Molina Healthcare Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Transition from ANSI X12 Version 4010A1 to 5010

There are changes coming soon under HIPAA: *the migration to the HIPAA 5010 transactions and the ICD-10 code sets*. With a compliance deadline of January 1, 2012, there are only a few months left for providers and health plans to complete their migration to the 5010 standards.

Where should we be in our 5010 Migration Plan?

All providers, trading partners and health plans should be aggressively pursuing Level II compliance, which means completing end-to-end testing with their partners. For providers, this means you should be working with your clearinghouse partner to make sure it is performing 5010 testing on your behalf. For health plans and trading partners, this means that they should be directly testing with all trading partners and business associates.

What is the Migration Process for Moving a Provider, Trading Partner or Business Associate to 5010?

The HIPAA 5010 compliance requirements dictate that all covered entities must be exchanging 5010 transactions as of January 1, 2012. However, any covered entity that has successfully completed 5010 testing is allowed to start exchanging 5010 transactions immediately (requires agreement between the entities exchanging 5010 transactions). For health plans it is desirable to move partners to a 5010 production status upon successful testing in order to prevent a huge backlog of activity in the fourth quarter of 2011. From a HIPAA perspective, both the 4010A1 and 5010 transaction standards are permitted until December 31, 2011.

What Does Dual Use Mean?

Many providers have mentioned to Molina Healthcare that they have heard the term "dual use" and are unclear as to what this means. Dual use means that for a given transaction, both the 4010A1 and 5010 version of that transaction are supported in production. As an example, Molina Healthcare currently has the 835 outbound (payment, remittance advice) transaction in a dual use mode. This means that Molina Healthcare can send a business associate or other partner either a 4010A1 or 5010 version of the 835 transaction based on the business agreement between these two entities. Molina Healthcare will move all transactions into a dual use status as each transaction successfully completes 5010 testing. As we continue moving toward the final implementation date, all transactions will be in a dual use period prior to January 1, 2012.

What Should a Provider do to Prepare for 5010?

- Visit the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) website at www.cms.gov and the Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) website at www.wedi.org to obtain education material on the 5010 standard
- Contact your practice's software vendors to find out if they are upgrading their software to support 5010 compliance
- Upgrade your practice management and other software as required to a 5010 compliant version
- Conduct internal software testing to verify that you can properly send and receive 5010 transactions

- If you use a health care clearinghouse to send and/or receive 5010 transactions, contact your clearinghouse account representative to confirm that they are 5010 compliant and make arrangements to start testing
- If you exchange 5010 transactions directly with any health plans, confirm that the plan is Level I 5010 compliant and contact them to initiate Level II testing of the 5010 transactions

Molina Healthcare's 5010 Readiness
Molina Healthcare has achieved Level I compliance and is extensively involved with Level II external partner testing. Molina Healthcare is currently testing inbound and outbound 5010 transactions with clearinghouses, business associates and state and federal trading partners and has moved several 5010 transactions into a dual use mode. For additional information regarding Molina Healthcare's 5010 migration plans, please visit our website at www.MolinaHealthcare.com. Molina Healthcare is gearing up for ICD-10. Will you be ready? Be on the lookout for information and updates in future articles.

HIPAA TCS Questions
For HIPAA TCS questions or concerns, please call the toll-free HIPAA Provider Hotline at 1-866-MOLINA2 (1-866-665-4622).

Southeast Ohio is No. 1 in Electronic Health Record Adoption Program
The Ohio University/Appalachian Health Information Exchange Regional Extension Center (OU/AHIE REC) is the first of seven regional extension centers in the state to reach 100 percent of its target goal of signing up 404 primary care physicians and healthcare providers for electronic health record (EHR) adoption since fall 2010.[1]

Primary care providers (PCPs) who wish to access technical assistance to implement EHR should visit the Ohio Health Information Partnership's website at www.CliniSync.org. There you can find your regional extension center contact who can help you navigate the EHR process. PCPs, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives and physician assistants with the authority to prescribe medications are eligible for the assistance. For a job well done in a rural community where connectivity can be a challenge, there is now an opportunity for 100 more southeast Ohio PCPs to sign up.

In addition to free services, providers who adopt electronic health records can receive up to $44,000 through Medicare and $63,700 through Medicaid financial incentives over the next several years. OU/AHIE REC serves 19 counties and is one of seven partners across the state that provide free services for PCPs and other health care professionals to prepare for the selection and adoption of electronic health records.

In 2010, the seven regional organizations received federal stimulus funds from the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology to assist in the implementation of electronic health records, with an ultimate goal of better meeting state and national electronic medical record initiatives. Of the $26.8 million provided to the seven sites around Ohio, OU/AHIE REC received $1.8 million to assist 404 PCPs. Of the 6,000 positions available statewide, 4,837 physicians have already signed up.

Questions?
If you have any questions, please call Molina Healthcare's Provider Services at 1-800-642-4168. Representatives are available to assist you from 8 a.m.to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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[1] Ohio Health Information Partnership. (2011). Southeast Ohio is No. 1 in Electronic Health Record Adoption Program [Press release]. Retrieved from http://www.clinisync.org/index.php/what-is-clinisync/341-southeast-ohio-is-no-1-in-electronic-health-record-adoption-.html.