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Real Time Adjudication vs. Batch Processing: A Comparative Analysis of Claims Processing Speed, Accuracy, and Cost

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Abstract: *The need for effective, accurate, and financially viable claims processing methods has increased due to the growing administrative burden and cost pressures inside the US healthcare system. Real-time adjudication (RTA) and batch processing are two of the most prevalent paradigms. They are essentially distinct operational models that have a big impact on payer performance, provider cash flow, and patient happiness. With an emphasis on three crucial performance dimensions—processing speed, adjudication accuracy, and operational cost efficiency—this study offers a thorough comparison of RTA versus batch processing in the context of U.S. healthcare claims management. Leveraging empirical data from commercial payers, Medicare Advantage plans, and large provider networks, the study evaluates transaction throughput, error rates, rework cycles, and cost-per-claim metrics across both models. The analysis demonstrates that real-time adjudication significantly reduces claim turnaround time—from an industry average of 7–14 days in batch environments to sub-second or near-instantaneous decisions—while simultaneously lowering administrative overhead and denial rates through rule-based automation and AI-assisted validation. Conversely, batch processing, although cost-effective for high-volume standardized claims, exhibits higher latency, increased manual intervention, and greater susceptibility to cumulative errors and reprocessing costs. The findings underscore that while batch processing remains viable for legacy systems and low-complexity claim sets, real-time adjudication offers superior value in dynamic, value-based care environments by enhancing revenue cycle predictability, minimizing provider-payer friction, and improving patient financial transparency. The study concludes by proposing a hybrid architectural framework tailored to the U.S. healthcare ecosystem, integrating real-time decision engines with scalable batch infrastructures to optimize performance, compliance, and cost containment..*

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INTRODUCTION

The United States healthcare system processes more than six billion healthcare claims annually, representing one of the most complex administrative ecosystems globally, with total healthcare expenditure surpassing USD 4.5 trillion, nearly 18% of GDP. Within this vast financial infrastructure, claims processing serves as the operational backbone linking

providers, payers, and patients, directly influence revenue cycle stability, care continuity, and financial transparency. However, administrative inefficiencies continue to impose a substantial economic burden, with estimates indicating that 25–30% of total healthcare spending is attributable to administrative overhead, much of which is rooted in claims adjudication delays, rework, and denial management. Traditionally, U.S. payers have relied on batch processing architectures, wherein claims are accumulated and processed in scheduled cycles, often resulting in adjudication windows ranging from 7 to 21 days. While batch systems offer scalability and cost predictability, they are inherently constrained by latency, limited real-time validation, and a higher dependence on post-processing correction mechanisms. In contrast, the emergence of real-time adjudication (RTA)—enabled by advanced rule engines, API-driven interoperability, and AI-assisted decision frameworks—has redefined the temporal dynamics of claims processing, enabling sub-second benefit verification, instant eligibility checks, and immediate cost-sharing calculations. This paradigm shift aligns with broader U.S. healthcare reforms emphasizing value-based care, price transparency mandates, and patient-centric financial engagement, positioning adjudication speed and accuracy as strategic differentiators rather than mere operational metrics. From a systems engineering perspective, real-time adjudication represents a transition from asynchronous, batch-oriented pipelines to event-driven, low-latency architectures, fundamentally altering the claims lifecycle. In the U.S. payer environment, where claims complexity is amplified by multi-payer coordination, CPT/HCPCS coding variability, ICD-10 diagnostic granularity, and regulatory overlays such as HIPAA, CMS guidelines, and state-specific mandates, the accuracy of adjudication is as critical as speed. Empirical evidence from large commercial insurers and Medicare Advantage organizations indicates that denial rates in batch environments range between 8–12%, with up to 65% of denials deemed preventable through upfront validation. Real-time adjudication, by integrating eligibility verification, benefits configuration, medical necessity checks, and policy rule enforcement at the point of service, significantly reduces downstream corrections and resubmissions. Furthermore, the incorporation of machine learning classifiers and natural language processing (NLP) into adjudication workflows enables dynamic interpretation of unstructured clinical documentation, thereby improving coding precision and reducing semantic mismatches between provider submissions and payer policies. This convergence of automation and intelligence not only accelerates throughput but also enhances decision fidelity, reducing cumulative error propagation that is characteristic of batch-centric models. Economically, the implications of adjudication modality selection are profound. Studies within U.S. integrated delivery networks reveal that the cost to rework a denied claim ranges from USD 25 to USD 118, depending on complexity, while real-time error prevention mechanisms can reduce rework volumes by 30–45%. Additionally, provider cash flow volatility—often driven by delayed reimbursements in batch systems—has been shown to negatively impact small and mid-sized practices, increasing reliance on credit facilities and revenue cycle outsourcing. In contrast, real-time adjudication supports near-instantaneous payment estimation and accelerated remittance cycles, enhancing financial predictability and strengthening payer–provider trust. However, despite these advantages, batch processing remains deeply embedded in legacy payer infrastructures due to mainframe dependencies, capital constraints, and risk aversion associated with large-scale system transformation. This coexistence of paradigms creates a fragmented operational landscape in which performance, cost efficiency, and patient experience vary

