

HIPAA-MANDATED COMPLIANCE WITH NCPDP TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARD D.0 IS ONLY SIX MONTHS AWAY

The NCPDP (National Council for Prescription Drug Programs) Telecommunications Standard Version D.0 is an updated version of the HIPAA standard for pharmacy claims transactions. The deadline for compliance with this standard is January 1, 2012.

The NCPDP (National Council for Prescription Drug Programs) Telecommunication Standard increases real-time processing of billions of pharmacy claims, defines the layout for prescription claim transactions and practical guidelines for computer vendors who must implement the standard. The standard not only provides a format for billing claims and data exchange from payer-to-payer, it also certifies eligibility and drug benefits for managed care, government and traditional programs. Furthermore, the standard defines reimbursements or denial of claims with explanations, along with a concurrent drug utilization review.

Contact your software vendor and inquire if they are ready to begin testing. If they are not ready, it is recommended that you inquire when they project testing will begin.

Implementation information is available at www.ncdp.org/news_hipaa_trans_current.aspx

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