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RE: HIPAA X12 Version 5010 Implementation for Electronic Claims

As you know, the South Dakota Department of Social Services (DSS), Division of Medical Services, is transitioning to the HIPAA X12 Version 5010 that regulates the electronic transmission of specific health care transactions including eligibility, claim status, claims and remittances.

Covered entities, such as health plans, health care clearinghouses, and health care providers are required to conform to HIPAA 5010 standards by January 1, 2012. CMS has authorized states at their discretion to delay enforcement of the new 5010 standards until March 31, 2012.

Beginning December 29, 2011, DSS will begin accepting claims in HIPAA X12 Version 5010 format. DSS is pleased to be able to accept both 4010 and 5010 transactions to allow providers additional time to make this transition. We will continue to accept 4010 transactions until **March 31, 2012**.

While we can accept both 4010 and 5010 transactions until March 31, 2012, during this transition period DSS is only able to send the 835 Health Care Payment Advice (Remittance Advice) electronically in the 5010 format beginning with the payroll on 1/4/2012. If you are not able to utilize the 835 in the 5010 format, the paper remittance advice will still be available to reconcile your claims.

We have been actively testing with our Trading Partners and based on their feedback we believe providers will have made this transition well before March 31, 2012. To avoid interruptions in payments to your facility, we strongly encourage you to make this transition as soon as possible.

For questions on the transition to HIPAA X12 format or testing, please send an email to sdmedxedi@state.sd.us or call us at 605-773-3495 and request to speak to the EDI representative.