significantly across organizations. Consequently, a rigorous, data-driven comparative analysis of real-time adjudication and batch processing within the U.S. healthcare context is both timely and necessary to inform strategic investment, policy formulation, and system modernization initiatives. This study therefore aims to provide a systematic and quantitative comparison of real-time adjudication and batch processing models across three critical dimensions: processing speed, adjudication accuracy, and operational cost efficiency. By synthesizing transactional data, operational benchmarks, and performance metrics from U.S. commercial payers, Medicare Advantage plans, and large provider networks, the research seeks to move beyond conceptual discourse and deliver empirically grounded insights. Unlike prior studies that treat claims processing as a peripheral administrative function, this work positions adjudication architecture as a core determinant of healthcare system efficiency, financial sustainability, and patient-centric service delivery. Through this lens, the paper contributes original value by articulating not only the technical distinctions between the two models but also their broader economic and systemic implications within the uniquely complex U.S. healthcare environment.

2. Literature Review

Early investigations into healthcare claims processing efficiency in the United States primarily emphasized administrative simplification and standardization as mechanisms for cost containment, with Porter and Teisberg (2006) asserting that fragmented reimbursement workflows significantly undermine value creation in healthcare delivery. Subsequently, Cutler and Ly (2011) empirically demonstrated that administrative complexity, including multi-layered claims adjudication processes, accounted for nearly USD 361 billion annually in excess spending, largely due to redundant verification and delayed reimbursements. In a seminal study, Himmelstein et al. (2014) compared U.S. claims workflows with those of single-payer systems and concluded that the batch-oriented architecture dominant in U.S. payers contributes disproportionately to processing latency and denial rates. Later, Adler-Milstein and Jha (2017) found that although electronic health records improved data availability, their integration with batch-based adjudication systems failed to deliver commensurate gains in processing speed due to asynchronous validation cycles. Ray et al. (2018) analyzed 12 large commercial payers and reported average claim turnaround times of 9.3 days in batch environments, with denial rates exceeding 10% for complex outpatient services, attributing these inefficiencies to delayed rule application and post-hoc error detection. In contrast, Kuo et al. (2019) demonstrated that real-time eligibility and benefits verification reduced front-end errors by 34%, highlighting the operational superiority of synchronous validation. Further, Patel and Johnson (2020) argued that batch processing perpetuates "error accumulation," whereby coding discrepancies and eligibility mismatches propagate across cycles, increasing rework volumes and administrative labor. Collectively, these studies establish that while batch processing offers scalability, it inherently limits responsiveness and accuracy in the dynamic regulatory and clinical environment of U.S. healthcare.

More recent literature has shifted toward real-time adjudication and intelligent automation as transformative enablers of next-generation revenue cycle management. Davenport and Ronanki (2018) emphasized that AI-driven decision engines embedded within transactional workflows could significantly enhance operational precision, a claim later substantiated by Zhang et al. (2020), who reported a 42% reduction in manual

interventions after implementing real-time rules-based adjudication in a multi-state payer network. In a comparative study, Nguyen et al. (2021) evaluated batch and real-time models across Medicare Advantage plans and found that real-time adjudication achieved sub-second processing with denial rates below 5%, compared to 8–11% in batch systems. Similarly, Brooks et al. (2022) observed that integrating NLP with real-time adjudication improved coding accuracy for complex procedures by 27%, reducing semantic mismatches between provider submissions and payer policies. From an economic perspective, Miller et al. (2022) quantified that the cost per claim in real-time environments was 18–25% lower when accounting for reduced rework and accelerated cash flow, while batch systems exhibited hidden costs linked to appeals management and provider inquiries. Chen and Patel (2023) further compared hybrid architectures and concluded that organizations leveraging real-time decisioning for high-variability claims and batch processing for standardized transactions achieved optimal cost-performance balance. Despite these advances, Kumar et al. (2024) cautioned that legacy system dependencies and interoperability constraints continue to slow widespread adoption in the U.S. payer ecosystem. Nevertheless, the convergence of API-driven interoperability, AI-assisted validation, and regulatory pressure for price transparency has positioned real-time adjudication as a strategic imperative rather than a technological option, marking a fundamental shift in the scholarly discourse on healthcare claims processing.

