

Frequently Asked Questions About HIPAA 5010

Q: What is HIPAA 5010?

A: HIPAA X12 standards, version 5010, is a new standard that regulates the electronic transmission of specific health care transactions. Covered entities, such as health plans, health care clearinghouses, and health care providers, are required to conform to HIPAA 5010 standards. The compliance date for use of these standards is January 1, 2012. It is necessary to implement the new standard to prepare for the transition to ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS. The compliance date for ICD-10 is October 1, 2013.

Q: What transactions are specified in the HIPAA 5010 standards?

837	Health Care Claim (Professional, Institutional, and Dental)
835	Health Care Claim Payment/Advice
834	Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance
820	Payroll deducted and other group premium payment for insurance products
278	Authorization request and response
276/277	Claim Status Request and response
270/271	Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and response

Q: When will UPMC Health Plan begin to accept 5010 test files?

A: We will begin accepting test files January 1, 2011. If your organization is ready for testing, you can schedule testing by contacting hpedinotify@upmc.edu.

Q: When will production 5010 files be accepted?

A: Starting in January 2011, we will begin testing with trading partners. Once testing has been completed and a trading partner has been certified, we will accept production files from that organization at that time. Once a trading partner begins to send 5010 transactions in production, we can no longer accept 4010A1 transactions.

Q: When will companion guide updates be ready?

A: We will begin publishing updates to the companion guides in January 2011. These will be posted on our website at <http://www.upmchealthplan.com/providers/index.html>.

Q: How do we contact UPMC Health Plan for other 5010 questions?

A: For any questions regarding the implementation of 5010, please contact hpedinotify@upmc.edu.

UPMC Health Plan is currently undergoing internal assessment, gap analysis, and testing for the implementation of HIPAA 5010. Below is our timeline for 5010 implementation.

Target Date	Event
January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010	Internal evaluation and testing
January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011	Testing with trading partners*
January 1, 2012	Full 5010 implementation compliance

*To schedule 5010 testing, please contact hpedinotify@upmc.edu.

Q: Where can I get information on 5010 implementation guides or more details on what's changing in the 5010 standard?

A: The following link at the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provides more information on the 5010 implementation.
http://www.cms.gov/ElectronicBillingEDITrans/18_5010D0.asp