To Our Vendors

EDI Invoice Carrier Information

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Patterson Dental is working closely with Yellow Freight, Roadway Express, and UPS to receive shipment information while your orders are on in transit. LTL carriers assign a pro number for each shipment. That number is synonymous with the trailer that holds the order. Package forwarders assign a tracking number for each box in an order. Therefore, there may be many tracking numbers for a given order.

This initiative is designed to deliver that information to our DCs; combining the EDI invoice to the carrier's shipment status transaction set 214. From the time the shipment leaves your dock, each DC will see what shipments are to be delivered while enroute, down to the item level.

Shipping with LTL Carriers

Carrier pro numbers are to be reported at the header level. Essentially, the carrier pro number is equal to the truck number. More than one carrier pro number can be used per given invoice. Therefore, carrier pro numbers are to be reported in the header level PID segment.

If it is easier, the bill of lading number (BOL) can be reported in place of the carrier pro number. Since that number is given to the carrier, it would be available in the 214 Shipment Status.

Shipping with Package Forwarders

A package forwarder, such as United Parcel Service, identifies a shipment at the box level. Therefore, an invoice may list items, each of which could be shipped in its own box, each having its own tracking number. Since shipments may contain more than one box and that boxes usually arrive together, we request that you send just one tracking number to represent the shipment. Report the tracking number in the PID segment.

The following segments and their elements are used.

Header level - CAD segment

     CAD01   Qualifier 'M' – Def.– motor
     CAD04   SCAC code - Carrier's four character alpha code
     CAD07   Qualifier   'BM' – Def.– Bill of Lading number

     CAD08   Bill of lading number

Header level – PID segment

     PID01   Qualifier 'X' Semi structured
     PID03   'AB' Assigned by buyer
     PID04   'TG' Tracking number
                   'CN' Carrier Pro number
     PID05   Package forwarder's tracking number or Carrier Pro number

We know that the success of this program may call for great efforts on your part. However, the result will mean greater efficiencies in putting your product in the hands of the customer faster. I appreciate your efforts to provide this data. Please call on me if you have questions regarding these requirements.

Best wishes,

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Technical notes regarding reporting carrier pro numbers, tracking numbers, and bill of lading number.

<u>Terms used</u>

Shipment status - Named for the EDI transaction set 214 transaction set. Shipment movements, estimated delivery time, and load description are reported in the shipment status report.

Carrier pro number – Issued by the LTL carrier. Also reported in the carrier's EDI shipment status report

Tracking number – Issued by the package forwarder, such as United Parcel Service. UPS identifies the shipper's package bythe tracking number.

Bill of lading number – Issued by the shipper to identify the shipment, which is given to the carrier.