

On August 22, 2008 a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) was published in the Federal Register stating the intent of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to require an upgrade of the current electronic transaction formats required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The current formats used to exchange electronic claim transactions is the X12 4010A1 version and the proposed new version is X12 5010. The NPRM can be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-19296.pdf>

Additionally, HHS published the intent to upgrade from the current International Classification of Diseases – Clinical Modifications and Procedure Coding System version 9 (ICD-9) to version ICD-10. This NPRM can be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-19298.pdf>

Questions for Provider Feedback:

- Have you read the NPRMs and do you plan to submit any comments regarding either or both the version 5010 implementation or ICD-10 implementation?
- Have you begun any work on the implementation of version 5010? If so, what is your tentative timeline for completing the implementation of 5010?
- Have your vendors contacted you (or have you contacted your vendors) to identify a schedule for implementing 5010? If so, when do you plan to be ready to test the 5010 claim?