



On-Set Date / Occurrence Date

Include the “Date of Current Illness” on the CMS-1500 and the “Occurrence Code and Date” on the UB-04 when submitting claims.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma (BCBSOK) requests that you routinely include the “Date of Current Illness” or “Occurrence Code” and the associated date in your claim submissions. This will help eliminate the need to contact Customer Service when a claim denies unexpectedly needing this information.

When submitting the CMS-1500, the “Date of Current Illness” (also known as the “on-set date”) is entered into Box 14 to indicate the date of the first symptom/illness, accident/injury, or last menstrual period (LMP) for pregnancy. The first date, if the patient has had the same or similar illness, is entered into Box 15.

When submitting the UB-04, the “Occurrence Code” and associated date is entered in fields 31-36 and defines a significant event related to the claim. The most commonly recognized “occurrence codes” by BCBSOK are listed below:

Occurrence Code	Definition
01	Auto Accident
04	Accident – Employment Related
05	Other Accident
10	Last Menstrual Period (LMP)
11	Onset of Symptom/Illness
33	First Day of Medicare Coordination Period for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)

Remember that the first date of service is not always the on-set/occurrence date. Claims may process differently, depending what date is entered. Be sure that you are entering the actual date on all claims.