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To comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Medicare/NHIC requires that all software vendors upgrade to the latest version of the claims submission format and that all providers send to NHIC their electronic submitter information.

Avanta has actually used the required ANSI 837 claims submission format for the past six years, so no major format change is required for your system. However, we will be updating the version of the ANSI 837 format to the current version required by Medicare/NHIC well before the October 1st, 2002 deadline.

In the interim, please fill out and return to NHIC the *Medicare Part B Submitter Information Form* included in the *Summer 2001 EDI Submitter Newsletter*. This will qualify you for claims submission testing, which will be completed by Avanta. Please note that NHIC may provide this form in future mailings, so remember to respond only once.

To sum up, your only responsibility is to fill out and return to NHIC the *Medicare Part B Submitter Information Form*. Avanta will take care of any required version changes and all claims submission testing.

FREE SEMINAR

Would you like to improve office-to-patient and follow-up communications? Could you better manage patient information? Then make sure to attend Avanta's upcoming seminar, *Patient Flow & Office Efficiency*.

The use of Recall Messages, Med-Chart, the Daily Reminder File, and Patient Notes will be reviewed so that you can better manage patient flow and enhance office efficiency.

This free seminar will be presented on July 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2001 (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday). Both morning (9am to 12pm) and afternoon sessions (2pm to 5pm) will be offered each day.

Seminar space is limited, so please call Alyson at Avanta to schedule your session.



Holiday Hours

Avanta will be closed Wednesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. However, technical support for emergency situations will be available via our answering service. Have a fun and safe holiday!

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