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ANSI – 5010: What You Need to Know

What is ANSI-5010?

ANSI-5010 stands for the most recent American National Standards Institute (ANSI) technical content and format specifications mandates under HIPAA for electronic data interchange (EDI) transactions (i.e. – electronic claims submission, eligibility verification, claims status inquiry, electronic remittance advice, etc.). The new standard contains an estimated 800 changes from the previous (4010/4010A1) version. All providers, health plans, clearinghouses and billing agents are required to adopt the 5010 version.

When is the Deadline for Compliance?

The deadline for compliance with the ANSI-5010 standard is **Jan. 1, 2012**. Non-compliant transactions received after that deadline will be rejected by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and possibly by other payers.

Why the Change?

The government has mandated the changes to facilitate more uniformity in data flow between all covered entities, which will help create efficiencies and improve communications. One of the biggest changes in the 5010 form will be the ability to accommodate the pending switch to the International Classification of Disease (ICD)-10 coding sets, which is slated to take effect on Oct. 1, 2013.

What is Nuesoft Doing to Prepare?

Nuesoft has been making the programming changes necessary to accommodate the new coding sets and the new standard for electronic transactions prior to the government's deadlines. Because Nuesoft's products are Internet-based, any required changes will be pushed live simultaneously to all users without any additional cost. In addition, as a HIPAA-approved EDI clearinghouse, Nuesoft has been working on the changes to its EDI engine, which means all changes are occurring on the back end (between Nuesoft's clearinghouse and various payers). There will be no disruption to your ability to access the application or to process claims. This compares to medical billing software that runs via a client-server model, where practices may be required to pay for and perform hardware or network upgrades to accommodate the transition to the 5010 version, and there are likely to be more noticeable disruptions to the software.

What Do Nuesoft Clients Need to Know?

A free video podcast about the ANSI-5010 transition will be available on the Nuesoft website in October, and we will be offering some additional documentation in the next few weeks with screen shots highlighting new or updated fields within the application resulting from the new 5010 formats.

About Nuesoft Technologies

Established in 1993, Nuesoft Technologies was one of the first companies to pioneer software as a service (SaaS) and has the datacenter facilities to support secure and HIPAA-compliant application hosting. Nuesoft provides medical billing services, practice management software, medical billing software, and electronic health records to physicians and university health centers. The company has an established U.S. customer base of more than 15,000 users in all 50 states, and, as an independent clearinghouse, processes 3.5 million claims transactions per year. For more information about Nuesoft, visit http://www.nuesoft.com or call (800) 401-7422.

Key Dates

- **January, 2009** – the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released the new ANSI 5010 transaction set.

- **January 1, 2011** – ANSI 5010 transactions can be accepted.

- **January 1, 2012** – All covered entities must be fully compliant and operating with ANSI 5010.

- **October 1, 2013** – ICD-10 change – (insurance companies begin accepting the new coding sets).