

Monthly Trading Partner Communication February 2004

DHS would like to share the following information:

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What's Happened to the Weekly Trading Partner Communication?

Many of you received numerous copies of the January 30, 2004, Weekly Message. We apologize for any inconvenience associated with this system error. We were not able to ascertain the technical reason for the repeating Communication message. Apologies were sent out in blocks of 100 to reach the 2,000 customers on our list. Several customers contacted us and asked to be removed. We continue to work with all customers to ensure the correct address is listed for you or your organization. Please contact Charlotte Davidson at: Charlotte.A.Davidson@state.or.us, if you wish to add or delete anyone on this list. DHS will continue to add new Trading Partner email addresses whenever we receive a new Trading Partner Agreement.

The Weekly Trading Partner Communication will become a Monthly Trading Partner Communication starting this month. Future Monthly Trading Partner Communications will be issued the third week of the month. This schedule will minimize the number of emails you receive and maximize the amount of information from DHS in one monthly communication.

Should project activities warrant a resumption of a more frequent communication, we will notify you of the new Trading Partner Communication Schedule.

Status Update for 837 Pilots

DHS is working with several Submitters to complete initial testing and pilots for the:
837 Dental - Fee for Service
837 Dental - Encounter
837 Institutional – Encounter
837 Professional - Encounter

DHS needs a Submitter(s) for the following Transactions:

837 Institutional – Fee For Service
837 Institutional – Over 28 service lines and/or over \$99,999.99 per service line

Clarification of EDIFECS Validation

All electronic submitters must pass Third Party Testing at the DHS EDIFECS site. The EDIFECS site validates WEDI/SNIP Testing Types 1-6, plus - type 7, DHS specific edits and validates data using HIPAA Guidelines.

DHS encourages all electronic submitters and Trading Partners to begin or complete Third Party at the DHS EDIFECS Site. With several Pilots close to passing, submitters should begin to position themselves to proceed to DHS Business-to-Business testing so they can make a smooth transition to production for those transaction types.

DHS looking for Large 837P Tester

DHS would like to test a large 837P Transaction. Large files for testing purposes can be categorized into the following three segments:

Large files 10 - Megabytes

Large files 20 - 50 Megabytes

Large files > 50 Megabytes [no upper limit as to size]

We chose these segment sizes as a practical way of testing. If you have received an official notice from an EDI Testing Team Member that your 837P Transaction passed DHS EDIFECS testing, we would welcome your participation in this exercise. Please contact the EDI Team at 503 947-5347, and tell them how many megabytes you wish to test.

DHS HIPAA Website Update

Companion Guide updates added at:

http://www.dhs.state.or.us/admin/hipaa/testing_reg.html#guides

835 Fee-for-Service Pharmacy Companion Guide

837 Professional Encounter Companion Guide with Coordination of Benefit Loop instructions

837 Institutional Encounter Companion Guide with Coordination of Benefit Loop instructions

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) packet at:

http://www.dhs.state.or.us/admin/hipaa/testing_reg.html#packets