

Provider Specialty Code

Description:	Used to further describe the provider.
Allowable Values:	This field will be left justified and taken from the <i>Health Care Provider Taxonomy</i> .
Length:	2- 10
Format:	AN, left justified
Notes:	

Each program can use as many levels as appropriate as follows

Description

Provider Taxonomy - (Field Size 10 = 2-2-5-1)

Level I - Types:

Health Care Provider Type Code

2 byte alphanumeric

- A code that identifies a major grouping of service(s) or occupation(s) of health care providers.
- Example: Dental Service Providers, Dietary and Nutritional Service Providers

Level II - Classifications:

Health Care Provider Classification Code

2 byte alphanumeric

- A code that identifies more specific services(s) or occupation(s) within the health care provider type. The coding is based on licensed provider classifications.
- Example: Within Dental Service Providers, there are Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Dental Laboratory Technicians

Level III - Specializations:

Health Care Provider Area of Specialization

5 byte alphanumeric

- A code that identifies the provider's specialization, a segment of the population that a health care provider chooses to service, a specific medical service, a specialization in treating a specific disease, or any other descriptive characteristic about the providers practice relating to the services rendered.

- Example: Physicians (M.D.) may specialize in Neurology or may limit their practice to adolescents.

Training/Education Requirement Indicator (TER):

1 byte - (Y/N)

- A code that indicates whether the provider type/classification/area of specialization combination is defined through nationally recognized training and education requirements. The TER will be pre-established on the taxonomy and carried as the end position of the area of specialization code equal to a "y" = yes or an "n" = no.
- Example: The specialty of Neurology (in the previous example) would have the TER Indicator = Y as there are established training and education requirements. The specialty of Adolescent One, Under 16 would have the TER Indicator = N as there is not presently established TER.

The list of codes is available at

<http://www.wpc-edi.com/taxonomy/Index.html>

External Standard

Health Care Provider Taxonomy –X12