

NEW 4010 CUTOFF DATES

On Thursday, November 17, CMS announced they would not initiate enforcement action with respect to any HIPAA covered entity that is non-compliant with the ASC X12 Version 5010 (Version 5010) standards until 90 days after the Sunday, Jan 1, 2012 compliance date. Notwithstanding CMS' discretionary application of its enforcement authority, the compliance date for use of these new standards remains Sunday, Jan 1, 2012.

The announcement can be found at http://www.CMS.gov/ICD10/02b_Latest_News.asp.

What The 90 Day Enforcement Discretionary Period Means For TRICARE and WPS Commercial:

TRICARE and WPS Commercial have experienced an increase in 5010 production transactions during the last few months. However, there are many submitters that have tested and been approved but have not taken the step to move into production for 5010. In addition, there are many submitters that have not yet initiated their 5010 testing. Therefore, to ensure that progress continues to be made, both TRICARE and WPS Commercial are planning to continue with 4010A1 transactions through the following dates to allow WPS trading partners sufficient time to ensure there is no disruption in cash flow to providers or negative impact to our members.

<p><i>WPS Commercial - March 2, 2012</i> <i>TRICARE - March 31, 2012</i></p>
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Trading partners are responsible for knowing their 5010 status and being compliant.

Trading partners who have not converted to 5010 835 by the end of March, will automatically be converted.

Please visit our 5010 readiness site: <http://www.wpsic.com/edi/5010-Readiness.shtml>.