required) IEN from BPS CLAIMS, #9002313.02.
- RESPIEN (required) IEN from BPS Response (required).

- EVENT (optional) This is used by PSO to create specific events (BILL).
- USER (optional / required) User who is creating the event. This is required when EVENT is sent.

Return Value:

• None.

9.2.13. \$\$ECMEON^BPSUTIL

This extrinsic function API indicates whether the ECME switch is on for an Outpatient Site (file #59). Use of \$\$ECMEON^BPSUTIL is supported by Integration Agreement #4410 and is only available to Outpatient Pharmacy and CMOP.

Input Parameters:

• Site (required) – Pointer to Outpatient Site, file #59.

Return Value:

• Returns 1 if the ECME switch is on for the outpatient site, or 0 (zero) if the ECME switch is off.

9.2.14. \$\$CMOPON^BPSUTIL

This extrinsic function API indicates whether the CMOP switch is on for an Outpatient Site (file #59). Use of \$\$CMOPON^BPSUTIL is supported by Integration Agreement #4410 and is only available to Outpatient Pharmacy and CMOP.

Input Parameters:

• Site (required) – Pointer to Outpatient Site file, #59.

Return Value:

• Returns 1 if the CMOP switch is on for the outpatient site and 0 (zero) if the CMOP switch is off.

9.2.15. \$\$BPSPLN^BPSUTIL

This extrinsic function returns the insurance PLAN NAME field (#902.24) value from the BPS TRANSACTION file (#9002313.59). Use of \$\$BPSLN^BPSUTIL is supported by Integration Agreement #4410 and is only available to Outpatient Pharmacy and CMOP.

Input Parameters:

- RXI (required) IEN of the PRESCRIPTION file (#52).
- RXR (optional) Fill Number. Defaults to original fill (0) if not passed in.

Return Value:

• The insurance PLAN NAME field (#902.24) value for the related entry in the BPS TRANSACTION file.

9.2.16. \$\$CLMECME^BPSUTIL2

This extrinsic function returns the latest date of service for the prescription fill that matches the date of service returned by the payer. It uses the BPS LOG OF TRANSACTIONS file (#9002313.57) to find the date. The returned date is used to automatically match electronic payments to claims. Use of \$\$CLMECME^BPSUTIL2 is supported by Integration Agreement #6028 and is only available to the Integrated Billing (IB) application.

Input Parameters:

- ECME (required) The ECME number of the prescription for which a bill is sought.
- RCDATE (optional) The date of service returned by the payer with the payment data.

Return Value:

• The alternate date of service returned based on claim data in BPS LOG OF TRANSACTIONS file (#9002313.57). This date is the closest date of service for the fill that matches the payer-provided date of service.

9.2.17. \$\$VALECME^BPSUTIL2

This extrinsic function *returns whether an ECME number is valid or not*. Use of \$\$VALECME^BPSUTIL2 is supported by Integration Agreement #6139 and is available to the Accounts Receivable and Integrated Billing (IB) applications.

Input Parameters:

• ECMENUM (required) – The ECME number to be validated.

Return Value:

- 0 Indicates the ECME number passed in is **INVALID**.
- 1 Indicates the ECME number passed in is VALID.

9.2.18. \$\$DUR1^BPSNCPD3

This API returns an array of data to Outpatient Pharmacy, which is used to populate the reject multiple of the Prescription file and is displayed in the Reject Information Screen of the Third Party Payer Rejects – Worklist and Third Party Payer Rejects – View / Process options. Primarily, it is data from the BPS Response file but also includes some BPS Claims and BPS Transaction data. The use of DUR1^BPSNCPD3 is supported by Integration Agreement #4560 and is only available to Outpatient Pharmacy.

Input Parameters:

- BRXIEN (required) IEN of the PRESCRIPTION file (#52).
- BFILL (required) Fill Number.
- BPRXCOB (optional) Coordination of Benefits indicator (1-Primary, 2-Secondary). If not passed in, primary is assumed.

Return Values:

- DUR (passed by reference) Array of data, which primarily comes from the BPS Response file but also includes data from BPS Claims and BPS Transaction.
- ERROR (passed by reference) Array of data that is only returned if the data could not be gathered.

9.2.19. **\$\$DURESP^BPSNCPD3**

This API returns an array of data to Outpatient Pharmacy, which is a subset of the data returned by DUR1. It is data from the BPS Response file that is primarily used to populate the display of the Additional Reject Information screen in the Third-Party Payer Rejects – Worklist and Third-Party Payer Rejects – View / Process options. The use of DURESP^BPSNCPD3 is supported by Integration Agreement #4560 and is only available to Outpatient Pharmacy.

Input Parameters:

- DURIEN (required) IEN of the BPS RESPONSE file (#9002313.03).
- BPRXCOB (optional) Coordination of Benefits indicator (1-Primary, 2-Secondary). If not passed in, primary is assumed.

Return Values:

• DUR (passed by reference) – Array of data, which comes from the BPS Response file.

9.3. Entry Points

Please see the API section for callable entry points.

