



MDCH and BCBSM Urge Providers to Test HIPAA Version 5010 Transactions

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) are actively testing HIPAA version 5010 transactions with trading partners. Testing is essential to ensure that all transactions meet these federally required standards by January 1, 2012. This article outlines the testing initiatives for each of these organizations and provides information to assist in testing efforts. If you have not begun testing, it is not too late to start now! Testing should be completed well before the January implementation date.

MDCH

MDCH is testing version 5010 transactions with Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) providers and Managed Care Health Plans. Trading partners should first conduct Stage 1 transaction testing through the MDCH web-based, self-service testing tool, Ramp Manager. Once this is completed, trading partners are invited to send test transactions to the MDCH B2B test system for processing and reporting, Stage 2 testing.

To date, just over 50% of MDCH trading partners have logged into the Ramp Manager web site and begun the process of B2B testing. Testing starts with downloading testing instructions and Companion Guides. About 21% of MDCH billing agents have started Stage 1 testing of 837 transactions through Ramp Manager and 15% have completed Stage 1 837 testing. Only about 7% have begun Stage 2 testing by uploading test 837 transactions to the DEG, with only 1% having successfully completed B2B Testing with MDCH. MDCH will **not use a phased in approach** for accepting version 5010 transactions. All transactions received after January 1, 2012, must be in the version 5010 transaction format. All outbound transactions created by MDCH after January 1, 2012, will be in the version 5010 transaction format. Trading partners should be testing with MDCH now.

B2B Testing Instructions, Companion Guides, and other helpful information are published at www.Michigan.gov/5010ICD10. For any questions or additional B2B testing information, e-mail MDCH-B2B-Testing@Michigan.gov.

BCBSM

Since January 2010, BCBSM has participated in forums, presentations and hosted webinars with providers, vendors and clearinghouses to give updates on implementation progress. Test dates have been actively scheduled with software vendors and clearinghouses to ensure they are on track to meet the January 1, 2012 version 5010 compliance deadline. To date, 68% of BCBSM trading partners have started Phase 1 testing with 37% successfully passing and proceeding to the second phase of B2B testing.

BCBSM ranked their top vendors and software developers based on claim volume for a two-phased testing process. A trading partner must pass both testing phases before they can be promoted to production. Testing phases are Phase I, HIPAA Validator testing to check compliance and Phase II, Sub-system testing beginning in September 2011 for 837P and 835. Once a trading partner is approved they are deployed to production. Once deployed, all future transactions may be sent in the version 5010 format.

BCBSM deployment to production will be done by transaction. BCBSM will operate in a dual environment accepting both version 4010A1 and version 5010 transactions from September – December 31, 2011.

Transaction	Date
Real-time transactions (270/271, 276/277 and 278)	Beginning September 2011
837 P and 835	Beginning September 2011
837 I	Beginning fourth quarter 2011
837 D	Beginning fourth quarter 2011

Visit the BCBSM website, www.bcbsm.com/provider/hipaa_npi/index.shtml for a timeline, frequently asked questions and other resources.

For any questions or additional BCBSM B2B Testing information, e-mail ebigbusiness5010support@bcbsm.com.