

On January 1, 2012, MaineCare will be ready to accept HIPAA Version 5010 electronic transactions. This is the federal compliance date for all HIPAA covered entities, including payers, providers, clearinghouses, and billing agents.

MaineCare recognizes that a contingency plan is required in the event that there are trading partners that may not be fully prepared to submit HIPAA Version 5010 transactions on January 1, 2012. Therefore, MaineCare has made the decision to continue to accept HIPAA Version 4010 transactions for a limited period, until March 31, 2012. After March 31, 2012, any transaction submitted in the 4010 format will be rejected. If you are a trading partner that is unable to submit 5010 transactions after March 31, 2012, your claims submission will need to be via Direct Data Entry (DDE) or through paper claims.

Please note that MaineCare, in conjunction with federal regulations, expects trading partners to be compliant on January 1, 2012. If you transact electronically in batches, you should not delay certification testing. If you are a provider that uses a clearinghouse or billing agent, you do not need to test at this time; however, it is essential that you work with your trading partners to ensure they will support HIPAA Version 5010 on January 1, 2012.

To learn more about HIPAA Version 5010 and access testing resources, please visit http://maine.gov/dhhs/oms/5010_icd10/5010_index.html.