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## **Aetna Better Health® of Illinois**

### **Enhancing claims intake editing for SNIP Types 1–4 through a software change**

Aetna® Medicaid is implementing the Edifecs Smart Trading platform (in place of IBM's Sterling Gateway) to serve as the Medicaid Gateway for all incoming claim transactions allowing us to administer robust, flexible and advanced industry-standard SNIP Type edits and generate EDI acknowledgement files for the submitters.

#### **What does SNIP Type Validation and Edits mean?**

Aetna Better Health® of Illinois (Aetna) routinely applies HIPAA edits for professional (837P) and institutional (837I) to all claims submitted electronically. SNIP Type Validation and Edits refers to the Strategic National Implementation Process (SNIP), specific to Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and includes seven guidelines for industry-standard types of verification. The edits are not health plan-specific and most other payers currently operate at SNIP Type 4.

**We're making you aware this change will be implemented January 20, 2025.** The next step will be to send a provider notification with this information and allocate 60 days for providers to address this change in their billing processes and/or submit any questions for review. Thereafter, we anticipate this change taking effect.

#### **Questions?**

Contact Provider Services at **1-866-329-4701 (TTY: 711)** if you have questions or would like to discuss this change in greater detail.