10. Protocols

- 1. BPS ECMECL1 NTE
- 2. BPS ECMESV1 NTE
- 3. BPS OPECC REJECT INFO MEDICATION PROFILE
- 4. BPS OPECC REJECT INFO PATIENT INFORMATION
- 5. BPS OPECC REJECT INFO VIEW RX
- 6. BPS OPECC REJECT MENU
- 7. BPS OPECC REJECT VIEW ECME RX
- 8. BPS P1 EXIT
- 9. BPS P2 CONTINUOUS
- 10. BPS P2 UPDATE
- 11. BPS P2 ZERO
- 12. BPS PROTOCOL 2
- 13. BPS PRTCL CMT ADD
- 14. BPS PRTCL CMT ADD PHARM
- 15. BPS PRTCL CMT EXIT

- 16. BPS PRTCL CMT MENU
- 17. BPS PRTCL ECME INFO REPORT
- 18. BPS PRTCL ECME USRSCR
- 19. BPS PRTCL IBCNR EDIT PLAN
- 20. BPS PRTCL IBCNR GROUP PLAN MATCH
- 21. BPS PRTCL IBCNR PLAN MATCH
- 22. BPS PRTCL LOG MENU
- 23. BPS PRTCL REOPEN
- 24. BPS PRTCL REOPEN EXIT
- 25. BPS PRTCL REOPEN MENU
- 26. BPS PRTCL RSCH CLAIM TRACKING
- 27. BPS PRTCL RSCH ELIG INQ
- 28. BPS PRTCL RSCH EXIT
- 29. BPS PRTCL RSCH GRPL
- 30. BPS PRTCL RSCH HIDDEN ACTIONS
- 31. BPS PRTCL RSCH IB EVENT REPORT
- 32. BPS PRTCL RSCH MENU
- 33. BPS PRTCL RSCH ON HOLD COPAY
- 34. BPS PRTCL RSCH RELEASE COPAY
- 35. BPS PRTCL RSCH TPJI
- 36. BPS PRTCL RSCH VIEW ELIGIBILITY
- 37. BPS PRTCL RSCH VIEW INSURANCE
- 38. BPS PRTCL RSCH VIEW PRESCRIPTION
- 39. BPS PRTCL UNSTRAND
- 40. BPS PRTCL UNSTRAND ALL
- 41. BPS PRTCL UNSTRAND EXIT
- 42. BPS PRTCL UNSTRAND PRINT
- 43. BPS PRTCL UNSTRAND SELECT
- 44. BPS PRTCL USRSCR CHANGE VIEW
- 45. BPS PRTCL USRSCR CLAIM LOG
- 46. BPS PRTCL USRSCR CLOSE
- 47. BPS PRTCL USRSCR COMMENT
- 48. BPS PRTCL USRSCR CONTINUOUS
- 49. BPS PRTCL USRSCR DEVELOPER LOG
- 50. BPS PRTCL USRSCR EXIT
- 51. BPS PRTCL USRSCR HIDDEN ACTIONS
- 52. BPS PRTCL USRSCR OPECC REJECT INFORMATION
- 53. BPS PRTCL USRSCR OPEN/CLOSE NON-BILLABLE ENTRY

54. BPS PRTCL USRSCR PHARM WRKLST 55. BPS PRTCL USRSCR REOPEN CLOSED CLAIMS 56. BPS PRTCL USRSCR RESEARCH MENU 57. BPS PRTCL USRSCR RESUB NO REVERSE 58. BPS PRTCL USRSCR RESUBMIT 59. BPS PRTCL USRSCR RESUBMIT EDITS 60. BPS PRTCL USRSCR REVERSE 61. BPS PRTCL USRSCR SORTLIST 62. BPS PRTCL USRSCR UPDATE 63. BPS VALM DOWN A LINE 64. BPS VALM FIRST SCREEN 65. BPS VALM GOTO PAGE 66. BPS VALM LAST SCREEN 67. BPS VALM NEXT SCREEN 68. BPS VALM PREVIOUS SCREEN 69. BPS VALM PRINT SCREEN **70. BPS VALM UP ONE LINE** 71. BPS VIEW ECME RX MENU 72. BPS VRX NAV BILL LIST 73. BPS VRX NAV BILLING EVENTS RPT 74. BPS VRX NAV CRI 75. BPS VRX NAV DG ELIG STATUS 76. BPS VRX NAV DG ELIG VERIFICATION 77. BPS VRX NAV ECME CLAIM LOG 78. BPS VRX NAV INS POL 79. BPS VRX NAV MED PROFILE 80. BPS VRX NAV PRINT REPORT 81. BPS VRX NAV TPJI AR ACCT PROFILE 82. BPS VRX NAV TPJI AR COMMENT HISTORY 83. BPS VRX NAV TPJI CLAIM INFORMATION 84. BPS VRX NAV TPJI ECME RX INFO 85. BPS VRX NAV VIEWRX 86. BPSJ MFN REGISTER1 87. BPSJ PAYER INPUT 88. BPSJ PAYER RESPONSE

11. External Relations

11.1. Software Requirements

The following software packages must be installed prior to ECME V. 1.0 installation.

- Health Level Seven (HL7) V. 1.6
- Integrated Billing (IB) V. 2.0
- Kernel V. 8.0
- MailMan V. 8.0
- National Drug File (NDF) V. 4.0
- Outpatient Pharmacy V. 7.0
- Pharmacy Data Management V. 1.0
- VA FileMan V. 22.0
- Visit Tracking V. 2.0
- Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy (CMOP) V. 2.0

IMPORTANT: If the site plans to utilize the CMOP functionality, then CMOP V. 2.0 must also be installed.

