

DATA ELEMENT EXTENDED CODE DEFINITIONS

REQUEST

Is the extended code definition part of the ANS or dpANS? Is the extended code definition part of the voting package to the extent that a member can register a vote for or against the proposal based solely on the extended definition? If the “short” definition meets the business need of the member but the extended definition does not, then is the data maintenance in order and justified? Which is the definition governing usage, the short or the extended?

INTERPRETATION

Extended code definitions are not part of the X12.3 Data Element Dictionary standard.

When provided, extended definitions are part of the voting package to the extent that a member of X12 may vote for or against the proposal based solely on the extended definition. Extended definitions may be considered equivalent in status to transaction set and segment notes classified as comments.

Each code value in a code list has a code definition which is part of the standard. These definitions have traditionally been kept short to be useful as keywords. In some cases, extended definitions have been added to provide additional clarity. If the standard definition meets the users need, but the extended definition does not, this problem should be identified to X12J Technical Assessment Subcommittee through a Work Request.

The standard (“short”) definition governs usage in all cases.