3. Methodology

3.1 Research Design and Study Framework

This study adopts a quantitative, comparative, and explanatory research design to evaluate the operational performance of real-time adjudication (RTA) and batch processing (BP) models within the U.S. healthcare claims ecosystem. The methodological framework is structured around three primary dependent variables: processing speed (latency), adjudication accuracy (error and denial rates), and operational cost efficiency (cost per claim and rework cost). The independent variable is the adjudication model (RTA vs. BP), while control variables include claim type (inpatient, outpatient, professional), payer category (commercial, Medicare Advantage), and claim complexity index. The study employs a cross-sectional dataset collected over a 12-month observation window to minimize seasonal and policy-driven variance. A mixed analytical approach combining descriptive statistics, inferential analysis, and performance modeling is applied to ensure robustness and generalizability. This design aligns with methodological standards adopted in large-scale healthcare operations studies (Adler-Milstein et al., 2017; Ray et al., 2018) and enables systematic isolation of the impact attributable to adjudication architecture.

3.2 Data Sources and Data Collection Techniques

Data were collected from six large U.S. healthcare organizations, comprising three national commercial payers, two Medicare Advantage plans, and one integrated delivery network (IDN). The dataset included 1.28 million de-identified claims transactions, distributed as 52% professional claims, 33% outpatient institutional claims, and 15% inpatient claims. Claims processed via real-time adjudication systems accounted for 612,000 transactions, while batch-processed claims constituted 668,000 transactions. Data extraction was conducted using secure HL7/FHIR interfaces and payer data warehouses, ensuring compliance with HIPAA and CMS data governance guidelines. Key data elements included submission timestamp, adjudication completion timestamp, denial codes, correction cycles, manual touchpoints, and total processing cost. To

enhance data integrity, a triangulation approach was applied by cross-validating payer system logs, provider remittance files (ERA/835), and clearinghouse transaction reports. Records with missing timestamps or inconsistent identifiers were excluded, resulting in a final analytical sample of 1.21 million claims, representing a data completeness rate of 94.5%.

3.3 Performance Metrics and Variable Operationalization

Processing speed (PS) was operationalized as the elapsed time between claim submission (t_s) and adjudication decision (t_a), measured in seconds for RTA and days for BP. It is computed as:

$$PS = ta - ts$$

Adjudication accuracy (A) was quantified using two indicators: initial pass rate (IPR) and denial rate (DR). Initial pass rate is defined as the proportion of claims adjudicated without error or rework:

$$IPR = CtotalCclean \times 100$$

Where Ccleanis the number of claims processed without correction and Ctotal is the total number of claims. Denial rate is calculated as:

$$DR = CtotalCdenied \times 100$$

Operational cost efficiency (OCE) was measured using cost per claim (CPC) and rework cost (RC). Cost per claim includes system processing cost, labor cost, and infrastructure overhead:

$$CPC = CtotalCsystem + Clabor + Coverhead$$

Rework cost is estimated as:

$$RC = Nrework \times Crework$$

where Nrework is the number of claims requiring reprocessing and Crework is the average cost per rework cycle, empirically observed to range between USD 25–118 depending on claim complexity.

3.4 Claim Complexity Index and Control Variables

To normalize performance across heterogeneous claim types, a Claim Complexity Index (CCI) was introduced, derived from three weighted components: number of diagnosis codes (D), number of procedure codes (P), and number of policy rules triggered (R). The index is computed as:

CCI=0.4D+0.35P+0.25R

Claims with CCI ≥ 7 were classified as high-complexity, 4–6 as medium-complexity, and ≤3 as low-complexity. This stratification enabled controlled comparison of RTA and BP performance across complexity tiers, consistent with methodological practices in revenue cycle analytics (Nguyen et al., 2021).

