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Dear WPS Trading Partner:

This letter summarizes our current and future testing capabilities for the X12 837 claim transaction, version 4010.

WPS has received questions from a number of our commercial and TRICARE EDI trading partners regarding HIPAA testing for this transaction. We have filed for the one-year HIPAA extension through the Department of Health and Human Services, and will be prepared to receive production claim files in this format by October 2003. We currently have some limited testing capabilities, and will be prepared to conduct end-to-end testing by April 2003.

Current WPS HIPAA Testing Capabilities – ANSI X12 837

WPS is currently able to complete some limited version 4010 testing. Trading partners who are interested in testing this transaction today may submit test files to their account on the WPS Bulletin Board System. In response to test files, WPS will provide:

- HIPAA compliance checking. Our compliance software will check the test file for syntax errors and will also complete X12 837 Implementation Guide editing.
- Two types of test responses. Responses from the test file will be returned via e-mail to the trading partner's BBS account as well as through an X12 997 functional acknowledgement returned to the account.

This is the level of testing we are able to complete today. We will gladly test all X12 837 version 4010 files but will only be able to provide the above information. WPS business specific edits are not yet part of today's test process, and will need to be tested later.

Additional HIPAA Testing Capabilities – April 2003

We will be prepared to complete additional components of the testing process in April 2003. At that time, we will be offering complete end-to-end testing of the X12 837 version 4010 transaction, including:

- Creation of a complete EDI pre-edit report including Implementation Guide edits and WPS business edits in our new HIPAA report format.
- Processing of test claims within our test system.
- Creation of a compliant X12 835 remittance file if desired.
- Validation of version 4010 code sets.

HIPAA Transaction Testing Contacts

Trading partners who would like to begin the test process for the X12 837 transaction should contact our EDI Help Desk at 608 223-5859 or 608 221-5118. Please notify us in advance of sending your test file so that we can assure the appropriate test responses are returned to your office.

Trading Partners Who Must Submit X12 837 Version 4010 in Production Today

Some of our trading partners may have a specific need to submit *production claim files* using version 4010 today. Trading partners in this category may not have filed for the one-year HIPAA extension, or may have recently installed EDI program upgrades from their practice management system vendor that only allow claim submission in the version 4010 format.

WPS has implemented procedures to receive and process production 4010 files today for trading partners who must send this version. Our process is not yet truly HIPAA compliant, as it does not use the Implementation Guide edits and business edits that will be in place in October 2003. Today's process also doesn't validate the 4010 code sets. Trading partners will continue to receive the current EDI pre-edit reports that reference NSF or UB-92 fields. We will also continue to generate electronic remittance notices in their current formats at this time.

Trading partners who must submit version 4010 claims in production today may contact our EDI Help Desk for additional information.

Other HIPAA Transactions

We are targeting second quarter 2003 to begin testing of additional HIPAA transactions. These transactions include:

- 835 Payment and remittance advice
- 270/271 Eligibility benefit request/response
- 276/277 Claim status inquiry/response
- 278 Referral certification and authorization

When we are prepared to test these transactions, we will be sending specific information to all our trading partners by way of WPS newsletters and other communications. We have also established a web site for HIPAA updates – http://www.wpsic.com/provider/edi_home.html.

Sincerely,

WPS Electronic Data Services