



Memorandum

Date: 09/01/2011

To: All Providers

From: Brad Cost, President, Infinedi, LLC

Re: HIPAA ANSI 5010 Conversion

Dear Provider:

As you may well know, CMS adopted the [final rule](#) for implementation of ANSI 5010 in January of 2009 that includes changes that will impact electronic transactions industry wide (*i.e., patient eligibility, submitting claims, or receiving electronic remittances*). These changes are important because they are blazing a trail in preparation for future CMS mandates (*i.e., ICD-10 Implementation*). Infinedi cares about our customers and their ability to do business electronically. We are making every effort to facilitate a smooth transition from ANSI 4010A1 to [ANSI 5010](#). (*The federally mandated implementation deadline is January 1, 2012.*)

Infinedi is committed to making sure our providers have an understanding of what this change is all about and how it will impact their practice. We understand that many of our providers may have more questions than answers regarding this new change. In an effort to clarify and educate our providers about ANSI 5010, we have compiled a list of frequently asked questions to help our providers navigate through and simplify the upcoming changes.

FAQ

What is 5010?

ANSI 4010A1 is the current HIPAA standard and ANSI 5010 is the new version of HIPAA ANSI standard and Infinedi, as a clearinghouse, is mandated by federal law to comply with this change by January 2012.

Why are we changing to 5010?

CMS has mandated this change to improve all aspects of electronic transactions and clarify instructions, make data more uniform, aid in reimbursement transaction efficiency and reduce redundancy.

Does my office need to do anything to prepare for 5010?

*If you are submitting claims through Infinedi, we will be complying with this mandate on your behalf. You **will not need to upgrade your software or conduct any external testing with payers**. However, if you have upgraded your practice management software to submit in ANSI 5010 format, please contact Infinedi technical support for instructions on specific testing requirements.*



What is up-coding?

Infinedi will convert (upcode) print image files and ANSI 4010A1 claims files received from provider into ANSI 5010 format before submitting to payers who are ready to accept 5010 transactions.

Do we have to purchase/upgrade software?

No. Infinedi will be up-coding claims received in either a print image format or ANSI 4010A1 formats.

Is there an additional cost for processing claim in 5010 format?

No. Your pricing structure will not change with the implementation of this mandate.

Is there such a thing as an ANSI paper claim?

No. An ANSI claim is an electronic transaction in a HIPAA compliant format.

What happens with paper claims? Will they be in the same format as they always have been?

There have always been payers that cannot receive electronic claims. When we encounter a claim that cannot be submitted to a payer electronically, it is printed on paper and mailed to the payer. There will not be any changes to this process. Currently, there are no mandated changes to the UB-04 form or CMS-1500 Form. You may continue to utilize the forms you are presently submitting your claims on.

I am exempt from sending electronic claims to Medicare; do I need to purchase new forms? How do I get them?

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What information is being up-coded from ANSI 4010A1 to ANSI 5010?

Please refer to our 5010 [GAP Analysis](#) for more details.

Infinedi values your business and would like to thank you for your confidence in our expert staff and we look forward to continuing our relationship and providing you with answers to your questions and EDI services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Cost".

Brad Cost, President
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