

# CLAIMS ATTACHMENTS FINAL RULE

## OVERVIEW

The [Administrative Simplification; Adoption of Standards for Health Care Claims Attachments Transactions and Electronic Signatures Final Rule \(CMS-0053-F\)](#) was published in the Federal Register on March 24, 2026, with an effective date of May 26, 2026. The rule finalizes the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)-adopted standards for health care claims attachments and electronic signatures. Combined, the new standards will enable secure electronic exchange of claims-related supporting documentation and electronic signatures to authenticated attachments documentation.

The final rule adopts standards for claims only and does not address attachments for prior authorization. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is continuing to evaluate alternative standards for prior authorization attachments currently being tested by the industry.

## STANDARDS

### X12 Standards

Go to [X12's website](#) for access to the following Technical Reports Type 3.

- 275 Additional Information to Support a Health Care Claim or Encounter - 006020X314
- 277 Health Care Claim Request for Additional Information – 006020X313

### Health Level 7 (HL7®) Standards:

Go to [HL7's website](#) for access to the following documents and implementation guides (IG)

Claim attachments:

- Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) Release 2: Consolidated CDA (C-CDA) Templates for Clinical Notes (US Realm) Draft Standard for Trial Use Release 2.1, Volume One – Introductory Material, June 2019 with Errata (HL7 C-CDA IG Volume One)
- CDA Release 2: C-CDA Templates for Clinical Notes (US Realm) Draft Standard for Trial Use Release 2.1, Volume Two – Templates and Supporting Material, June 2019 with Errata (HL7 C-CDA IG Volume Two)
- CDA Release 2 Attachment IG: Exchange of C-CDA Based Documents, Release 2, March 2022 (HL7 Attachments IG)

Electronic Signatures:

- CDA Release 2: Digital Signatures and Delegation of Rights, Release 1 (Digital Signatures Guide).

## IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

The compliance deadline is May 26, 2028, for all requirements in this rule. Stakeholders are encouraged to learn the specifics of the rule requirements and plan their implementation to meet this deadline.

## **BENEFITS OF THE STANDARDS**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is projecting the elimination of manual processes with the claim attachments and electronic signatures standards will save the health care industry \$781 million annually. The standards will also result in reduced administrative burden for providers and payers, faster claims processing, and secure, authenticated electronic exchanges.

## **RESOURCES**

- [CMS Fact Sheet: Administrative Simplification; Adoption of Standards for Health Care Claims Attachments Transactions and Electronic Signatures Final Rule CMS-0053-F](#)
- [CMS Administrative Simplification webpage](#)