



ClaimStaker

Claim editing software for greater accuracy and enhanced revenue

Claim editor or “claim scrubber” software is rapidly becoming an industry-standard feature of medical billing software. But only one claim editing application verifies both professional and institutional claims from the payer’s perspective using the industry’s most comprehensive medical necessity database.

ClaimStaker gives healthcare organizations—both physician practices and hospitals—access to essentially the same technology payers use. By editing claim files prior to submission, ClaimStaker can improve claim validity, improve cash flow and demonstrate clinical defensibility.

Taken together, LCD/NCD data provides coverage rules for a small fraction of all possible CPT® codes. ClaimStaker adds an additional proprietary clinical medical necessity database, more than doubling the number of CPT codes to cover virtually all possible ICD-9/CPT code combinations. Our medical content database, constantly updated and improved over the course of more than 20 years, yields a depth of edits no other coding software provider can match.

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ClaimStaker functions

From front-end format requirements to our proprietary medical necessity checks, ClaimStaker analyzes claim files for more standard, built-in edits than any similar product. The following list is just part of what ClaimStaker can do:

Diagnosis code edits

- ICD-9 validity
 - ◆ Ultimate specificity
 - ◆ Secondary code suitability
 - ◆ Patient gender and age accuracy
- E-codes
- V-codes

Procedure code edits

- CPT validity, including patient gender and age
- Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) bundling
- HCPCS validity
- RVU sequencing
- Modifier usage
- Global fee periods



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Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) edits

- Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) validation
- Revenue/HCPCS code combinations
- Condition Code, Occurrence Code and Value Code checks

Medical necessity edits

- Part A and Part B LCD/NCD
- Proprietary (clinically defensible):
 - ◆ E&M codes
 - ◆ Surgical codes
- E&M level of service

Claim-level technical edits

- Policy number and group number validity
- NPI (provider number) validity
- Accident indicators / date accuracy
- Location of service appropriateness
- Charge versus allowance analysis
- Overall proper claim completion

File format edits

- ANSI 837 EDI claim file format verification
- Situational segment and data element evaluation
- Maximum/minimum field lengths
- Proper qualifier usage
- Data content accuracy

ClaimStaker features

ClaimStaker accepts claim files created by most hospital billing and practice management programs on the market today. And it requires no change to existing programming. Though end users maintain their existing billing software, no duplicate data entry is necessary.

E&M edits

A unique feature, ClaimStaker can apply an acuity level to each ICD-9 code in a claim, a more reliable way to avoid the risk of over-coding and prevent the revenue loss of under-coding for evaluation and management services.

Customized edits

ClaimStaker's ease of customization truly sets it apart. In addition to accommodating unusual insurance or

managed care rules, each standard edit in ClaimStaker can be enabled or disabled for specific claim types or payers with the click of a check box.

For sophisticated users who wish to create their own unique edits, an "edit wizard" guides users through the process of creating edits based on a set of parameters that trigger customized messages.

Detailed, instructive reports

ClaimStaker's detailed reports capture and present all the information necessary to make coding corrections before submitting actual claims. The split file feature in ClaimStaker separates good claims, which are ready to submit immediately, from claims that must be corrected.

ClaimStaker reports fully explain the error logic in easy-to-understand terms, explaining the appropriate corrective action when possible. And ClaimStaker reports can be saved as compliance documentation.

Because end-users have everything they need to make coding corrections, ClaimStaker also serves as an educational tool, promoting yet another important compliance requirement.

Software developer interface or integration

Alpha II implementation specialists and programmers work closely with our developer partners to ensure efficient, effective and appropriate access to ClaimStaker features, whether it's a quick interface or in-depth integration.

Software developers can interface ClaimStaker's advanced functionality to their practice management and hospital billing systems with minimal workflow process modifications and, in many cases, no program modifications. For tighter application integration, ClaimStaker's variety of communication methods and input-output options support embedding of the ClaimStaker edit process to create a work queue displayed within the host application's user interface.

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