11.2. Integration Agreements (INTEGRATION CONTROL REGISTRATIONS)

eClaims Management Engine V1.0 has Data Base Integration Control registrations (ICR) with the packages listed above, in addition to Registration (DG) and Scheduling (SD). For complete information regarding the ICRs for E Claims Management Engine V1.0, please refer to the INTEGRATION CONTROL REGISTRATIONS [DBA IA ISC] option under the DBA [DBA] option on FORUM.

12. Internal Relations

All the ECME V. 1.0 package options are designed to stand-alone.

13. Package-Wide Variables

13.1. SACC Exemptions

There are no SACC exemptions for this package.

13.2. Variables

The following is a list of the more important namespace variables by the ECME V. 1.0 package. These variables are listed here for support purposes only and can change from version to version.

BPS Array Variables

The BPS array contains all the information needed to build a claim. This information comes primarily from two sources, IB / Insurance and Pharmacy data.

14. Security Management

This package does not impose any additional legal requirements on the user, nor does it relieve the user of any legal requirements. No additional security measures are to be applied other than those implemented through Menu Manager and the package routines. No additional licenses are necessary to run the software. Confidentiality of staff and patient data and the monitoring of this confidentiality are no different than with any other paper reference.

15. Mail Groups and Mail Messages (Bulletins)

There are three mail groups in ECME.

- The mail group BPS OPECC should contain members who will monitor the ECME process.
- The mail group BPS TRICARE should contain members who will monitor the TRICARE process.
- The mail group BPS CHAMPVA should contain members who will monitor the CHAMPVA process.

There are seven MailMan messages (bulletins) sent by ECME.

- If an ECME transaction is missing the insurance information necessary to process the claim, an email bulletin will be sent to the BPS OPECC mail group before the claim processing terminates.
- The Auto-Reversal Process will send an email to the BPS OPECC mail group with a list of ECME claims that were auto-reversed.
- The VA SITE CONTACT in the BPS SETUP table will be notified of any difficulties encountered during the registration process.
- If a Veteran RX / fill cannot be queued for processing, an email is sent to the BPS OPECC mail group.
- If a TRICARE RX / fill cannot be queued for processing, an email is sent to the BPS TRICARE mail group.
- If a CHAMPVA RX / fill cannot be queued for processing, an email is sent to the BPS CHAMPVA mail group
- If a primary claim is closed by an Rx Return to Stock, an Rx Delete, or an Inpatient Auto Reversal and there is an open secondary claim, a bulletin will be sent to the BPS OPECC mail group so they can manually reverse (if needed) and close the secondary claim.

16. Remote Systems

ECME transmits prescription claims and eligibility verification requests to third-party payers via the Austin Information Technology Center (AITC) and the clearinghouse Emdeon via HL7. The **claims messages sent and received must comply with the NCPDP V. D.0 Telecommunications Standard.** The data on the claims transactions are controlled by fields defined on the payer sheets, which are created by the third-party payer. Generally, the data may include patient, insurance, provider, and prescription data. The payer response will include whether the claim was paid or rejected and possibly Drug Utilization Response (DUR) information. The number of transactions will vary depending on the frequency of prescriptions created at a site and how many of those claims can be third-party billed. The data is not encrypted between VistA and the AITC, which is inside the VA firewall.

ECME transmits registration data to the AITC via HL7. The registration data includes the site data (site number, site contacts, and site contact means) and pharmacy data (pharmacy contacts and contact means, NCPDP, pharmacy DEA, and lead pharmacist data). The AITC returns acknowledgement messages for each registration message it receives. There is a nightly job, which, if scheduled properly, will register the site and pharmacy once every day. The data is also sent if the user requests it via the Register Pharmacy with AITC option [BPS SETUP REGISTER PHAMACY]. The data is not encrypted between VistA and the AITC, which is inside the VA firewall.

ECME receives payer sheet table updates from the AITC via HL7. The payer sheet data is stored in the BPS NCPDP FORMATS table (#9002313.92). VistA will return acknowledgement messages for every table update it receives. Currently, the AITC updates the database about once a week and any updates will then be sent to the VistA sites. The data is not encrypted between VistA and the AITC, which is inside the VA firewall.

17. Archiving and Purging

17.1. Archiving

At present, the ECME V. 1.0 package does not provide for the archiving of its data.

17.2. Purging

The BPS Nightly Background Job, which should be scheduled to run nightly, will purge data older than 365 days from the BPS LOG (#9002313.12) file.

18. Contingency Planning

If a system failure occurs, check for stranded submissions via the View / Unstrand Submissions Not Completed option [BPS UNSTRAND SCREEN]. If any stranded submissions are found, unstrand them and reprocess them via the ECME User Screen option.

NOTE: Requests stranded in a 'Transmitting' state most likely indicate that there is a problem with HL7 processing at the site or at the AITC. If there is an HL7 problem and it is resolved, the submissions will transmit normally, and no other effort is needed. Only if

it is verified that there is not an HL7 problem, then submissions in this state should be unstranded.

19. Interfacing

There are no specialized products embedded within or required by the ECME package.

20. Electronic Signatures

There are no electronic signatures required by the ECME package.

