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To: All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Announcing HIPAA ASC X12 Version 5010 Companion Guides, NCPDP Version D.0 Payer Sheet, and Testing Information

This ForwardHealth Update announces new companion guides, payer sheet, compliance testing, and dual processing information for the implementation of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 Accredited Standards Committee X12 version 5010 electronic transaction and National Council for Prescription Drug Programs version D.0 telecommunications transaction standards. Providers receiving this Update are encouraged to forward it to the appropriate technical or Electronic Data Interchange contact person or department within their organization, to their billing service or clearinghouse, or to their software vendor.

New Companion Guides and Payer Sheet

Beginning June 30, 2011, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 version 5010 companion guides and the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) version D.0 payer sheet will be available for download on the ForwardHealth Portal at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/ for the following transactions:

- 837 Health Care Claim: Professional.
- 837 Health Care Claim: Institutional.
- 837 Health Care Claim: Dental.
- 835 Health Care Claim Payment/Advice.
- 270/271 Health Care Eligibility/Benefit Inquiry and Information Response (270/271).

- 276/277 Health Care Claim Status Request and Response (276/277).
- 999 Functional Acknowledgment (999) (*Note:* The 999 replaces the 997 Functional Acknowledgment [997]. Since the 997 is not version 5010 compliant, beginning January 1, 2012, ForwardHealth will no longer use the 997).
- TA1 Interchange Acknowledgment.
- National Council for Prescription Drug Programs version D.0.

The companion guides and the payer sheet will completely replace the companion documents used for version 4010 and NCPDP version 5.1 and will not include the summary of changes known as the “revision log.”

The companion guides and the payer sheet provide ForwardHealth-specific information that should be used with the national HIPAA Implementation Guides. Implementation Guides define the national data standards, electronic format, and values required for each data element within an electronic transaction.

To request paper copies of the companion guides or the payer sheet, providers may contact Provider Services at (800) 947-9627.

In addition to the companion guides and the payer sheet, trading partners, providers, and other parties may refer to the HIPAA ASC X12 Version 5010 and NCPDP Version D.0 Implementation Page on the Portal, as well as to future *ForwardHealth Updates*, for versions 5010 and D.0 information.

Providers are encouraged to forward this *Update* to the appropriate technical or Electronic Data Interchange contact person or department within their organization, to their billing service or clearinghouse, or to their software vendor.

Required and Non-required Fields

Within an electronic claim transaction, every code used is required to be a valid code whether from a national code set or from an implementation guide code set, even if the code is being used in a non-required field. Claims with an invalid code will be denied by ForwardHealth. This requirement to use only valid codes applies to the following:

- All claims received on and after October 15, 2011.
- All claims reprocessed as a result of an adjustment request received on and after October 15, 2011.

Compliance Testing

Each HIPAA-covered entity (i.e., provider, payer, clearinghouse, or other vendor) is responsible for ensuring its own compliance with versions 5010 and D.0 transaction requirements. Providers who contract with billing services, clearinghouses, or other vendors are responsible for ensuring the services provided by their contractors are compliant with HIPAA and ForwardHealth requirements.

After completing internal testing, covered entities are required to complete compliance testing with ForwardHealth to ensure that they are able to submit and receive versions 5010 and D.0 transactions and have identified and resolved all issues prior to the January 1, 2012, implementation date.

A future *Update* will announce new download and testing information for the Provider Electronic Solutions (PES) software.

Version 5010

Prior to submitting version 5010-compliant electronic transactions to the ForwardHealth production environment, trading partners are required to do the following:

- Update their Trading Partner Profile on the Portal and agree to the revised Trading Partner Agreement.
- Complete compliance testing procedures as outlined in their 5010 Standard Testing Packet, found on the HIPAA ASC X12 Version 5010 and NCPDP Version D.0 Implementation Page on the Portal. Trading partner testing packets will be available on the Portal beginning August 1, 2011.

Trading partners may start compliance testing on October 16, 2011. This is a date change from previously published information.

Version D.0

Providers may work with their Value Added Network (VAN) to complete any testing for version D.0 transactions; there will not be any direct testing between providers and ForwardHealth. Providers should contact their VAN or switch vendor for information or questions they may have regarding version D.0 preparedness.

Dual Processing Period

There will be a dual processing or transition period between October 16 and December 31, 2011, during which ForwardHealth will accept in the production environment the current version 4010 and NCPDP version 5.1 transactions and the new version 5010 and NCPDP version D.0 transactions. This is a date change from previously published information.

For the 270/271 and 276/277 transactions, the transition period during which ForwardHealth will accept both versions 4010 and 5010 will also be between October 16

and December 31, 2011. This is a date change from previously published information.

Additional key dates and other important information regarding the transition to versions 5010 and D.0 will be published in future *Updates*.

Background on HIPAA ASC X12 Version 5010 and National Council Prescription Drug Program Version D.0

Effective January 1, 2012, changes to HIPAA and NCPDP standards will impact electronic, paper, PES, and ForwardHealth Portal transactions exchanged with ForwardHealth. All covered entities (e.g., health plans, health care clearinghouses, health care providers, and other vendors) will be required to begin using the new ASC X12 version 5010 and NCPDP version D.0 standards.

Refer to the HIPAA ASC X12 Version 5010 and NCPDP Version D.0 Implementation Page on the Portal at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/ for more information.

The *ForwardHealth Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, and Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program are administered by the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability, Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). The Wisconsin Well Woman Program is administered by the Division of Public Health, Wisconsin DHS.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or visit our Web site at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/.

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