The purpose of this message is to clearly communicate the approach that Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) is taking to ensure compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's (HIPAA's) new versions of the Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 and the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) transactions.

The Standards Development Organizations have made corrections to the 5010 and D.0 versions of certain transactions. The Errata versions replace the Base versions for HIPAA compliance. Per the Federal Register (Vol. 75, No. 197, October 13, 2010, 62684–62686 [2010–25684] found at http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-25684.pdf), HIPAA compliance will require the implementation of the Errata versions and the Base versions for those transactions not affected by the Errata, as listed below. Compliance with the Errata must be achieved by the original regulation compliance date of January, 2012.

Table 1. Transactions Affected by the Errata - list of Base and Errata versions for 5010 and D.0.

Transactions Affected by the Errata Version	Base Version	Errata Version
270/ 271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response	005010X279	005010X279A1
837 Health Care Claim: Professional	005010X222	005010X222A1
837 Health Care Claim: Institutional	005010X223	005010X223A2
999 Implementation Acknowledgment For Health Care Insurance	005010X231	005010X231A1
835 Health Care Claim Payment/Advice	005010X221	005010X221A1
276/277 Status Inquiry and Response	005010X212	N/A
277CA Claim Acknowledgement	005010X214	N/A
National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Version D.0 of the Telecom Standard	D.0	D.0 April 2009

Medicare FFS will implement the Errata versions to meet HIPAA compliance requirements. Also in compliance with the published regulation (RIN 0938-AM50 of 45 CFR Part 162), Medicare FFS testing with external trading partners must begin in January of 2011.

Testing
Medicare FFS contractors will be ready to test the Base versions of all transactions in January 2011, and the 5010/D.0 Errata versions in April 2011. Trading Partners should contact their local Medicare FFS contractor for specific testing schedules. See http://www.cms.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/ under downloads, to find a Medicare FFS contractor in your state. For more information on testing protocols for 2011 see http://www.cms.gov/Versions5010andD0/downloads/OE_National_Presentation_12-8-10.pdf.
Production
The Errata versions will be available for Medicare FFS production in April 2011. The Errata transactions must be tested before using them for production. As a result, Medicare FFS 5010/D.0 test-to-production transition will begin in April 2011.

Medicare FFS Timeline for 5010/D.0 Implementation

Implementation of
5010/D.0
(4010A1/5.1 Discontinued)

5010 Base Testing Available

5010 Errata Testing Available

Testing

Transition to Production

(Base and Errata where applicable)
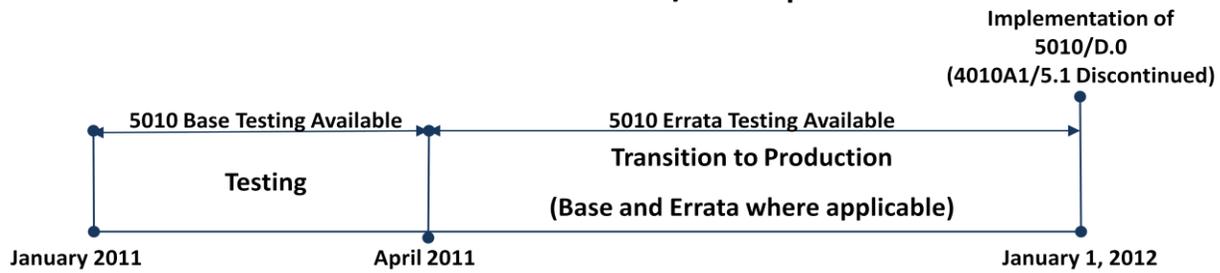
January 2011

April 2011

January 1, 2012

Figure 1. Medicare FFS Timeline for 5010/D.0 Implementation: 1) Testing on Base Versions to begin in January 2011, 2) Testing and transition to production on Errata version to begin in April 2011, and 3) Implementation of 5010/D.0 on January 1, 2012.