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ASC X12 Decides Against Proposing Version 6020 for Consideration as the Next Version of the Standard under HIPAA

The Accredited Standards Committee X12 (ASC X12) recently announced that it will not propose Version 6020 for consideration as the next version of the standard under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). In its press release, ASC X12 stated that after listening to and reviewing testimony to the National Committee on Vital Health Statistics (NCVHS), holding discussions with health care industry stakeholders and CMS representatives, and acknowledging the many health IT initiatives underway, it decided not to recommend its Version 6020 TR3s to the Designated Standards Maintenance Organizations (DSMO). ASC X12's decision removes the option that this version would be considered for adoption under the HIPAA.

In announcing its decision, ASC X12 noted that the health care industry is better served by focusing on upgrading to Version 5010 standards this year. Lessons learned from this implementation will generate better information that can be applied to changes to the next version of the standard. Furthermore, industry participation in that process will be more robust. CMS supports ASC X12's caution that even though the 6020™ version will not be recommended for adoption, stakeholder input is still imperative. The 6020™ version will still serve as the basis for the next version, but industry will have much needed time to determine changes that are needed.

CMS will continue to support the work of ASC X12, the DSMO, other standards development organizations, operating rule entities and industry stakeholders to improve the process for developing, adopting and maintaining standards and implementation specifications. Please visit the [ASC X12 website](#) for more information on this decision.

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