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HIPAA Upgrades to ANSI X12 v5010 & NCPDP D.0 are Coming! Get Ready!

On January 16, 2009, CMS published its final rule adopting updated versions of the standards for electronic healthcare and pharmacy transactions originally adopted under the Administrative Simplification subtitle of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). **The mandatory compliance date for ANSI version 5010 and NCPDP version D.0 for all covered entities is January 1, 2012.** If you submit claims to The Department for Medical Assistance, you need to be prepared for these upgrades to prevent any delay in payment.

Get Ready: The Department will begin testing the new transactions in the 1st quarter 2011. The Department will begin to test transactions on a staggered basis. Specific transaction testing dates will be provided at a future date!

What's Included: The transactions affected by this upgrade are those used to submit healthcare and pharmacy claims for payment (837I, 837D, 837P and NCPDP transactions), verify eligibility (270/271), verify claim status (276/277 and U277), provide a receipt for services being paid (835), as well as Managed Care enrollment (834) and capitation payments(820).

Certification: All covered entities who submit electronic transactions will be required to certify. This includes Clearing Houses, Service Bureaus, Software Vendors, Individual Providers, Provider Groups, County Community Consolidated Reporting and Managed Care Organizations.

Providers (or their billing entities) currently certified for the 4010 and NCPDP 5.1 versions will be required to re-certify for transaction compliance. This will ensure your ability to send and receive HIPAA compliant transactions in advance of the mandatory implementation date of **January 1, 2012.**

More to Come: A dedicated link will be added to the Department's Provider Information website: [Software and Service Vendors](#). Stay tuned for more information on this mandated initiative. Updates will include details on the certification process, information on training, revised companion guides and a schedule for transaction testing.

Next Steps: If you are using a billing service or clearing house, find out if they are preparing for the HIPAA upgrades to ANSI v5010 and NCPDP vD.0. If you bill PROMIS^{ETM} directly, begin the process to upgrade to the ANSI 5010 or NCPDP D.0 versions. Keep checking the web site for additional information.

For additional information go to the PROMIS^{ETM} Web site at <http://promise.dpw.state.pa.us>.
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