



HealthPort Responds to Upcoming Changes in Claims and Diagnosis

The following information is subject to change based on new information and requirements that may arise from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. Regardless, HealthPort stands ready to ensure our customers' compliance with new guidelines.

Understanding the Changes

HealthPort has been carefully monitoring regulations about ICD-10 and the new claims formats, ANSI 5010, for years, even before the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), set the dates for these two implementations.

5010

The electronic transmission format currently mandated by HIPAA (ANSI X12 4010 1A) must be replaced by January 1, 2012 with ANSI X12 5010. This affects claims, remittances, eligibility requests, claims status, referrals, and other HIPAA transactions. This format change is necessary to pave the way for ICD-10 and to tighten up the HIPAA standards.

ICD-10

Effective October 1, 2013, the HHS will mandate the use of ICD-10 code sets that are replacing ICD-9 code sets now used by medical coders and billers to report health care diagnoses and procedures. This radical change to the code set will increase the current 17,000 codes to more than 140,000. The new format also consists of seven digit alpha-numeric codes instead of five numeric digits.

We believe that there will be a period of time when both ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes will be in use, and a claim may need to switch codes between primary and secondary payors. For example, if the primary insurance payor is only accepting ICD-10, but the secondary payor is unable to accept anything but ICD-9, the claim will need to show different diagnosis codes as it moves to secondary status.

HealthPort is Prepared for the Changes

We are modifying the current HealthPort AudaPro™ import processes to recognize either 4010 or 5010 files and process them accordingly. The system will be able to seamlessly handle either file type before and after the deadline and into the foreseeable future. This same release will also enable HealthPort AudaPro to capture and display either ICD-9, ICD-10 or both, depending on what was submitted on the claim.

Several customers have already tested their 5010 files with us in an effort to prepare for the deadline. In addition, files that customers may have already used to test 5010 transmission to payors or clearinghouses could be used to test with HealthPort.

The following is a timeline of the HealthPort plan to achieve Version 5010 compliance:

Key Dates	HealthPort Action
December 1, 2011	HealthPort will move application changes into production so that its systems are fully 5010 compatible, handling either 4010 or 5010 files through the same channel.
January 1, 2012	All electronic claims meet the Version 5010 specifications. Payer go-live date.