

INFOBulletin

Keeping health care providers informed of payment, policy or program changes

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Re: Medical Claims Electronic Data Transfer Web Service

The Medical Claims Electronic Data Transfer (MC EDT) web service is now available for use. As previously communicated, the web service requires software that automates OHIP medical claim submissions and report download/reconciliation.

All active OHIP solo and group billing numbers must have an associated GO secure account in order to use MC EDT. Health care providers will be required to complete the on line GO Secure registration and enrolment to the MC EDT service for their solo billing numbers and a representative of the group will be required to establish the group account. You may also request designate accounts on-line for administrative staff that will allow them to act on your behalf. Information on how to register and set up designates is available on our website at http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/publications/ohip/mcedt_mn.aspx

The ministry will be mailing confidential registration information to all solo and group users of the current EDT service in the following months.

Please ensure the practice address on file with the ministry is current for both solo and group billing numbers and that a contact name is provided for groups.

If you have already completed the GO Secure registration and are using the MC EDT web page you may want to discuss using the automated web service with your software vendor. The ministry does not provide any technical support for automation/scripting of web page functions and strongly discourages this practice. All automated software should be designed to access the web service. Note that you can continue to access the web page to view reports or submit files even if your software accesses the web service.

If you have any questions regarding the MC EDT registration, web service or web page please contact the Service Support Contact Centre at 1 800 262-6524.



Information for Software Vendors

There are two technical specifications on our website that will assist you with developing software to access the MC EDT web service. As noted above, the ministry does not provide any technical support for automation/scripting of web page functions, only the web service.

The first specification, *Technical Specifications for Electronic Business Services (EBS)*, details the security protocols needed to access the web service. Only the Identity Provider (IDP) model is available for MC EDT at this time.

The second, *Technical Specifications for Medical Claims Electronic Data Transfer (MC EDT) Service via EBS*, describes the interactions with the web service for file submissions and retrieval of ministry reports such as the Remittance Advice or Error Reports. Both specifications can be found at <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/publications/ohip/>

All software designed to access the MC EDT web service must be conformance tested prior to being given access to the production service. Please note that the ministry does not provide testing facilities for software development and/or debugging.

When your software is ready for conformance testing contact the Service Support Contact Centre at 1 800 262-6524. You will be required to sign an Acceptable Use Policy form prior to beginning testing. A high level process flow for conformance testing is attached for your reference.

Once you have successfully completed the conformance test you will be provided with a 'conformance key' that must be imbedded in your software in order to access the production service. As noted previously, your clients will be required to register for a GO Secure account and enrol in the MC EDT service before accessing the web service. If your client(s) have not received registration information from the ministry have them contact the Service Support Contact Centre.

Information on conformance testing for the Health Card Validation web service will be published separately.

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