Errata Requirements and Testing Schedule

HIPAA version 5010 has new Erratas for the transactions listed below. According to the published regulation (Federal Register, Vol. 74, No. 11, 3296-3328, January 16, 2009; RIN 0938-AM50 of 45 CFR Part 162), testing with external trading partners must begin in January of 2011. Compliance with the Errata must be achieved by the original regulation compliance date of January 1, 2012.

Transactions Affected by the Errata Version	Base 5010 Version	5010 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	Version D.0	N/A

Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) will implement the Errata versions of the affected 5010 transactions to meet HIPAA compliance requirements.

Medicare FFS contractors will be ready to test the base 5010 versions of transactions in January 2011, and the 5010 Errata versions in April 2011. Transactions not impacted by the Errata can be tested starting January 2011 without regard to the published Errata schedule. 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.

Per the Federal Register Notice (Vol. 75, No. 197, October 13, 2010, 62684–62686 [2010–25684] found at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html), the HIPAA complaint 5010 version is the base or errata version where applicable. Medicare FFS will not implement, in production, the base version of a 5010 transaction that has an errata. Effective January 1, 2012, Medicare FFS will only exchange HIPAA 5010 versions for transactions not impacted by the errata and 5010 Errata versions for transactions that are impacted by the errata.

Below is the Medicare FFS Timeline:

Medicare FFS Timeline for 5010/D.0 Implementation