

Implicit Transactions

When field information in certification kits is updated in ASPEN, it is transmitted to national via explicit or implicit transactions. Explicit updates to the corresponding fields in the national database occur when the certification kit in which the changes were made is uploaded from ASPEN to national. Implicit updates are automatically sent to national; the kit does not need to be uploaded.

Most Update transactions are explicit, but two types of implicit Update transactions occur in certain cases: Implicit and Implicit-Spec. Implicit updates are sent for individual fields whereas Implicit-Spec transactions are sent for a group of fields.

FMS records are also updated implicitly after the first successful upload to national. The first upload must be explicit, i.e., you must initiate it manually in ARO.

Implicit

After an initial certification kit has been uploaded (explicitly) to national and accepted, changes to certain fields on the Facility Definition tab and to information about accepted Hospital off-site locations/affiliates/co-located Hospitals; HHA branches; and XRAY, OPT, and CORF extensions are implicitly updated on national.

When you change the value in an Implicit field, the new value is automatically sent to national. You do not have to upload the certification kit. The processing Action listed in the Transactions window will be 06 Implicitly updated.

Note: If you add a branch/extension/off-site location/affiliate/co-located Hospital to a kit that has already been uploaded, a message tells you to upload the kit again.

Facility Properties

The following fields on the Facility Definition tab (right-click facility | New Facility or Facility Properties) are Implicit.

- **Employer ID**
Federal tax identification number (Employer Identification Number or EIN) used to identify a business entity.
- **Type**
Provider type selected from the drop-down list.

Note: Type is defined as an implicit field, but is never uploaded implicitly due to other dependencies. It can, however, be uploaded as an implicit-spec for NHs.
- **Name**
Working name used throughout ASPEN to identify the provider.
- **Address**
Street address of the provider.
- **City**
Name of the city in which the provider is located.

- **Zip**
9-digit Zip Code for the provider.
- **State**
Postal abbreviation for the state in which the provider is located.
- **County**
Name of the county in which the provider is located.
- **Phone**
Telephone number of the provider.
- **Fax**
Fax number for the provider.
- **OSCAR State Region**
Code supplied by ASPEN according to the Zip Code or selected by the user.

Branches and Extensions

Changes made in the Facility Relationship Manager window to HHA branch or XRAY, OPT, and CORF extension information are transmitted implicitly if the branch or extension has been accepted by national. For example, if you reactivate a branch or extension, the termination code and date on the national database are implicitly updated.

Implicit-Spec

Fields related to bed counts in certification kits for Hospitals, NHs, and ICFs/IID are defined as Implicit-Spec (Special). After a certification kit has been explicitly uploaded to national and accepted, Implicit-Spec fields will be implicitly updated as a group on national.

Implicit-Spec fields include bed count fields on the CMS-1539 tab and, for NHs only: Type (CMS-1539), Program Participation (CMS-671), and Type (Facility Definition). When you change a bed count or, for NHs only, Type (CMS-1539), all the related Implicit-Spec values are automatically sent to national. The processing Action listed in the Transactions window will be 07 Implicit-Spec.

CMS-1539

The following fields on the Transmittal (CMS-1539) tab are Implicit-Spec. These fields are displayed or enabled as applicable for the provider type.

- **Total Facility Beds (L18)**
Total number of beds in the facility (Hospital, NH, ICF/MR)
- **Total Certified Beds (L17)**
Hospital - Total number of certified beds
NH - Total of the LTC bed counts entered in L37, L38, and L39 as calculated by ASPEN/ICF/IID - IID bed count entered in L43; auto-entered here by ASPEN
- **Type**
Medicare provider type. (NH Medicare providers 021, 022, 023)
- **18 SNF (L37)**
Number of Title 18 beds at the facility (NH)

- **18/19 SNF (L38)**
Number of Title 18/19 beds at the facility (NH)
- **19 NF (L39)**
Number of Title 19 beds at the facility (NH)
- **IID (L43)**
Number of IID beds at the facility (ICF/IID)

CMS-671

One field on the Application (CMS-671) tab for NHs is Implicit-Spec.

- **Program Participation (F9)**
Supplied by ASPEN according to the facility Type selected in Facility Properties. F9 is updated for NH Medicare providers in synch with Type on the 1539 tab.

Facility Properties

One field on the Facility Definition tab for NHs is Implicit-Spec.

- Type
Provider type. Updated for NH Medicare providers in sync with Type on the 1539 tab.

Implicit FMS Uploads

The first upload of an FMS record to national must be explicit, i.e., you must initiate it manually in ARO. After that, the FMS record is updated implicitly.

Following the initial successful upload of an FMS event, you cannot delete linked surveys, Federal or state. You also cannot modify the following fields:

- Type of Federal Survey
- Extent of Federal Survey
- Start and Exit dates of Federal survey

Changes to any other fields in the FMS record are sent to national implicitly.