



Updates to Plan High Level Requirements for Encounter Data

- **Requirement 1 Update:** CSSC will post Submitter Packets by March 15, 2011 and plans must provide completed document to CSSC by March 30, 2011.
- **Requirement 2 Update:** MAOs must establish connectivity using Connect:Direct, Secure File Transfer Protocol, Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure, or Gentran.
- **Requirement 3 Update:** MAOs to submit only adjudicated encounters (paid or denied). If payment data is unavailable, submit "0.00" in the paid amount fields.
- **Requirement 6:** MAOs will use the most current 5010 Errata version for HIPAA compliance (http://www.cms.gov/Versions5010andD0/Downloads/Errata_Reg_and_Testing.pdf)
- **Requirement 7:** EDS will accept 837I, 837P, and 276. The 837D is under consideration.
- **Requirement 10:** Front-end testing is March 30 – June 30, 2011. Further information on testing can be found in the Industry Update materials posted on www.tarsc.info.
- **Requirements 4, 5, 8, and 9:** As described in the Encounter Data National Meeting, these requirements remain the same.

Testing of the EDFES

The goal for industry testing of the EDFES is to successfully submit data through the Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) translator in the acceptable Washington Publishing Technical Report (TR3) 5010 X12 format. (<http://www.wpc-edi.com/content/view/817/1>) EDFES testing of the COTS EDI Translator and the Common Edits Module (CEM) for Institutional (837-I) and Professional (837-P) services occurs from March 30 – June 30, 2011. Prior to the start date of EDFES testing, MAOs must submit a new submitter packet, enter into a new EDI Agreement with CSSC, and establish connectivity to transmit 5010 transaction files through one of the approved CMS connections. Plans should submit test files containing ten (10) 837I (for both Inpatient and Outpatient Institutional encounters) and ten (10) 837P (Professional encounters).

Encounter Data Front-End Testing Schedule	
Date	Event
March 15, 2011	New submitter package posted on www.csscooperations.com .
March 30, 2011	Front-End testing of the COTS Translator and CEM begins.
June 30, 2011	MAOs must have successfully submitted Institutional and Professional test files to the Front-End System.

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Technical Assistance Regional Trainings: Save the Dates!

Registration for the Technical Assistance Regional Trainings will begin at the end of March 2011. It is recommended that plans send representatives to at least one training. Please visit www.tarsc.info to register.

Dates and locations are:

Orlando, FL	June 20 – 24, 2011
San Diego, CA	July 11 – 15, 2011
Chicago, IL	August 1 – 5, 2011

Encounter Data Pilot Testing: Policies to be Published in April 2011

CMS recruited six (6) plans to participate in an Encounter Data (ED) Pilot Test, to be conducted during March 2011. The selected plans will submit data so that CMS can determine information that will be accepted during processing and identify issues to resolve prior to the industry-wide front-end testing. Data from the Pilot Test will determine edits to turn on or off and CMS will use the information to provide MA Organizations/Third Party Submitters guidelines regarding policies, best practices, and implementation assistance to support the successful testing of the EDFES. MA Organizations/Submitters can expect to receive published Test Policy for the Encounter Data Front-End System (EDFES) by April 8, 2011.