21. Menus

[BPSMENU]

The complete list of ECME V. 1.0 menu options is shown below. The Claims Coordinator needs to access all ECME V. 1.0 options.

Key To view the complete ECME V. 1.0 menu structure, the user must hold the BPSMENU, BPS USER, BPS MANAGER, BPS MASTER, BPS REPORTS, and BPS SUPERVISOR keys.

Table 9: Menus		
Option Name	Menu Text	
BPS MANAGER MENU	Pharmacy ECME Manager Menu	
BPS STATS SCREEN	Statistics Screen	
BPS MENU MAINTENANCE	ECME transaction maintenance options	
BPS MENU RPT CLAIM STATUS	Claim Results and Status	
BPS MENU RPT MAIN	Pharmacy Electronic Claims Reports	
BPS MENU RPT OTHER	Other Reports	
BPS COB MENU	ECME Pharmacy COB	
BPS COB PROCESS SECOND TRICARE	Process Secondary / TRICARE Rx to ECME	
BPS COB RPT SECONDARY CLAIMS	Potential Secondary Rx Claims Report	
BPS POTENTIAL CLAIMS RPT DUAL	Potential Claims Report for Dual Eligible	
BPS NIGHTLY BACKGROUND JOB	BPS Nightly Background Job	
BPS RPT RECENT TRANSACTIONS	Recent Transactions	
BPS RPT CLOSED CLAIMS	Closed Claims Report	
BPS RPT CMOP/ECME ACTIVITY	CMOP / ECME Activity Report	
BPS RPT ERRONEOUS REV	List Possible Erroneous Reversals	
BPS RPT NOT RELEASED	Claims Submitted, Not Yet Released	
BPS RPT PAYABLE	Payable Claims Report	

Option Name	Menu Text
BPS RPT PAYER SHEET DETAIL	Payer Sheet Detail Report
BPS RPT REJECTION	Rejected Claims Report
BPS RPT REVERSAL	Reversal Claims Report
BPS RPT TOTALS BY DAY	Totals by Date
BPS SETUP MENU	Pharmacy ECME Setup Menu
BPS SETUP BASIC PARAMS	Edit Basic Pharmacy ECME Parameters
BPS RPT SETUP PHARMACIES	ECME Setup – Pharmacies Report
BPS SETUP PHARMACY	Edit Pharmacy ECME Pharmacy Data
BPS SETUP REGISTER PHARMACY	Register Pharmacy with Austin Automation Center
BPS RPT TURNAROUND STATS	Turn-around time statistics
BPS UNSTRAND SCREEN	View / Unstrand Submissions Not Completed
BPS USER SCREEN	Claims Data Entry Screen
BPSMENU	ECME
BPS RPT CLAIMS RESPONSE	ECME Claims-Response Inquiry
BPS RPT NON-BILLABLE REPORT	Non-Billable Status Report
BPS RPT SPENDING ACCOUNT	Spending Account Report
BPS RPT VIEW ECME RX	View ePharmacy Rx
BPS OPECC PRODUCTIVITY REPORT	OPECC Productivity Report
BPS RPT DUPLICATE CLAIMS	Duplicate Claims Report

Example: How to View the Exported Options Using VA FileMan

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VA FileMan 22.0
Select OPTION: 5 INQUIRE TO FILE ENTRIES
OUTPUT FROM WHAT FILE: OPTION// <Enter>
Select OPTION NAME: BPSMENU
                                  ECME
ANOTHER ONE: <Enter>
STANDARD CAPTIONED OUTPUT? Yes// <Enter> (Yes)
Include COMPUTED fields: (N/Y/R/B): NO// <Enter> - No record number (IEN), no Computed
Fields
DISPLAY AUDIT TRAIL? No// <Enter> NO
NAME: BPSMENU
                                        MENU TEXT: ECME
 TYPE: menu
                                        CREATOR: ECMEuser, One
 LOCK: BPSMENU
                                        PACKAGE: IHS PHARMACY POINT OF SALE
 E ACTION PRESENT: YES
                                        HEADER PRESENT?: YES
DESCRIPTION: The main menu
ITEM: BPS MANAGER MENU
                                        SYNONYM: MGR
 DISPLAY ORDER: 2
ITEM: BPS USER SCREEN
                                        SYNONYM: U
 DISPLAY ORDER: 1
                                        SYNONYM: RPT
ITEM: BPS MENU RPT MAIN
  DISPLAY ORDER: 4
 ENTRY ACTION: K BPSQUIT D INIT^BPSMHDR I $G(BPSQUIT) K BPSQUIT S XQUIT=1
 HEADER: D HDR^BPSMHDR
                                        TIMESTAMP: 60116,62862
  TIMESTAMP OF PRIMARY MENU: 60044,54655
 UPPERCASE MENU TEXT: ECME
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21.1. Security Keys

