



# How to Test Electronic Health Care Transactions for HIPAA Compliance



## How to Test Transactions in ASETT



## Overview

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) National Standards Group (NSG), on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) help ensure HIPAA covered entities are complying with standards adopted for the electronic exchange of information to carry out financial or administrative activities. This electronic exchange of health care data is also referred to as a health care transaction.



## Free Web-Based Tool to Test Transactions

CMS's National Standards Group operates the Administrative Simplification Enforcement and Testing Tool (ASETT)—a **free** web-based application that allows users to test their own electronic health care transactions and their trading partners' transactions for compliance with Accredited Standards Committee X12 or National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) implementation guides adopted as transaction standards under HIPAA. After uploading a file to the testing tool within ASETT, you will receive an error report that identifies any areas within the transaction file that do not comply with the applicable X12 or NCPDP implementation guide.

To test a transaction(s), you must first register as a user with ASETT. Once you register as a user for the ASETT system, your password may be retained for future use.

### HELPFUL TIP

ASETT is commonly used to file complaints about alleged violations of HIPAA standards, but users **are not** required to file a complaint when testing a transaction.

Additionally, a report identifying no errors does not certify a covered entity's compliance with all applicable HIPAA provisions.

### NEED ADDITIONAL HELP?

Contact the ASETT Helpdesk (703) 951-6810  
[asetthelpdesk@religroupinc.com](mailto:asetthelpdesk@religroupinc.com)

Remember to include as much information as possible to support your claim.

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