

CMS Never Sleeps! Version 5010, ICD-10, an Education Call, Twitter and YouTube

I am fortunate to be serving on the North Carolina MGMA Medicare Committee this year. When we met yesterday, the members were asked why we wanted to be on the committee. I said I couldn't believe any practice manager wouldn't want to be on the Medicare Committee! I want to be on the front lines, asking questions and trying to understand the massive changes hitting our practices daily. Don't you? If you're not a member of your local or state manager's group and you're not volunteering on one or more committees, why not?

Important Information and Reminders About the Upcoming Version 5010 and ICD-10 Transitions

CMS has resources for providers, vendors, and payers to prepare for the transition. Fact sheets available for educating staff and others about the transition include:

The ICD-10 Transition: An Introduction

Talking to Your Vendors About ICD-10 and Version 5010: Tips for Medical Practices

Talking to Your Customers About ICD-10 and Version 5010: Tips for Software Vendors

Compliance timelines, materials from CMS-sponsored calls and conferences, links to resources and sign up for email updates [here](#)

Medicare FFS 5010 Program: Taking EDI to the Next Level- Ninth National Education Call on Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) Implementation of HIPAA Version 5010 and D.0 Transactions

August 25, 2010

2:00pm To 3:30pm EST

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host its ninth national education call regarding Medicare FFS's implementation of HIPAA Version 5010 and D.0 transaction standards on August 25, 2010. This session will focus on the 835 Electronic Remittance Advice transaction. Subject matter experts will review Medicare FFS specific changes as well as general information to help the audience prepare for the transition; the presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

Registration will close at 2:00 p.m. EST on August 24, 2010, or when available space has been filled.

Target Audience: Vendors, clearinghouses, and providers who will need to make Medicare FFS specific changes in compliance with HIPAA version 5010 requirements.

Subject: Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) Implementation of HIPAA Version 5010 835 Electronic Remittance Advice Transaction

Agenda:

- * General Overview
- * Medicare Specific Changes
- * Timelines and Deadlines

* What you need to do to prepare

* Transaction Specific Issues

* Q & A

Conference call details:

Date: August 25, 2010

Conference Title: Ninth National Education Call on Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) Implementation of HIPAA Version 5010 and D.0 Transactions

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET

In order to receive the call-in information, you must register for the call. It is important to note that if you are planning to sit in with a group, only one person needs to register to receive the call-in data. This registration is solely to reserve a phone line, NOT to allow participation.

Registration will close at 2:00 p.m. ET on August 24, 2010, or when available space has been filled. No exceptions will be made, so please be sure to register prior to this time.

1. To register for the call participants click **here**.
2. Fill in all required data.
3. Verify your time zone is displayed correctly the drop down box.
4. Click "Register".
5. You will be taken to the "Thank you for registering" page and will receive a confirmation email shortly thereafter.
Note: Please print and save this page, in the event that your server blocks the confirmation emails. If you do not receive the confirmation email, please check your spam/junk mail filter as it may have been directed there.

6. If assistance for hearing impaired services is needed the request must be sent to medicare.ttt@palmettogba.com no later than 3 business day before the event.

Social Media

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to break new ground and to enhance their outreach efforts to the public. CMS is now using social media outlets to get information out to their audience as fast as possible.

Twitter: For CMS & Medicare Learning Network updates, **click here**. You'll need a Twitter account first if you don't already have one – here are instructions:

- Go to www.twitter.com and sign up for FREE (choose a name and a password)
- You can use Twitter on the web or on your phone "" you can look at it once a day (you don't have to look at it and respond to it instantly.)
- Once you're signed up, you can start "following" people and they can "follow" you. I am following people who have interesting things to say about healthcare, and also people who are writing blogs like me.
- Start by following me (@mpwhaley) and I'll be glad to follow you.

YouTube: Log on to the official **CMS YouTube channel** to view several videos currently available and more to come in the upcoming months. See an example of a CMS video below.