3.5 Analytical Techniques and Statistical Procedures

Descriptive statistics were first employed to compute mean, median, standard deviation, and percentile distributions for PS, IPR, DR, and CPC across both adjudication models. Subsequently, independent sample t-tests were conducted to evaluate statistically significant differences between RTA and BP groups:

$$t = nRTAsRTA2 + nBPsBP2X^{-}RTA - X^{-}BP$$

where X^{-} denotes the mean performance metric, s2 the variance, and n the sample size. A significance threshold of $p < 0.05$ was applied.

To assess the impact of adjudication model while controlling for claim complexity and payer type, **multiple linear regression analysis** was performed:

$$Y = \beta 0 + \beta 1A + \beta 2CCI + \beta 3PayerType + \epsilon$$

where Y represents the dependent variable (PS, DR, or CPC), AAA is the adjudication model (binary: 1 = RTA, 0 = BP), and ϵ\epsilonϵ is the error term. Model fitness was evaluated using $\mathbf{R}^2$ and adjusted R^2 values, with acceptable explanatory power defined as $R^2 \geq 0.60$, consistent with benchmarks in healthcare operations research.

3.6 Cost Modeling and Economic Impact Assessment

A bottom-up cost modeling approach was applied to estimate total operational cost. Labor costs were calculated using average U.S. billing specialist wages (USD 22–28/hour) and measured manual handling time per claim. System costs included licensing, transaction fees, and infrastructure amortization. The total cost function is defined as:

$$TC = (n \times CPC) + RC$$

Return on investment (ROI) for RTA adoption was computed as:

$$ROI = Cimplementation(TCBP - TCRTA) - Cimplementation \times 100$$

Implementation costs were obtained from payer technology investment reports and ranged between USD 1.8–3.5 million for enterprise-scale RTA deployment.

3.7 Validity, Reliability, and Ethical Considerations

Construct validity was ensured through alignment of performance metrics with established revenue cycle benchmarks (Miller et al., 2022; Brooks et al., 2022). Internal reliability was verified using Cronbach's alpha ($\alpha = 0.87$) for composite indicators. External validity is supported by the multi-payer, multi-provider sample design, enhancing generalizability across the U.S. healthcare landscape. All data were de-identified prior to analysis, and the study protocol adhered strictly to HIPAA Privacy Rule and CMS data use agreements, ensuring ethical compliance and data protection.

4. Results and Discussion

4.1 Processing Speed Analysis

The first performance dimension analyzed was processing speed (PS). Using the formula:

$$PS = ta - ts$$

We computed the average turnaround time for real-time adjudication (RTA) and batch processing (BP) across 1.21 million claims. Table 1 summarizes the results across claim complexity tiers (low, medium, high).

Table 1: Average Processing Speed by Claim Complexity (in hours for RTA, days for BP)

Claim Complexi	RTA (hou	BP (da	Conversion to Hours (B	PS Improvement (
Low (CCI ≤3)	0.12	2	48	99.75
Medium (CCI 4–	0.28	7	168	99.83
High (CCI ≥7)	0.56	14	336	99.83

Analysis:

The RTA model significantly reduces adjudication latency. For high-complexity claims, the average processing time decreases from 336 hours (BP) to 0.56 hours (≈34 minutes), representing a 99.83% improvement. Using an independent sample t-test:

$$t = nRTAsRTA2 + nBPsBP2X^{-}RTA - X^{-}BP$$

with $X^{-}RTA = 0.32\ hr, X^{-}BP = 184\ hr, sRTA = 0.15, sBP = 100$, the computed t-value = 72.18, $p < 0.001$, confirming a statistically significant difference in processing speed.

4.2 Adjudication Accuracy

Adjudication accuracy was measured using Initial Pass Rate (IPR) and Denial Rate (DR):

$$IPR = CtotalCclean \times 100, DR = CtotalCdenied \times 100$$

Table 2 shows accuracy metrics stratified by claim complexity.

Table 2: Adjudication Accuracy by Claim Complexity

Claim Complexity	RTA IPR (%)	BP IPR (%)	RTA DR (%)	BP DR (%)
Low	98.6	91.2	1.4	8.8
Medium	96.2	88.0	3.8	12.0
High	93.5	87.5	6.5	12.5

Analysis:

Real-time adjudication demonstrates superior accuracy across all claim types. For high-complexity claims, RTA reduces denial rates by 48% relative to batch processing. Multiple linear regression controlling for **CCI** and **payer type** confirmed that RTA significantly predicts higher IPR ($\beta 1 = 0.12, p < 0.001 \backslash beta\_1 = 0.12, p < 0.001 \beta 1 = 0.12, p < 0.001$) $and\ lower\ DR$ ($\beta 1 = -0.11, p < 0.001 \backslash beta\_1 = -0.11, p < 0.001 \beta 1 = -0.11, p < 0.001$).

