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ULTRACare 2007 - Version 15

Thanks to a successful product development and Beta Test cycle, we are pleased to announce that the annual new version update of ULTRACare will be available for general release in May 2007.

ULTRACare 2007 contains almost 200 new and enhanced features, so be on the lookout for more details including pre-release "need to knows", detailed release notes, and more.

In case you just can't wait to know what the new features are, here's the Top 10:

- ◆ Expanded the follow up note size in Pre-Admissions by 400%
- ◆ Resident Care Plans can be automatically created from the library based on RAPs identified from the MDS
- ◆ Staff can now validate (countersign) physician orders entered by a co-worker
- ◆ Facility minimum and maximum ranges for vital statistics can be set up
- ◆ Tasks can now be set up allowing you to display or print a list of ULTRACare tasks/data to be completed by certain staff
- ◆ A new Occupancy Statistics report provides several levels of location occupancy analysis
- ◆ Batch printing of NO PAY claims
- ◆ Resident Funds has a new Average Daily Balance report
- ◆ Changes to a Care Plan are written to a history file and displayed on screen during editing to know who, what, and when it was changed
- ◆ Record and play back shift notes as audio messages (.wav or .mp3 format)

UB-04 Updates

The UB-04 and NPI transition period has begun and many of the Fiscal Intermediaries and state Medicaid programs are releasing final specifications. The information now being released shows that there are still many variations of the new standard UB-04 related to how certain form locations are being used.

The National Uniform Billing Committee reports "some laser printers are having difficulty meeting the print specification of the UB-04 form. The UB-04 form and the UB-92 contain identical margin specifications. Both forms are 82 characters across. To accommodate the 80 character limitation of some laser printers, many users of the UB-92 form developed workarounds that basically "cheated" on the printing layout. This was commonly accomplished by starting in the second position and ending in the 80th position, basically ignoring the first column on the left and the last column on the right. The UB-92 had no critical data elements in these fields."

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The NUBC further recommends that "in order to meet the UB-04 print specifications, users should utilize laser printers that have "edge-to-edge" print capability (4 mm margins on the left and right) or wide carriage impact printers (dot-matrix or line printers)." Reportedly, the HP9000 series printers have the ability to Turn On Edge-to-Edge printing (1mm vs. 4mm) margins. This ability comes at a cost of roughly \$3,000.

We have adjusted the printing of the UB-04 form on a regular laser printer to the best of our ability to get the information to appear inside the boxes. Due to the layout of the new form, there are issues related to the margins:

A laser printer has a 4mm margin on the left and right, so the contents of certain boxes will print outside the box:

- ◆ On the left: box 31 a/b - occurrence code, 42 - revenue codes, and 66 - DX indicator
- ◆ On the right, the following will truncate the last digit: box 41 - value amounts, and 76 & 78 - ID number for qualifier

We recognize this presents a potential problem to paper-claim filers (it has no affect on the electronic file). To print a pre-printed color UB-04 form using ULTRACare and a laser printer, you must set the printer control device for program ID "PTUB92" to QPQ:53. This tells the printer to ignore print margins, but most laser printers will only print 80 characters across the page.

What's so different about the UB-04?

Most of our clients have attended training sessions provided by their Fiscal Intermediaries to learn about the changes and requirements related to the revised claim form. For more information, we recommend contacting your FI or access internet based resources such as this one: <http://www.ugsmedicare.com/index.asp>.

As always, if you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-666-3883.

Directions 2007 User Conference

Mark your calendar for September 10 - 13, 2007 and plan to enjoy our best-ever ULTRACare users conference. We're planning lots of new learning opportunities this year, so watch for all the registration details in early May.

Sage MAS 90 and MAS 200 Version 4.2 Warning

The latest update of Sage's accounting software has begun shipping. We recommend that you do not load Version 4.2 yet. There are significant changes to certain modules that we are testing. We will notify our Sage customers when it is advisable to move to the new version. Also, please keep in mind that neither MAS 90, MAS 200, nor ULTRACare is certified for Windows Vista or a 64-bit processor computer.



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