

## HIPAA 5010 Transactions Standards (HIPAA 5010) Readiness Statement

On January 16, 2009, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the final rule under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) regarding updated standards for electronic health care transactions: X12 Version HIPAA 5010.

In October 2010, U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) adopted changes to the X12 Version HIPAA 5010 for certain transactions. Additionally, HHS adopted the term Errata (meaning “changes”) that will impact the implementation of HIPAA 5010. Effective **January 1, 2012**, CommunityConnect HealthPlan<sup>SM</sup> plans to comply with using *only* the latest approved X12 Version 5010 for HIPAA transactions. Please note the replacement of the original base versions by the Errata in the chart below:

Transactions Affected by the Errata	Base Version Compliance January 1, 2012	Errata Version Compliance January 1, 2012
820 Premium Payment	005010X218	Not applicable
834 Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance	005010X220	005010X220A1
835 Health Care Claim Payment/Advice	005010X221	005010X221A1
837 Health Care Claim: Professional	005010X222	005010X222A1
837 Health Care Claim: Institutional	005010X223	005010X223A2
837 Health Care Claim: Dental	005010X224	005010X224A2
270/ 271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response	005010X279	005010X279A1
276/277 Status Inquiry and Response	005010X212	Not applicable
999 Implementation Acknowledgment For Health Care Insurance	005010X231	005010X231A1
277CA Claim Acknowledgement	005010X214	Not applicable

The final rule adopts X12 Version 5010 Errata for HIPAA transactions. We include the Errata version for non-HIPAA transactions also as part of the 5010 migration.

- Modifications were introduced as a result of the current 4010A1 electronic transaction standards being outdated and including rules that no longer align with business practices in the health care industry.
- **Compliance date for all covered entities is January 1, 2012.** (Exception applies for small health plan implementation of the Medicaid Pharmacy Subrogation Version 3.0 with January 1, 2013 compliance deadline.)

The HIPAA 5010 final rule applies to all HIPAA covered entities, including health plans, health care clearinghouses, and certain health care providers. Version 5010 is designed to bring a more consistent use of health care transactions to the industry, ultimately making it easier for health care providers to submit the same information to all insurance carriers.

## CommunityConnect Readiness

CommunityConnect is committed to delivering excellent service and to adopting administrative simplifications for HIPAA transactions and code sets; including compliance with and support of the HIPAA 5010.

- Our implementation strategy to integrate the X12 version 5010 Errata is underway as we support the improved data content and transactions consistency offered by this standard.
- We have proactively established cross-functional teams throughout the organization, dedicated to researching issues, assessing systems, reviewing business processes, and educating the CommunityConnect organization and its affiliates about implementation procedures.

## Testing and Implementation Timelines Impacted by Errata

CommunityConnect is committed to having our systems, supporting business processes, policies and procedures successfully meet the implementation standards and deadlines mandated by HHS without interruption to day-to-day business practices:

- Until **December 31, 2011**, CommunityConnect accepts and transmits both standards – 4010A1 and 5010 Errata based upon individual Trading Partner readiness – as permitted by the final rule.
- Effective **January 1, 2012**, CommunityConnect plans to comply with using *only* the latest approved X12 Version 5010 for HIPAA transactions along with the other non-HIPAA transactions (refer to chart above).

## What You Can Do

As we continue to advance our implementation strategies for HIPAA 5010, CommunityConnect is committed to keeping impacted parties advised of our progress. Please visit our “Providers” section on our website at [www.communityconnecthealthplan.com](http://www.communityconnecthealthplan.com).

Recommendations for HIPAA 5010 compliance:

- Educate yourself and your office staff on the HIPAA 5010 compliance requirements by visiting the **CMS website**.
- Contact your Clearinghouse and begin conversations about requirements, changes, and impacts of HIPAA 5010.
- Ask your vendors such as practice management systems, clinical systems, and billing systems for their plan on converting to a HIPAA 5010 compliant version of your software, and any associated costs, if applicable.
- Don’t wait until the last minute to identify your organization needs for HIPAA 5010!

## For Answers to Your HIPAA 5010 Questions:

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