Update: EDI 5010 Compliance Date Extended to July 1, 2012

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This is an update to the article "EDI 5010 Compliance Date Extended Beyond April 1," which was published on this website on March 30, 2012. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has established July 1, 2012, as the date on which TMHP will accept only EDI 5010-compliant transactions. TMHP will continue to accept EDI 4010 transactions until the compliance date.

The following is the complete, updated article:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has extended the date for providers to be compliant with electronic data interchange (EDI) Version 5010 to July 1, 2012. TMHP will adhere to this date. TMHP will continue to accept EDI 4010 transactions until the compliance date.

TMHP has implemented the EDI version 5010 in accordance with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) rules. Starting on July 1, 2012, providers must have completed all of the steps detailed in this article for their method of submitting electronic transactions to TMHP or their claims will not be accepted by TMHP and, as a result, will not be adjudicated or paid by Texas Medicaid, 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 on July 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 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. 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 beginning on July 1, 2012. 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.*

Providers Using Vendor Software

Providers that submit their own claims using software from a third-party vendor must do *all* of the following before the implementation:

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 compatible with EDI 5010, so providers who use TexMedConnect to submit claims will not experience an interruption in claims processing.

Using TexMedConnect does not require testing or a 5010 submitter ID.

What to Do If EDI 5010 Compliance and Certification Is Not in Place by July 1, 2012,

Providers that act immediately should be able to certify EDI 5010 compliance by July 1, 2012. However, starting on July 1, 2012, providers that have not completed all of the steps detailed in this article for their method of submitting electronic transactions to TMHP must 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. (Applies to Texas Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program providers only.)