Including plan enrollees' race and ethnicity on your 834 enrollment files

If you currently utilize ANSI 834 files as your enrollment method and wish to start including your plan enrollees' race and ethnicity data on your files, please collaborate with your ANSI 834 submitter/third-party administrator (TPA) to ensure the data is being sent in the format below. This will enable us to accurately capture and process this important information.

Submitting data on ANSI 834 files

Race and ethnicity values should be reported in the DMG segment (element DMG05) within the 2100A loop, using the HL7 FHIR industry code lists (version 4.0.0):

Segment/ element	Name	Value
DMG05-1	Race and ethnicity information	Not populated
DMG05-2	Code list qualifier code	RET
DMG05-3	Industry code	HL7 FHIR code ¹ for race and/or ethnicity

Colons (:) will be used to separate the DMG05 sub-elements: DMG05-1, DMG05-2 and DMG05-3.

If both race and ethnicity values are reported, please send them in the following order: race code first, followed by ethnicity code, separated by a caret (^) as a repetition separator. Note that our system can only accommodate one value for each of race and ethnicity.

DMG segment examples with race and ethnicity included:

Race only: DMG*D8*19730220*F*M*:RET:1004-1~

Ethnicity only: DMG*D8*19730220*F*M*:RET:2148-5~

Race and ethnicity: DMG*D8*19730220*F*M*:RET:1004-1^:RET:2148-5~

In addition to reporting race and ethnicity, we also accept language data in the LUI segment within the 2100A loop, using the NISO Z39.53 language code list. Refer to the ASC X12 Standards for Electronic Data Interchange Technical Report Type 3 (TR3) for more information.

Race Ethnicity

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¹ Complete race and ethnicity HL7 FHIR code lists can be found here: