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# Encounter Data User Group Q&A Documentation

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## Questions and Answers – April 12, 2012 Live Session

### Tier 2 Testing

**Q1: What naming conventions should MAOs and other entities use when submitting Tier 2 testing and production data?**

A1: Guidance for submission of Tier 2 testing is published on the CSSC Operations website at the [Encounter Data Testing](#) link. For submission of production data, MAOs and other entities should reference the [Companion Guides](#), also published at the CSSC Operations website.

### Compliance

**Q2: What is CMS' expected accuracy rate for encounter data once MAOs and other entities begin submitting Professional production data?**

A2: CMS has not yet established an accuracy rate for production data submission. CMS will provide additional information for Encounter Data accuracy rate requirements as decisions are made.

**Q3: Will compliance notifications be sent to MAOs and other entities that have not completed end-to-end certification for professional data by April 30, 2012?**

A3: There will be separate compliance requirements and dates for Professional, Institutional and DME End-to End testing. CMS will provide guidance for Encounter Data compliance requirements as decisions are made.

### Test Case Submission / Edits / MAO-002 Reports

**Q4: What is the status of Edit Code 02240 – Beneficiary Not Enrolled in Medicare Advantage Organization for Date of Service?**

A4: Edit Code 02240 – Beneficiary Not Enrolled in Medicare Advantage Organization for Date of Service is being analyzed and additional beneficiary files are being loaded into the processing system.

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**Q5: How should MAOs and other entities reconcile rejected encounters on the MAO-002 Encounter Data Processing Status reports that have received Edit Code 03102 – Provider Type or Specialty Not Allowed to Bill Procedure when they have received the edit with both an “accepted” and “rejected” status on the same encounter?**

A5: Programming issues that were previously occurring with the Edit Code 03102 – Provider Type or Specialty Not Allowed to Bill Procedure have been resolved. For MAOs and other entities that are receiving this edit and require assistance with reconciliation of the encounters, CMS recommends utilizing the [EDS Incident Tracking Tool](#) provided on the CSSC Operations website to submit these issues for resolution.

### *Industry Guidance and Training*

**Q6: What is the process for distribution of the EDPS Weekly Bulletin to MAOs and other entities?**

A6: MAOs and other entities may access the EDPS Weekly Bulletins by visiting the CSSC Operations website at [www.csscoperations.com](http://www.csscoperations.com) and selecting the [EDPS Bulletins](#) link. The bulletin is updated weekly and is scheduled to be posted to the site on Wednesdays by 12:00 PM ET.

**Q7: The bi-weekly User Group sessions are beneficial for providing guidance to MAOs and other entities for guidance regarding the Encounter Data System (EDS). Will the User Group sessions continue after end-to-end testing is completed?**

A7: The schedule for the bi-weekly User Group sessions and other Industry Update sessions are posted on a quarterly basis to allow for adjustments to the schedule, if required. The updated schedule for the next quarter will be posted on the [www.tarsc.info](http://www.tarsc.info) website by April 30, 2012.

**Q8: When will CMS begin registration for the 2012 Encounter Data Regional Training?**

A8: CMS is finalizing decisions for the logistics of Encounter Data Regional Training and will provide registration information by early May 2012.