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Medicare Announces End of HIPAA Contingency Plan for Claims Submissions

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Provider Types Affected

All Medicare physicians, providers, and suppliers who continue to submit electronic claims in non-compliant HIPAA formats

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is October 1, 2005.
- The implementation date is October 3, 2005.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is ending its contingency plan that allowed providers to submit claim formats electronically that were not in the format required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- All providers must use the HIPAA compliant format for claims submitted to Medicare, effective October 1, 2005.
- Non-compliant claims submitted to Medicare on or after October 1, 2005, will be rejected and returned to the provider.
- If a non-compliant claim is submitted, prior to October 1, 2005, the provider's Medicare carrier, Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (DMERC), or intermediary will contact the provider directly regarding the need to become compliant to offer further assistance.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters articles can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNmattersarticles/downloads/MM3956.pdf>,
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM2981.pdf>, and
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0414.pdf> on the CMS website.

For those billing Medicare Part A (including hospital outpatient services), a list of these carrier/intermediary numbers by state is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/Downloads/MedicarePartAEDIHelpline.pdf> on the CMS website.

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For additional information on HIPAA, visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HIPAAGenInfo/> on the CMS web site.

The official instructions (CR3956) issued to the physician's, provider's or supplier's Medicare FI, carrier, RHHI, DME MAC or DMERC regarding this change, can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1710TN.pdf> on the CMS website.