Providers Must Be EDI Version 5010 Compliant and Certified by April 1, 2012, for Claims to Be Processed by TMHP

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TMHP has implemented the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) version 5010 in accordance with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) rules. By March 31, 2012, providers that submit electronic claims to TMHP must be compliant with EDI Version 5010 and their compliance must be certified by TMHP. Effective April 1, 2012, electronic claims that are submitted by providers that are not both compliant and certified will not be accepted by TMHP and, as a result, will not be adjudicated or paid by Texas Medicaid or the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program or the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS).

It is the responsibility of providers to ensure that their method of submitting electronic claims is both EDI 5010 compliant and certified by TMHP. Providers should take actions now to ensure that the claims they submit starting April 1, 2012, can be adjudicated and paid.

**Note:** Required steps to test and certify compliance have been previously published in the [EDI 5010 Test Steps](#) document.

Providers with an In-House EDI solution

Providers that have an in-house EDI solution but have not started EDI 5010 testing should contact [EDI5010support@tmhp.com](mailto:EDI5010support@tmhp.com) immediately to begin the certification process.

Providers Using a Clearinghouse or Third Party Biller

Providers whose claims are submitted by a clearinghouse or third party biller need to ensure that their clearinghouse or third party biller is on TMHP's [list of approved vendors](#).

- Claims from clearinghouses and third party billers on the list of approved vendors will be accepted after March 31, 2012. Providers who use these companies will not experience an interruption in claims processing.
- Claims from clearinghouses and third party billers whose names are missing from the list of approved vendors may not be accepted after March 31. Providers who use these companies should contact them immediately to verify their status.

**Note:** EDI 5010 compliance is not sufficient. The companies must also be certified by TMHP.

Provider Using Vendor Software

Providers that submit their own claims using software from a third party vendor must do all of the following by March 31, 2012:

1. Confirm that their software vendor is on TMHP's [list of approved vendors](#). If their software vendor is not on the list, providers should contact them immediately to verify their status.
Note: EDI 5010 compliance is not sufficient. The companies must also be certified by TMHP.

2. Install the EDI 5010 compliant software.
3. Contact TMHP to request a 5010 submitter ID.
4. Verify their ability to connect to TMHP using the new 5010 submitter ID.
5. Verify their ability to receive 5010 835 (Electronic Remittance and Status [ER&S]) transactions, if applicable.
6. Update any pertinent documentation to reflect the new 5010 submitter ID, including Trading Partner Agreements, Claims Status Inquiry Authorizations, and ER&S Agreements.

Providers Using TexMedConnect

TexMedConnect is already compatible with EDI 5010. Providers who use TexMedConnect to submit claims will not experience an interruption in claims processing.

What to Do If EDI 5010 Compliance and Certification Not in Place by March 31

Providers that act immediately should be able to certify EDI 5010 compliance by March 31, 2012. However, if the method a provider uses to submit electronic claims is not certified as being compliant by March 31, 2012, the provider will need to find an alternate method of submitting claims until compliance is certified. Alternate methods include:

- Using TexMedConnect.
- Using a certified clearinghouse or third party biller.
- Using paper claim forms.

Note: The 1290 LTC paper claims form will not be accepted by TMHP after April 30, 2012.