

Global Partner Management Notice

Subject: American Express CAPN Phase 3 Update

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Announcement #2:

American Express has granted First Data an extension for support of the below Aggregator requirements until October 31, 2009.

Announcement: The third phase of the American Express Card Acceptance Processing Network (CAPN) continues to update authorization and settlement. Phase 3 changes are mandated by April 30, 2009*.

As part of CAPN Phase 3, American Express is strongly recommending Aggregator type merchants to send additional data in existing fields in the Authorization and Settlement messages. Below you will find an overview of the additional data being mandated by Amex.

Authorizations (In the 1100 message type):

- **Field 26: Card Acceptor Business Code** - The MCC code that reflects the classification for the specific entity rendering goods or services (seller MCC code)
- **Field 43: Card Acceptor Name/Location** - contains 2 subfields. Subfield 1 should be unique, merchant-assigned, 20-byte max, seller/vendor code (seller ID), followed by seller location (city & street), Subfield 2 is the postal code for the seller

Submissions (in the Location Detail Addenda Record):

- **Field 6: Location Name** - spec states that Amex "strongly recommends" that aggregators include both their *aggregator business name* and the *name of the actual seller* (separated by an asterisk)
- **Field 12: Merchant Category Code** - should reflect MCC for the specific entity actually rendering the goods or services (seller), and may vary for each transaction, depending on the category applicable to the aggregator's specific sellers or vendors.
- **Field 13: Seller ID** - the unique, merchant-assigned, 20-byte max, seller/vendor code (seller ID)

Best Regards,

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