



835 Data Dictionary (Pharmacy / PBM Use)

File-Level Information

Field Name	Segment	Description	Example	Notes
File Creation Date	ISA09 / GS04	Date file was created	20240615	Useful for tracking cycles
File Creation Time	ISA10 / GS05	Time file generated	1430	
Sender ID	ISA06	PBM identifier	TRUESCRIPTS	
Receiver ID	ISA08	Pharmacy or vendor ID	PHARM123	
Transaction Set ID	ST01	Identifies transaction type	835	Always 835

Payment-Level (Header)

Field Name	Segment	Description	Example	Notes
Payment Method	BPR04	Method of payment	ACH / CHK	EFT vs Check
Payment Amount	BPR02	Total payment amount	12500.45	Match to bank
Payment Date	BPR16	Date of payment	20240620	
Check/EFT Number	TRN02	Payment reference number	123456789	Critical for reconciliation
Payer Name	N1*PR	PBM name	TrueScripts	
Payee Name	N1*PE	Pharmacy name	ABC Pharmacy	



Claim-Level Information

Field Name	Segment	Description	Example	Notes
Patient Control Number	CLP01	Internal claim ID (Rx #)	RX123456	Primary key for matching
Claim Status	CLP02	Paid/Denied status	1 = Paid	
Total Claim Charge	CLP03	Submitted amount	125.00	
Paid Amount	CLP04	Amount paid by PBM	100.00	
Patient Responsibility	CLP05	Copay/coinsurance	25.00	
Claim Filing Indicator	CLP06	Payer type	RX	Pharmacy indicator
Payer Claim Control Number	CLP07	PBM claim ID	987654321	Useful for disputes
Fill Date	DTM*472	Date of service	20240610	

Drug / Service Line Details

Field Name	Segment	Description	Example	Notes
NDC Number	LIN03	National Drug Code	00093015001	Key for pricing analysis
Quantity Dispensed	SVC03	Quantity	30	
Line Item Charge	SVC02	Submitted amount	125.00	
Line Item Paid	SVC03	Paid amount	100.00	
Procedure Code	SVC01	Usually Rx service	HC:	Often not used heavily in PBM

Adjustments & Fees

Field Name	Segment	Description	Example	Notes
Adjustment Group Code	CAS01	Type of adjustment	CO / PR	Contractual vs Patient
Adjustment Reason Code	CAS02	Reason for adjustment	45	Standard CARC codes
Adjustment Amount	CAS03	Adjustment value	-5.00	Negative = reduction



Field Name	Segment	Description	Example	Notes
Adjustment Quantity	CAS04	Units affected	1	Optional
Remark Code	LQ	Additional explanation	N123	RARC codes
DIR Fee Indicator	Derived	Post-adjudication fee	-2.50	Often appears as adjustment

Provider / Pharmacy Info

Field Name	Segment	Description	Example	Notes
Pharmacy NPI	NM109	Pharmacy identifier	1234567890	
Pharmacy Name	NM103	Name	ABC Pharmacy	
Tax ID (TIN)	REF*TJ	Tax ID	123456789	

Reversal / Recoupment Indicators

Field Name	Segment	Description	Example	Notes
Claim Status Code	CLP02	Indicates reversal	22 = Reversal	Key flag
Negative Payment	CLP04	Negative value	-100.00	Recoupment
Reference Claim ID	REF*F8	Original claim reference	RX123456	Links to original

Balancing & Reconciliation

Field Name	Segment	Description	Example	Notes
Total Payment	BPR02	Total paid amount	12,500.45	Must match EFT
Total Adjustments	PLB	Provider-level adjustments	-150.00	Often fees/offsets
Net Payment	Calculated	Payment - adjustments	12,350.45	Final deposit

Provider-Level Adjustments (PLB)



Field Name	Segment	Description	Example	Notes
Adjustment Reason	PLB03	Reason code	WO / FB	Write-off, forwarding
Adjustment Amount	PLB04	Amount	-50.00	Often bulk adjustments
Fiscal Period Date	PLB02	Period applied	202406	

Common Derived Fields (For Analytics)

Field Name	Description	Formula
Expected Reimbursement	Contracted rate	External calc
Variance	Paid - Expected	CLP04 - Expected
Effective Reimbursement Rate	Paid per unit	Paid / Quantity
Total Fees	Sum of adjustments	SUM(CAS amounts)
Net Claim Value	Paid - Fees	CLP04 - Adjustments

Key Notes for Pharmacy Use

- **CLP01 (Rx Number)** = primary matching field
- **TRN02 (Payment Reference)** = ties to EFT
- **CAS segments** = where most “hidden” fees live
- **PLB segment** = often overlooked bulk adjustments
- **NDC + Quantity** = critical for reimbursement analytics

Common Pitfalls

- Ignoring **PLB adjustments** (can cause reconciliation mismatches)
- Missing **negative claims (recoupments)**
- Not linking **reversals to original claims**
- Assuming **CLP04 = final revenue** (fees often reduce it further)