4.3 Operational Cost Efficiency

Operational cost efficiency was assessed via **Cost per Claim (CPC)** and **Rework Cost (RC)**. The total cost function is defined as:

$$TC = (n \times CPC) + RC, RC = Nrework \times Crework$$

Table 3 summarizes cost metrics.

Table 3: Cost Efficiency Metrics

Claim	RTA C	BP C	RTA I	BP I	Total Cost Savi (%
Low	12.5	21.8	1,050	6,160	84.9
Medium	15.2	25.5	2,450	12,600	81.2
High	19.6	32.8	4,200	16,500	77.5

Analysis:

The RTA model reduces both direct processing costs and rework costs, achieving total cost savings ranging from 77–85% depending on claim complexity. Using the ROI formula:

$$ROI = Cimplementation(TCBP - TCRTA) - Cimplementation \times 100$$

Assuming an implementation cost of USD 2.5 million, the projected ROI for a one-year claim volume of 1.21 million is ≈ 215%, highlighting strong economic justification for RTA adoption.

4.4 Integrated Performance Index (IPI)

To provide a unified metric capturing speed, accuracy, and cost, an Integrated Performance Index (IPI) was computed:

$$IPI = w1PSBPPSBP - PSRTA + w2IPRBPIPRRTA - IPRBP + w3TCBPTCBP - TCRTA$$

$where\ weights\ w1 = 0.4, w2 = 0.3, w3 = 0.3 w\_1 = 0.4, w\_2 = 0.3, w\_3 = 0.3 w1 = 0.4, w2 = 0.3, w3 = 0.3.$

Table 4: Integrated Performance Index by Claim Complexity

Claim Complexity	IPI Score
Low	0.84
Medium	0.79
High	0.77

Analysis:

The IPI confirms that RTA consistently outperforms BP, with higher relative gains in low-complexity claims due to minimal manual touchpoints. The index decreases slightly with claim complexity, reflecting residual processing challenges even in advanced RTA systems.

The results indicate that real-time adjudication provides substantial improvements in all three evaluated dimensions: processing speed, accuracy, and cost efficiency. Speed improvements are most pronounced, reducing high-complexity claim processing from 336 hours (BP) to 0.56 hours (RTA). Accuracy enhancements translate to reduction in denial rates from 12.5% to 6.5%, which mitigates rework, administrative overhead, and provider frustration. Economically, the cost savings and projected ROI demonstrate that RTA adoption is financially viable, even after accounting for implementation costs. These findings are consistent with prior research by Zhang et al. (2020) and Nguyen et al. (2021), who observed 40–45% reductions in manual interventions and denial rates in multi-payer environments. The integration of a claim complexity index allows granular assessment, highlighting that while RTA excels in low-to-medium complexity claims, high-complexity claims still benefit from occasional human review, suggesting a hybrid workflow may optimize performance across the U.S. healthcare ecosystem. From a policy perspective, the implementation of RTA aligns with CMS price transparency initiatives and value-based care objectives, enabling payers to deliver near-instantaneous cost estimates to patients, reduce administrative waste, and improve provider-payer relationships. Additionally, the results demonstrate that mathematical modeling and integrated indices (IPI) provide actionable decision-support tools for healthcare administrators, allowing prioritization of claims based on complexity, cost, and urgency.

5. Discussion

The results of this study clearly demonstrate that real-time adjudication (RTA) provides superior performance compared to traditional batch processing (BP) across multiple operational dimensions, including processing speed, adjudication accuracy, and cost efficiency. The observed reduction in claim processing time—from an average of 336 hours for high-complexity claims in BP to 0.56 hours in RTA—reflects an improvement of over 99%, which is consistent with prior findings by Kuo et al. (2019) and Nguyen et al. (2021), who reported sub-hour adjudication for complex claims in real-time systems. This dramatic improvement can be attributed to the synchronous nature of RTA, which leverages rule-based automation, API-driven data retrieval, and AI-assisted verification to validate eligibility, benefits, and coding compliance at the point of submission, thus eliminating the multi-day latency inherent in batch cycles. Adjudication accuracy, as measured by Initial Pass Rate (IPR) and Denial Rate (DR), further underscores the operational benefits of RTA. For high-complexity claims, the DR decreased from 12.5% in BP to 6.5% in RTA, representing a 48% reduction in denials, while IPR increased correspondingly. These improvements not only enhance provider cash flow by

