The compliance date for the new ANSI X12 v5010 and NCPDP vD.0 transaction standards upgrade is January 1, 2012, for the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. The department will continue to require the use of the new transaction standards effective January 1, 2012, or claims will be rejected.

On November 17, 2011, CMS issued an informational bulletin titled, “Enforcement Discretion Regarding Compliance with New HIPAA Standards”, announcing a 90-day period of enforcement discretion for compliance with the ANSI X12 v5010 and NCPDP vD.0 standards. The announcement indicates that CMS will not initiate enforcement action for non-compliant entities until March 31, 2012; however, by law, all covered entities, including health plans, providers and clearinghouses, must be in compliance with the updated versions of the transaction standards by January 1, 2012. Therefore, the department will implement these new standards on January 1, 2012, and any non-compliant submissions will be rejected.

All providers submitting claims electronically must certify using the new transactions standards. Providers should continue to pursue certification requirements and review the cutover plan provided in Medical Assistance Bulletin 99-11-09, “5010/D.0 Instructions to be Ready for Electronic Transaction Upgrades”, issued October 27, 2011.

For additional information on the department’s ANSI X12 v5010 and NCPDP vD.0 upgrades and implementation plan, visit the department’s website at: http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/promise/certification/index.htm

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