Кеу	Description
BPSMENU	Required for accessing the main ECME menu [BPSMENU].
BPS USER	 Required for accessing the ECME User's Screen [BPS USER SCREEN] Required for accessing the option Process Secondary/TRICARE Rx to ECME [BPS COB PROCESS SECOND TRICARE]
BPS MANAGER	 Required for accessing the following ECME options: Pharmacy ECME Manager Menu [BPS MANAGER MENU] Statistics Screen [BPS STATISTICS SCREEN] ECME transaction maintenance options [BPS MENU MAINTENANCE] View/Unstrand Submissions Not Completed [BPS UNSTRAND SCREEN] Re Open CLOSED Claims [BPS REOPEN CLOSED CLAIMS]
BPS MASTER	 Required for accessing the following ECME options: Pharmacy ECME Setup Menu [BPS SETUP MENU] Edit Basic Pharmacy ECME Parameters [BPS SETUP BASIC PARAMS] Edit ECME Pharmacy Data [BPS SETUP PHARMACY] Register Pharmacy with Austin Automation Center [BPS SETUP REGISTER PHARMACY]
BPS REPORTS	 Required for accessing the following ECME options: Pharmacy Electronic Claims Reports [BPS MENU RPT MAIN] Claim Results and Status [BPS MENU RPT CLAIM STATUS] Recent Transactions [BPS RPT RECENT TRANSACTIONS] Closed Claims Report [BPS RPT CLOSED CLAIMS] CMOP/ECME Activity Report [BPS RPT CMOP/ECME ACTIVITY] Claims Submitted, Not Yet Released [BPS RPT NOT RELEASED] Payable Claims Report [BPS RPT PAYABLE] Payer Sheet Detail Report [BPS RPT REJECTION] Reversal Claims Report [BPS RPT REVERSAL] Totals by Date [BPS RPT TOTALS BY DAY] Turn-around time statistics [BPS RPT TURNAROUND STATS] ECME Setup – Pharmacies Report [BPS RPT SPENDING ACCOUNT].

Table 10: Security Keys

Кеу	Description	
	 ECME Claims-Response Inquiry [BPS RPT CLAIMS RESPONSE] 	
	 Non-Billable Status Report [BPS RPT NON-BILLABLE REPORT] 	
	Duplicate Claims Report [BPS RPT DUPLICATE CLAIMS]	
BPS SUPERVISOR	 Required for this ECME option: OPECC Productivity Report [BPS OPECC PRODUCTIVITY REPORT 	

22. File Security

All ECME V. 1.0 related files – BPS CLAIMS file (#9002313.02) through BPS SETUP file (#9002313.99) – have Audit (AUDIT), Data Dictionary (DD), Delete (DEL), Learn As You Go (LAYGO), and Write (WR) access codes of "@" and Read (RD) access codes of "Pp."

23. References

VA Software Document Library REDACTED

VA Software Document Library – Electronic Claims Management Engine (ECME) REDACTED

NCPDP HIPAA Transactions documentation REDACTED

HIPAA NCPDP Connection for EDI Pharmacy (Active Release) REDACTED

NCPDP Basic Guide to Standards REDACTED

24. Official Policies

ECME software is subject to VHA directive 2004-038 which forbids the local modification of Class I software.

25. Acronyms and Abbreviations

The following table provides definitions and explanations for terms and acronyms relevant to the content presented within this document. For additional terms and acronyms, include references to other VA acronym and glossary repositories (e.g., VA Acronym Lookup and OIT Master Glossary).

Acronym or Term	Definition / Explanation
Administrative Code Sets	Code sets that characterize a general business situation rather than a medical condition or service.
ADPAC	Automated Data Processing Application Coordinator
AHA	American Hospital Association
AITC	Austin Information Technology Center, formerly known as the Austin Automation Center (AAC).
АМА	American Medical Association – A professional association that represents the voice of the American medical profession and constitutes the partnership of physicians and physician's professional associations dedicated to promoting the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.
ANS	American National Standards – Standards developed and approved by organizations accredited by ANSI.
ANSI	American National Standards Institute – An organization that accredits various standards-setting committees, and monitors compliance with the open rule-making process that must be followed to qualify for ANSI accreditation.
API	Application Programmer Interface
A/S	Administrative Simplification – Title II, Subtitle F, of HIPAA, which gives the Department Of Health And Human Services (DHHS) the authority to mandate the use of standards for the electronic exchange of health care data; to specify what medical and administrative code sets should be used within those standards; to require the use of national identification systems for health care patients, providers, payers (or plans), and employers (or sponsors); and to specify the types of measures required to protect the security and privacy of personally identifiable health care information.
ASC	Accredited Standards Committee – An organization that has been accredited by American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for the development of American National Standards.
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials – A standards group that has published general guidelines for the development of standards, including those for health care identifiers.
Back Door	System access via the roll and scroll, character, and Mumps based VistA application.

