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Important Information for Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) Providers

The HIPAA 5010 compliance date is fast-approaching. There are only **100 days left** until full implementation on Jan 1, 2012.

As of January 1, 2012, Version 5010 will be required for all HIPAA standard transactions. This means:

- Beginning Jan 1, 2012 HIPAA Version 4010A1 will no longer be accepted by Medicare.
- All trading partners must operate in HIPAA Version 5010.

It is essential to begin the transition now to prevent a disruption to your claims processing and cash flow.

If you have not done so already, CMS strongly encourages you to *begin exchanging Version 5010 transactions with your Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) NOW* to ensure compliance with the January 1, 2012 impact date.

As a reminder, CMS offers free billing software that is Version 5010 compliant. Please contact your MAC, FI or Carrier to obtain the latest Version of PC-Ace Pro32. CMS also provides the Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) software to view and print compliant HIPAA 5010 - 835 remittance advices. Please visit http://www.cms.gov/AccessstoDataApplication/02_MedicareRemitEasyPrint.asp to view this software.

More information:

Medicare FFS providers should take advantage of the many resources we have provided on the 5010 dedicated website located at <https://www.cms.gov/Versions5010andD0/>

Don't wait! TEST NOW to avoid possible delays in payment due to the end-of-year rush in 5010 testing. Testing now will allow time for any needed corrections prior to Jan 1, 2012 – the date when only 5010 transactions will be accepted.