Weekly Trading Partner Communication
10/03/03

This week DHS would like to share the following updates.

1. Trading Partner Mail Box Policy
2. 820/834 Test File Status
3. B2B Testing Target Date Status
4. Registration and Trading Partner Agreement (TPA) TPA Deadline Nears

1. Trading Partner Mail Box Policy

Electronic Trading Partners shall receive one 835 Remittance Advice transaction. Trading Partners can select the entity that shall have access to the 835 transactions. For example, the Trading Partner may choose to have the remittance advice go to the Clearinghouse that submits for the Trading Partner or the Trading Partner may choose to have the remittance advice sent directly back to them. DHS can accommodate either of these transaction methods, but not both.

DHS will place the 835 Remittance Advice in the Trading Partner's mailbox and we will continue to produce the pre-HIPAA Remittance Advice in the current format. If for example, you receive a paper remittance advice now, you will continue to receive the paper remittance advice. DHS will make both Remittance Advice options available for a period of two months after production so that both DHS and its Trading Partners can continue to assess processing accuracy.

2. 820/834 Test File Status

The 820 transaction test files have been made available via the Bulletin Board System (BBS) to the Managed Care Plans. DHS is anxious to receive any feedback that you have regarding the 820. DHS has an email address to help with your questions about HIPAA testing. It is DHS.HIPAAtesting@state.or.us. We will do our best to respond promptly.

It was DHS's intention to make the 834 transaction test files available today. Unfortunately we encountered difficulties in processing and are actively resolving the issue. The 834 transaction test files will be made available by the close of business on Monday, October 6th. DHS is also finalizing the 28-line roll up project and preparing to conduct its pilot testing. We will keep you posted as to our progress. For additional information or updates contact DHS HIPAA Testing at 503-947-5347. We will keep you posted in our Weekly Trading Partner Communications.

3. Business-to-Business (B2B) Testing Target Date Status

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Transaction	Target Time Frame For Business-To-Business Testing
837 P – Fee For Service	DHS Will Phase-in these Priority #1 Transactions Beginning During The Last Two Weeks of August
837 D – Fee For Service	
837 I – Fee For Service	**Aug. 18 – 31 Pilot**
835 – Remittance Advice	**Sept. 2 Controlled B2B Testing** ***In Progress***

Transaction	Target Time Frame For Business-To-Business Testing
820 – Capitation Payment	DHS Will Phase-in these Priority #2 Transactions Beginning In October
834 - Enrollment	
	Sep. 15 – 30 Pilot
837I – Roll-Up Functionality ***Roll Up Files- Awaiting Pilot***	**Oct. 6 Controlled B2B Testing** ***In Progress***

Transaction	Target Time Frame For Business-To-Business Testing
837 P – Encounter	DHS Will Phase-in these Priority #3 Transactions Beginning During The Last Two Weeks of September
837 D – Encounter	
837 I – Encounter	**Oct. 1 - 15 Pilot**
835 – Remittance Advice History File, Test Files	**Oct. 20 Controlled Business to Business Testing**

Transaction	Target Time Frame For **Business-To-Business Testing** DHS Will Phase-in these Priority #4 Transactions Beginning In October **Nov. 17 Pilot** **Dec. 1 Controlled Business to Business Testing**
278 Prior Authorization	
270 Eligibility Inquiry	
271 Eligibility Response	
276 Claim Status Inquiry	
277 Claim Status Response	

4. Registration and Trading Partner Agreement (TPA) TPA Deadline Nears

As we are just 13 days from the October 15th deadline, we want to encourage you to complete your registration and TPA Agreement. DHS will not accept electronic media claims in the National Standard Format (NSF) or Universal Billing (UB) 92 formats after October 15, 2003 **unless the Agent or Provider has a duly executed Trading Partner Agreement and has completed a registration as an EDI submitter as defined in OAR 410-001-0100**. For more information please refer to the web site at: http://www.dhs.state.or.us/admin/hipaa/testing_reg.html#packets.