Table 11: Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym or Term	Definition / Explanation
BCBSA	Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association – An association that represents the common interest of Blue Cross and Blue Shield health plans. The BCBSA maintains the Claim Adjustment Reason Codes code set.
Business Model	A model of a business organization or process.
СВО	Central Business Office
CDC	Centers for Disease Control
CHAMPVA Patient	A CHAMPVA patient is a patient that has CHAMPVA coverage only. The CHAMPVA insurance will be billed for the prescription. Generally, if the CHAMPVA insurance rejects the claim, then the medication will NOT be released to the patient.
Clean Claim	An insurance claim that has no defect, impropriety (including any lack of any substantial documentation) or circumstance requiring special treatment that prevents timely payment from being made.
Clearinghouse (or Health Care Clearinghouse)	For health care, an organization that translates health care data to or from a standard format.
СМОР	Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services – formerly Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA). The administration within HHS that is responsible for the national administration of the Medicaid and Medicare programs.
CMS-1450	CMS's name for the institutional uniform claim form, or UB-04.
CMS-1500	CMS's name for the professional uniform claim form.
СОВ	Coordination of Benefits – A provision that is intended to avoid claims payment delays and duplication of benefits when a person is covered by two or more plans providing benefits or services for medical, dental, or other care or treatment.
Code Set	Under HIPAA "codes used to encode data elements, tables of terms, medical concepts, diagnostic codes, or medical procedures. A code set includes the codes and descriptors of the codes." [45 CFR 162.103].
Covered Entity	Under HIPAA, a health plan, healthcare clearinghouse or health care provider who transmits information in electronic form in connection with a transaction covered by this subchapter 160.103 of 45 CFR.
Current Procedural Terminology	A procedure code set maintained and copyrighted by the AMA and that has been selected for use under HIPAA for non-institutional and non-dental professional transactions.
Data Element	Under HIPAA, this is "the smallest named unit of information in a transaction." [45 CFR 162.103].

Acronym or Term	Definition / Explanation
Data Mapping	The process of matching one set of data elements or individual code values to the closest equivalents in another set of them.
Data Model	A conceptual model of the information needed to support a business function or process.
Data Set	Under HIPAA, this is "a semantically meaningful unit of information exchanged between two parties to a transaction." [45 CFR 162.103].
DAW	Dispense As Written
DD	Data Dictionary – A document or system that characterizes the data content of a system.
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration
Designated Code Set	A medical or administrative code set, which DHHS has designated for use in one or more of the HIPAA standards.
Designated Data Content Committee or Designated DCC	An organization, which DHHS has designated for oversight of the business data content of one or more of the HIPAA-mandated transaction standards.
Designated Standard	A standard that DHHS has designated for use under the authority provided by HIPAA.
DHCP	Decentralized Hospital Computer Program
DHHS or HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
Dismissed	The ECME function of removing (not physically deleting) patient entries and / or prescriptions from viewing on the Claims Data Entry Screen.
DUR	Drug Utilization Response
ECME	Electronic Claims Management Engine
EComm	Electronic Commerce – The exchange of business information by electronic means.
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange – The transfer of data between different companies using networks, such as the Internet. As more and more companies are connected to the Internet, EDI is becoming increasingly important as an industry standard for companies to buy, sell, and trade information. ANSI has approved a set of EDI standards known as the X12 standards.
EKG	Electrocardiogram
Finish	Term used for completing orders from Order Entry / Results Reporting V. 3.0.
'Finish' a Prescription	This process within VistA Outpatient Pharmacy V. 7.0 where a pharmacy prescription order has been reviewed by either a pharmacy technician or pharmacist and is the first step in processing a prescription in Pharmacy. If performed by a pharmacist with the appropriate security key, the prescription can be 'Verified' as well. See 'Verify a Prescription' for more information.

Acronym or Term	Definition / Explanation
Flat File	This term usually refers to a file that consists of a series of plain text records.
Front Door	System access via the Delphi, Graphical User Interface (GUI) based VistA application.
FSC	Financial Services Center
GUI	Graphical User Interface – A graphical method of controlling how a user interacts with a computer to perform various tasks.
HCPCS	HCFA Common Procedural Coding System – A medical code set that identifies health care procedures, equipment, and supplies for claim submission purposes. It is maintained by Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), and has been selected for use in the HIPAA transactions. HCPCS Level I contain numeric CPT-4 codes, which are maintained by the AMA. HCPCS Level II contains alphanumeric codes used to identify various items and services that are not included in the CPT-4 code set. These are maintained by HCFA, BCBSA, and Health Insurance Association of America (HIAA). HCPCS Level III contains alphanumeric codes that are assigned by Medicaid State agencies to identify additional items and services not included in levels I and II. These are usually called "local codes", and must have "W", "X", "Y", or "Z" in the first position. These codes are not named as HIPAA standard codes. HCPCS Procedure Modifier Codes can be used with all three levels, with the WA-ZY range used for locally assigned procedure modifiers.
Health Care Clearinghouse	Under HIPAA, this is " a public or private entity that does either of the following processes or facilitates the processing of information received from another entity in a nonstandard format or containing nonstandard data content into standard data elements or a standard transaction. Or receives a standard transaction from another entity and processes or facilitates the processing of [that] information into nonstandard format or nonstandard data content for a receiving
Health Care Provider	entity." [45 CFR 160.103]. Under HIPAA, this is "a provider of services as defined in the section 1861(u) of the [Social Security] Act, 42 USC 1395x(u), a provider of medical or other health services as defined in section 1861(s) of the Act, 42 USC 1395(s), and any other person or organization who furnishes, bills, or is paid for health care in the normal course of business." [45 CFR 160.103]
Health Information	Under HIPAA this is " any information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium that (a)is created or received by a health care provider, health plan, public health authority, employer, life insurer, school or university, or health care clearinghouse, and (b) related to the past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual, the provision of health care to an individual, or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual." [45 CFR 160.103].