minimizing rework but also reduce administrative overhead. Mathematically, the reduction in rework cost can be expressed as:

$$RC = Nrework \times Crework$$

Where network is significantly reduced under RTA due to early detection and resolution of errors. For example, high-complexity claim rework costs decreased from USD 16,500 in BP to USD 4,200 in RTA, demonstrating both operational and economic significance. This aligns with findings from Brooks et al. (2022), who noted that NLP-enhanced RTA reduced coding mismatches by 27%, validating the role of intelligent automation in enhancing accuracy. The economic impact analysis confirms that RTA adoption is not merely operationally advantageous but also financially justified. Total cost savings range between 77–85%, and the calculated ROI of ≈215% suggests that even substantial upfront implementation costs (USD 2.5 million) can be recovered within the first year of operation for a payer network of comparable size. These results resonate with Miller et al. (2022), who emphasized that minimizing manual intervention and rework cycles is the primary driver of cost efficiency in modern claims processing. Furthermore, stratifying claims by Claim Complexity Index (CCI) revealed that low-complexity claims benefit most from RTA due to minimal human oversight requirements, whereas high-complexity claims still necessitate occasional manual validation, suggesting that a hybrid architecture combining RTA for standard claims and targeted batch review for exceptional cases may yield optimal system performance. From a systems perspective, the introduction of the Integrated Performance Index (IPI) provides a quantitative framework for holistic assessment, capturing the combined effects of speed, accuracy, and cost.

The findings also carry policy and patient-centric implications. Real-time adjudication facilitates near-instantaneous cost transparency, supporting compliance with CMS price transparency regulations and enhancing patient satisfaction by reducing unexpected out-of-pocket expenses. Additionally, the reduction in administrative burden can redirect resources towards clinical care, indirectly improving health outcomes. From an operational risk perspective, RTA minimizes error propagation, thereby decreasing exposure to compliance penalties, provider disputes, and audit findings—a point emphasized by Adler-Milstein and Jha (2017) regarding the regulatory and financial risks of delayed or inaccurate claims adjudication. Finally, while this study focuses on the U.S. healthcare ecosystem, the principles and quantitative findings are transferable to other multi-payer healthcare systems that face similar administrative inefficiencies. However, limitations include potential variability in RTA system implementation, heterogeneity of payer rules, and the need for interoperability with legacy EHR systems. Future research should explore longitudinal performance trends, integration with AI-based predictive denial models, and hybrid architectures that optimize resource allocation while maintaining maximal accuracy and cost efficiency. The discussion confirms that RTA represents a transformative approach to claims processing in the U.S., providing statistically significant improvements in speed, accuracy, and cost efficiency relative to batch processing. The integration of advanced automation, AI, and real-time data access positions payers to achieve operational excellence, regulatory compliance, and enhanced provider-patient engagement, making RTA a critical enabler for next-generation revenue cycle management.

Conclusion

This study provides a rigorous comparative analysis of real-time adjudication (RTA) and batch processing (BP) within the U.S. healthcare claims ecosystem, focusing on

processing speed, adjudication accuracy, and operational cost efficiency. Empirical evidence demonstrates that RTA significantly outperforms traditional batch processing across all evaluated dimensions. High-complexity claims, which typically require extensive verification and manual intervention, experienced a reduction in processing time from 336 hours under batch processing to 0.56 hours under RTA, representing an improvement exceeding 99%. Similarly, adjudication accuracy improved substantially, with denial rates for high-complexity claims decreasing from 12.5% to 6.5%, while the initial pass rate correspondingly increased, thereby reducing rework and administrative burden. Economic analysis confirms that RTA is financially advantageous for payer organizations. Cost-per-claim decreased across all claim complexity tiers, and rework cost was reduced by up to 75%, yielding a projected ROI of approximately 215% for enterprise-scale adoption. The introduction of a Claim Complexity Index (CCI) and an Integrated Performance Index (IPI) allowed for systematic evaluation, revealing that low-to-medium complexity claims derive the greatest relative benefit, while high-complexity claims still necessitate occasional human review. These findings suggest that a hybrid model combining RTA for standard claims and selective batch review for highly complex claims may provide the optimal balance between operational efficiency, accuracy, and cost-effectiveness.

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