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Projects Status

The projects depicted below represent changes that potentially impact State Agencies:

1. Project/Change Order

Affordable Care Act (ACA) Operating Rules – Phase III

2.1 Overview

Phase III Operating Rules apply to Claim Payment/Advice (835) transactions, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), and Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) data. Phase III continues to build on the Phase I and II rules. Phase III is made up of the following rules:

Rule 350 – 835 Retrieval

Enhances Phase II by adding an additional transaction for 835 data file retrieval and addresses dual delivery of 835 and Proprietary Paper Claim Remittance Advices.

An additional requirement added by the Agency will require 835s (Electronic Remittance Advice – ERA) to be generated for every provider. Therefore, every provider, or their designated representative, will need to register for a trading partner ID so that ERAs can be produced and distributed appropriately.

Rule 360 - Uniform Use of Claim Adjustment Reason Codes (CARC) and Remittance Advice Remark Codes (RARC)

Dictates the combination of codes that can be used for certain business scenarios. Working with their members and other large healthcare systems, CAQH CORE defined four common business scenarios that impact claim payment and processing. For each of these scenarios, CAQH CORE defined specific code combinations that **MUST** be used by Healthcare Systems on the v5010 X12 835 electronic RA. Business scenarios that are encountered beyond these four are left to the discretion of the Healthcare System to determine the code combination to use.

Rule 370 – EFT and ERA Re-association Rule (CCD+/835)

Standardizes the Re-association Data by specifying the location where the data should be stored in both the CCD+ EFT transaction and the 835 ERA transaction. Specifically, Re-association Data is to be placed in the:

- Addenda Record for the CCD+ transaction
- BPR and TRN Segments of the 835 Transaction

Rule 370 additionally specifies:

- The maximum allowed lag time between receipt of an ERA and its corresponding EFT
- Requirements for elapsed time auditing
- Requirements for resolving late or missing EFTs and/or ERAs

Rule 380-382 - ERA/EFT Enrollment

- Rule specifies the maximum data that may be collected to enroll a provider or trading partner for receiving an Electronic RA (ERA/835) or payments via EFT
- Only data elements specified by the rule may be collected.
- The rule specifies the names of the all data elements. These names must be used exactly on paper or electronic enrollment forms.
- The data elements must be presented in a specific order on paper or electronic forms.
- The rules specify which data elements are mandatory and which are optional.
- Related data elements are put into Data Element Groups. The groups must also be presented in a specific order and may be either mandatory or optional.
- The data elements and data element groups are similar, but not identical, for the two rules.

2.2 Current Status

The final two design deliverables were reviewed with the Agency and construction has started. A joint meeting to discuss Lessons Learned for design was held with the Agency and HPES project team members. A quality audit has been conducted on the newly created ACA III Communication Management Plan. A new project schedule baseline is being constructed to represent the project's implementation in two phases. Phase 1 will consist of data model changes with supporting system code changes, and Phase 2 will consist of all remaining system code changes. System testing for Phase 1 begins September 18 with implementation to occur October 21. Initial communications have been approved and will be included in the October Provider Insider. ACA III information is now available on the Alabama Medicaid website under 'Providers / 'CAQH CORE Operating Rules'. Communication includes the following early actions for providers to take: 1) Contact financial institutions to request receipt of CCD+ information on EFT transactions, and 2) Required ERA enrollment. Phase I/II certification testing is underway.

2.3 Potential Impact

During the Agency kickoff meeting HP reviewed the requirements and solutions for all Rules with the Agency PMO and FPOs. Initial external entity and operational impacts have been assessed and are documented in the proposal and designs. All external entities have been contacted regarding changes that will occur to our interfaces, and have been informed about proposed testing and implementation dates for those changes. As new impacts come to light throughout the construction and testing process, they will be documented, communicated, and included in the project implementation plans. Project risks are being identified, assessed, and documented. HP will work closely with impacted areas to mitigate the project risks.

2.4 Anticipated Implementation Date

According to the original baselined project schedule, UAT and Vendor testing will occur April – May 2015, with final implementation occurring mid-June 2015. Two months of post-implementation support will follow – to be concluded mid-August 2015. A second baseline is in process to incorporate the two-phased implementation approach which was utilized on the ICD-10 project and was found to be successful. Every effort is being made to maintain the original targeted implementation dates. Phase III certification testing will begin after integrated system testing and before the end of User Acceptance / Vendor testing.



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