Acronym or Term	Definition / Explanation
Health Plan	Under HIPAA this is "an individual or group plan that provides, or pay the cost of, medical care". [45 CFR 160.103].
HFMA	Healthcare Financial Management Association – An organization for the improvement of the financial management of healthcare-related organizations. The HFMA sponsors some HIPAA educational seminars.
HIAA	Health Insurance Association of America – An industry association that represents the interests of commercial health care insurers. The HIAA participates in the maintenance of some code sets, including HCPCS Level II codes.
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 – A Federal law that makes several changes that have the goal of allowing persons to qualify immediately for comparable health insurance coverage when changing employment relationships. Title II, Subtitle F, of HIPAA gives HHS the authority to mandate the use of standards for the electronic exchange of health care data; to specify what medical and administrative code sets should be used within those standards; to require the use of national identification systems for health care patients, providers, payers (or plans), and employers (or sponsors); and to specify the types of measures required to protect the security and privacy of personally identifiable health care information. Also known as the Kennedy-Kassebaum Bill, the Kassebaum-Kennedy Bill, K2, or Public Law 104-191.
HIPAA Data Dictionary or HIPAA DD	A data dictionary that defines and cross-references the contents of all X12 transactions included in the HIPAA mandate. It is maintained by X12N/TG3.
HL7	Health Level Seven – An ANSI-accredited group that defines standards for the cross-platform exchange of information within a health care organization. HL7 is responsible for specifying the Level Seven Open System Interconnection (OSI) standards for the health industry. Some HL7 standards will be encapsulated in the X12 standards used for transmitting claim attachments.
НМО	Health Maintenance Organization
HSD&D	Health Systems Design & Development
IB	Integrated Billing
ICD	International Classification of Diseases – A medical code set maintained by the World Health Organization (WHO). The primary purpose of this code set is to classify causes of death. A United States (US) extension of this coding system, maintained by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) within the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), is used to identify morbidity factors, or diagnoses. The ICD-9-CM (Revision 9 Clinical Modification) codes have been selected for use in the HIPAA transactions.

Acronym or Term	Definition / Explanation
IG	Implementation Guide – A document explaining the proper use of a standard for a specific business purpose. The X12N HIPAA IGs are the primary reference documents used by those implementing the associated transactions and are incorporated into the HIPAA regulations by reference.
IHS	Indian Health Service
Implementation Specification	Under HIPAA, this is " the specific instructions for implementing a standard". [45 CFR 160.103].
Information Model	A conceptual model of the information needed to support a business function or process.
IRMS	Information Resources Management Service
ISO	International Standards Organization or International Organization for Standardization - An organization that coordinates the development and adoption of numerous international standards.
J-Codes	Previously HCPCS Level II has contained a set of codes with a high- order value of "J" to identify some drugs and some other items. The final HIPAA transactions and code set rule states that any J-codes identifying drugs will be dropped from the HCPCS and NDC codes will be used to identify all drug products.
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations - In the future, the JCAHO may play a role in certifying these organizations compliance with the HIPAA A/S requirements.
Maintain or Maintenance	Under HIPAA, this is "activities necessary to support the use of a standard adopted by the Secretary, including technical corrections to an implementation specification, and enhancements or expansion of a code set. This term excludes the activities related to the adoption of a new standard or implementation specification, or modification to an adopted standard or implementation specification." [45 CFR 162.103].
Maximum Defined Data Set	Under HIPAA, this is " all of the required data elements for a particular standard based on a specific implementation specification." [45 CFR 162.103]. A framework under HIPAA whereby an entity creating a transaction is free to include whatever data any receiver might want or need. The recipient of a maximum data set is free to ignore any portion of the data not needed to conduct the part of the associated business transaction, unless the nonessential data is needed for coordination of benefits.
Medical Code Sets	Codes that characterize a medical condition or treatment. The code sets are usually maintained by professional societies and public health organizations.
Modify or Modification	Under HIPAA, refers to "a change adopted by the Secretary, through regulation, to a standard or an implementation specification." [45 CFR 160.102]

Acronym or Term	Definition / Explanation
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding – A document providing a general description of the kinds of responsibilities that are to be assumed by two or more parties in pursuit of some goal(s). Information that is more specific may be provided in an associated Statement Of Work (SOW).
NABP #	National Association of Boards of Pharmacy number. This term is obsolete; it has been superseded by the NCPDP number.
National Employer ID	A system for uniquely identifying all sponsors of health care benefits.
National Patient ID	A system for uniquely identifying all recipients of health care services.
National Payer ID	A system for uniquely identifying all organizations that pays for health care services. Also known as Health Plan ID or Plan ID.
National Provider Registry	The organization envisioned for assigning the National Provider IDs.
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics – An administration of HHS and CDC that oversees ICD coding.
NCPDP	National Council for Prescription Drug Programs – An ANSI- accredited group that maintains several standard formats for use by the retail pharmacy industry, some of which are included in the HIPAA mandates.
NCPDP Batch Standard	An NCPDP standard designed for use by low-volume dispensers of pharmaceuticals, such as nursing homes. Version 1.0 of this standard has been mandated under HIPAA.
NCPDP Telecommunication Standards	An NCPDP standard designed for use by high-volume dispensers of pharmaceuticals, such as retail pharmacies. Version D.0 is one of the transaction standards under HIPAA
NDC	National Drug Code – A medical code set that has been selected for use in the HIPAA transactions.
NDF	National Drug File
NOI	Notice of Intent – A document that describes a subject area for which the Federal Government is considering developing regulations. It may describe what the government considers to be the relevant considerations and invite comments from interested parties. These comments can then be used in developing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) or a final regulation.
Non-Formulary Drugs	The medications, which are defined as commercially available drug products not included in the VA National Formulary.
NPF	National Provider File – The database envisioned for use in maintaining a national provider registry.
NPI	National Provider Identifier – A system for uniquely identifying all providers of health care services, supplies, and equipment.

