

## Taxonomy Billing Requirements

As of **March 15, 2026**, Providence Health Plan (PHP) and Providence Health Assurance (PHA) will be requiring taxonomy codes on all provider submitted Medicare and Commercial claims. Additional information regarding this new requirement is below.

### What is changing?

On March 15, 2026, PHP and PHA will require taxonomy codes to be present on all provider submitted claims. The Provider Manual will be updated to clearly state taxonomy code is required for claims payment. If providers submit claims with incorrect or missing taxonomy, the claim will be denied.

### What is a Taxonomy code and why is it important when submitting a claim for reimbursement?

"Taxonomy codes are 10-character alphanumeric identifiers assigned to healthcare providers to classify their specialty or subspecialty. Standardized by the National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC), these codes clarify the roles and functions of medical providers within the healthcare system. Whether you're a general practitioner, a specialized surgeon, or a multi-specialty group, taxonomy codes ensure your expertise is accurately represented in every claim you submit." *From [Why Taxonomy Codes Matter in Medical Billing & Compliance](#)*

Taxonomy codes are important to include in provider submitted claims for the following reasons:

- Compliance:
  - Federal and state regulations, including HIPAA, require the use of standardized codes for electronic transactions.
- Prevention of Claims Denials:
  - Incorrect or missing taxonomy codes can lead to claim denials, resulting in lost revenue and administrative headaches.
- Payment Processing Efficiency:
  - Taxonomy codes help practices submit claims that clearly identify the nature of the services rendered. This specificity reduces billing disputes and delays, ensuring smoother interactions with payers and faster reimbursement.
- Specialty Representation:
  - Taxonomy codes are essential for ensuring that claims reflect a provider's true area of expertise and match claims with provider qualifications and member needs.

### Where do providers register for or find their Taxonomy code?

Use the following link: [Find Your Taxonomy Code | CMS](#)