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The Transaction Status Code table in the SSC is incomplete with respect to a number of transactions, causing parties to use a less specific code. For example, "Invalid business function ID" has been assigned status code 0026. While this status code may be used for a DEF transaction, according to the Transaction Status Code Table, it cannot be used for an ENF transaction, thus requiring the sender to use 0027 ("Other") as the error code. While not contrary to Code, use of the 0027 code does not provide the recipient with specific error information required to correct the problem.

To enable parties to provide the best possible information, any given error type should apply to all transactions that have a Transaction Status Code field. Thus, a single error type will be identified in the same manner, regardless of the transaction. In the example given, the proposed changes will allow status code 0026 to be used for any transaction that has a Transaction Status Code field to identify a problem with the business function ID.

Until such time as the SSC is amended to incorporate these changes, this bulletin serves as notice to all participants that in the cases where a particular transaction is not included in the list for a particular status code, that same status code may be used.

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