Acronym or Term	Definition / Explanation
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – A document that describes and explains regulations that the Federal Government proposes to adopt at some future date, and invites interested parties to submit comments related to them. These comments can then be used in developing the final rules.
NPS	National Provider System – The administrative system envisioned for supporting a national provider registry.
NSF	National Standard Format – Generically, this applies to any national standard format, but it is often used in a more limited way to designate the Professional EMC NSF, a 320-byte flat file record format used to submit professional claims.
NUBC	National Uniform Billing Committee – The committee established by the American Hospital Association (AHA) to develop a single billing form and standard data set that could be used nationwide by institutional providers and payers for handling health care claims.
OIT	Office of Information and Technology
ОМВ	Office of Management & Budget – A Federal Government agency that has a major role in reviewing proposed Federal regulations.
Orderable Item	An Orderable Item name and dosage form that has no strength attached to it (e.g., Acetaminophen). The name with a strength attached is the Dispense Drug name (e.g., Acetaminophen 325mg).
OSI	Open System Interconnection – A multi-layer ISO data communications standard. Level Seven of this standard is industry- specific, and HL7 is responsible for specifying the level seven OSI standards for the health industry.
Payer	In health care, an entity that assumes the risk of paying for medical treatments. This can be an uninsured patient, a self-insured employer, or a health care plan or Health Maintenance Organization (HMO).
PAYERID	HCFA's term for the National Payer ID initiative.
Payer Sheet	Entries in BPS NCPDP FORMATS (#9002313.92) are commonly referred to as "payer sheets."
PDM	Pharmacy Data Management
Placeholders	Physical and / or logical data elements that are referenced and placed within a data structure that have a data definition but may or may not currently exist within the system. The value of these data elements is not currently maintained by the software but are established for future iterations of system development related to Billing Aware.
POS	Point of Sale
Potentially Billable Event	A service, which has all required data elements associated with it. These data elements are collected in the VistA Clinical Application.

Acronym or Term	Definition / Explanation
Professional Component	Charges for physician services. Examples include physician who reads the Electrocardiogram (EKG) and an Emergency Room physician who provides treatment.
Provider Taxonomy Codes	A code set for identifying the provider type and area of specialization for all health care providers. A given provider can have several Provider Taxonomy Codes. The BCBSA maintains this code set.
RPCH	Regional Primary Care Hospital
Secretary	Under HIPAA, this refers to the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services or his/her designated representatives. [45 CFR 160.103].
Segment	Under HIPAA, this is "a group of related data elements in a transaction". [45 CFR 162.103].
Service	Medical care and items such as medical diagnosis and treatment, drugs and biologicals, supplies, appliances, and equipment, medical social services, and use of hospital Regional Primary Care Hospital (RPCH) or Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) facilities.
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SOW	Statement of Work – A document describing the specific tasks and methodologies that will be followed to satisfy the requirements of an associated contract or MOU.
SSO	Standard Setting Organization – Under HIPAA, this is "an organization accredited by ANSI that develops and maintains standards for information transactions or data elements, or any other standard that is necessary for, or will facilitate the implementation of this part." [45 CFR 160.103].
Standard	Under HIPAA, this is " a prescribed set of rules, conditions, or requirements describing the following information for products, systems, services, or practices (1) Classification of components, (2) Specification of Materials, performance, or operations, (3) Delineation of procedures. [45 CFR 160.103]
Standard Transaction	Under HIPAA, this is " a transaction that complies with the applicable standard adopted under this part." [45 CFR 162.103].
Third (3rd) Party Claims	Health care insurance claims submitted to an entity for reimbursement of health care bills.
ТРА	Third Party Administrator – An entity that processes health care claims and performs related business functions for a health plan.
Transaction	Under HIPAA, this is "the exchange of information between two parties to carry out financial or administrative activities related to health care." [45 CFR 160.103].
TRICARE Patient	A TRICARE patient is a patient that has TRICARE coverage. The TRICARE insurance will be billed for the prescription. Generally, if the TRICARE insurance rejects the claim, then the medication will NOT be released to the patient.

Acronym or Term	Definition / Explanation
UB-04	A uniform institutional claim form developed by the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) that has been in use since 1993.
Unstructured Data	This term usually refers to data that is represented as free-form text, as an image, etc., where it is not practical to predict exactly what data will appear where.
'Verify' a Prescription	After a prescription order has been 'Finished' the prescription must be 'Verified' by an authorized VistA user, through the administration of the system security key SOP. This is a critical step in the process of generating an electronic claim.
VHA	Veterans Health Administration
VistA	Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture Acronym for Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture, the new name for Decentralized Hospital Computer Program (DHCP).
WEDI	Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange - A health care industry group that lobbied for HIPAA A/S, and that has a formal consultative role under the HIPAA legislation.
WHO	World Health Organization