



# Medical Provider Newsletter

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## EDI + EFT = Faster Claims Payment

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EMI Health is pleased to offer the convenience, savings, and security of electronic claims submission (EDI) and payment (EFT).

Claims submitted through EDI have a faster processing time than paper claims, and there is a reduced chance of error. If you are not yet set up to submit claims through EDI, you will need to obtain a trading partner number from the Utah Health Information Network (UHIN). You may contact UHIN by visiting [www.uhin.org](http://www.uhin.org) or by phone at (801) 466-7705. Once you've received your number, you may begin immediately submitting EDI claims to EMI Health's trading partner number HT000214-001. Test claims are not required.

EMI Health also works with all of the major clearinghouses, including Apex and Emdeon. Be sure to mention your association with EMI Health, as some offer a discount to EMI Health providers. If you are using a clearinghouse, confirm with them that your claims are being submitted electronically to EMI Health and not dropped to paper.

Once you are receiving electronic remittance advices (EDI 835) from EMI Health through the UHIN switch, you may also enroll in EFT. When authorizing electronic funds transfer, you are agreeing that you will no longer receive paper Explanations of Payments (EOPs) for patient account reconciliation; therefore, it is important to ensure you are currently posting electronically using your electronic remittance advices or 835s. Once you are actively accepting EDI 835s from EMI Health, you may sign up for EFT online at <https://emihealth.com/emi/providers/provider-eft-enrollment.aspx>.

## When to use modifier -33

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Modifier -33, which was created in response to the preventive care requirements of healthcare reform, has caused some confusion in the industry. The Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code book describes the modifier as follows:

*When the primary purpose of the service is the delivery of an evidence-based service in accordance with a U.S. Preventive Service Task Force A or B rating in effect and other preventive services identified in preventive services mandates (legislative or regulatory), the service may be identified by adding 33 to the procedure. For separately reported services specifically identified as preventive, the modifier should not be used.*

As noted in the final sentence, some preventive services are inherently preventive in nature (such as screening mammography) and do not require a modifier to identify them as such. Modifier -33 should not be appended to these inherently preventive service codes.

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