ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY STATEMENT
INDIANA MEDICAID

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Trading Partners			AD-0082
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A. SUBJECT

Trading Partners

B. BACKGROUND

CareSource accepts electronic claims submissions to increase the efficiency of claims processing. CareSource has specific requirements regarding electronic claims submission. This policy applies to providers wishing to directly connect with CareSource for electronic filing along with Trading Partners and Clearinghouses not already contracted with CareSource and the electronic claims submission process.

C. DEFINITIONS

- Clearinghouses/Trading Partners – are companies that function as intermediaries who forward claims information from healthcare providers to insurance payers.
- Direct connections – are direct electronic claims submissions to CareSource without the use of a clearinghouse/trading partner.
- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) - is the computer-to-computer exchange of business data.

D. POLICY

I. CareSource only allows direct connections for EDI transactions with contracted Trading Partners/Clearinghouses, states and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

II. CareSource will not contract or approve direct connections with providers (e.g. hospitals, labs, offices, practitioners, etc.).

III. New direct connection requests will not be granted unless it is fully documented and approved by CareSource's IT and Operations Executive Leadership.

E. CONDITIONS OF COVERAGE

N/A

F. RELATED POLICIES/RULES

N/A

G. REVIEW/REVISION HISTORY

	DATES	ACTION
Date Issued	04/05/2018	New Policy.
Date Revised		
Date Effective	09/15/2018	
Date Archived	6/30/2020	This Policy is no longer active and has been archived. Please note that there could be other Policies that may have some of the same rules incorporated and CareSource reserves the right to follow CMS/State/NCCI guidelines without a formal documented Policy.

H. REFERENCES

N/A

The Administrative Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the Administrative Policy Statement Policy and is approved.

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