

Using the Sagamore Route Code with HIPAA 5010

Yes, the Sagamore Route Code can be sent within the HIPAA electronic format. We strongly encourage the use of the route code because of its power to expedite the routing of your claim to the appropriate Sagamore payer. Here's how to make it work for you:

Our system is designed to look for the Sagamore Route Code in multiple fields. We prefer to get the Sagamore Route Code in the payer name field, HCFA/CMS box 11c or on the UB location 50. Electronically in HIPAA this would be loop 2010BB in NM103 where NM101 = PR. Realizing that some software packages may not allow this field to be populated, here are some alternatives:

The Sagamore Route Code can be sent in the group number field in HCFA/CMS box 11, or in the UB location 62. The Sagamore group number and route code can also be sent together in these fields. Electronically in HIPAA this would be loop 2000B in SBR03.

The Sagamore Route Code can also be sent in the group name field in HCFA/CMS box 11b or on the UB location 61. The Sagamore group name and route code can also be sent together in these fields. Electronically in HIPAA this would be loop 2000B in SBR04.

When sending the Sagamore Route Code in the group name or number field our system will scan the entire field looking for SAG and a four digit number with no space in between. Therefore, it does not matter if the route code is first or last in the field. When sending the route code, do not spell out SAGAMORE, it should simply be SAG followed by the four digit number, example: SAG9999.

According to the 5010 HIPAA guides only the group number or the group name may be sent but NOT both. Most clearinghouses are just sending the group number field. Please check with your clearinghouse to verify which field when is being sent. We prefer to receive the group number.