

DHS Weekly Provider Message August 14, 2003

This week we want to provide you with some important information regarding a recent visit that DHS had with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), new additions to the DHS HIPAA project staff, updated target dates for DHS HIPAA compliance and news related to DHS companion guides.

CMS Site Visit

Last Tuesday, August 5th, DHS spent four hours with representatives from both the CMS region office in Seattle and the central office in Baltimore, MD. It was very helpful to get a national perspective of where other states and the healthcare industry are in their compliance efforts.

DHS HIPAA Transactions & Code Sets Project Staff shared with CMS the status of DHS compliance efforts, discussed some challenges it is facing and talked about contingency planning efforts. DHS also invited Pat Van Dyke, from ODS to participate in the meeting so that a health care industry perspective could be given.

The outcome of the session was that DHS and the health care industry in Oregon are making good progress toward HIPAA compliance. DHS will continue following the "good faith" effort approach and guidance provided by CMS. Emphasis in our compliance efforts will continue to be placed on working collaboratively with trading partners, ensuring effective communications through outreach and maintaining cash flow and client access to health care.

OMAP HIPAA Coordinator Announced

I am very pleased to announce that Nancy Buck from the OMAP Technical/Encounter Data Systems Unit has accepted the position as the new OMAP HIPAA Coordinator. Nancy is not new to HIPAA or Transactions and Code Sets and has been a key player in the development of transaction business rules and companion guides. Nancy's vast knowledge of OMAP business processes make her an ideal fit for this position and will give the DHS HIPAA Transactions and Code Sets Project and OMAP much needed boost. Nancy has already started her transition and you will most likely see her at the next Oregon HIPAA Forum Meeting. Please join me in welcoming Nancy to her new role.

Target Testing & Compliance Dates

As I communicated at last weeks Oregon HIPAA Forum meeting, DHS would provide its trading partners with an overview of how it is projecting its transition to HIPAA compliance over the next two months. Attached to this e-mail, you will find a word document containing target dates for Business-to-Business testing for each transaction.

The target dates identified will allow you to prioritize your own compliance efforts so they can be aligned as much as possible with DHS compliance efforts. DHS understands that with any major system implementation, there are issues that arise that sometimes delay implementations and HIPAA is no different. With this in mind, DHS will publish a Service Continuation Plan no later than September 12th that identifies alternative methods of delivering services. The DHS Service Continuation Plan is in development and we will be seeking input from the trading partner community. If you have any questions about the dates in the table please contact me directly at 503-947-5378 or email me at jarred.e.clark@or.state.us

Companion Guides

On Monday, August 11, 2003 DHS published addenda for the 837P FFS and 837P Encounter Companion Guides. These documents identify changes that you need to be aware of as you program your 837P transactions. These changes will be incorporated into the DHS Companion Guides next version tentatively scheduled for release by September 5th.

Additional Companion Guides for the 835, 820 and 834 transactions are scheduled to be published on Friday, August 22, 2003. If you have any questions about the Companion Guides please contact dhs.hipaatesting@state.or.us or at 503-947-1182.

**DHS HIPAA TRANSACTIONS & CODE SETS
BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS
TARGETED PILOT & TESTING DATES**

Transactions		<p align="center">Target Time Frame For Business-To-Business Testing</p> <p align="center">DHS Will Phase-in these Priority #1 Transactions Beginning The Last Two Weeks of August</p> <p align="center">Aug. 18 – 31 Pilot Sept. 2 Controlled Business to Business Testing</p>
837 P	Fee For Service	
837 D	Fee For Service	
837 I	Fee For Service	
835	Remittance Advice	

Transactions		<p align="center">Target Time Frame For Business-To-Business Testing</p> <p align="center">DHS Will Phase-in these Priority #2 Transactions Beginning The Last Two Weeks of September</p> <p align="center">Sept. 15 – 30 Pilot Oct. 6 Controlled Business to Business Testing</p>
820	Capitation Payment	
834	Enrollment	
837 I	Roll-Up Functionality Roll Up Files	

Transactions		<p align="center">Target Time Frame For Business-To-Business Testing</p> <p align="center">DHS Will Phase-in these Priority #3 Transactions Beginning During The Last Two Weeks of October</p> <p align="center">Oct. 1 – 15 Pilot Oct. 20 Controlled Business to Business Testing</p>
837 P	Encounter	
837 D	Encounter	
837 I	Encounter	
835	Remittance Advice History File, Test Files	

Transactions		<p align="center">Target Time Frame For Business-To-Business Testing</p> <p align="center">DHS Will Phase-in these Priority #3 Transactions Beginning In October</p> <p align="center">Nov. 17 Pilot Nov. 17 Controlled Business to Business Testing</p>
278	Prior Authorization	
270	Eligibility Inquiry	
271	Eligibility Response	
276	Claim Status Inquiry	
277	Claim Status Response	