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Subject: 5010 Readiness

Dear Florida Medicaid Provider:

The 4010 version of HIPAA standard transaction sets expires December 31, 2011. Action is required by all current participants in the electronic data interchange (EDI) process.

This letter is intended for any provider and/or vendor submitting or receiving electronic data files from the Florida Medicaid Program and its fiscal agent, HP. The Florida Medicaid Public Provider Portal highlights the changes planned, testing options available for submitters, key dates and provides direction about gaining additional information. The site http://portal.flmmis.com/FLPublic/Provider_EDI/Provider_EDI_SubmissionInformation/tabId/66/Default.aspx includes the following topics:

- Inbound files
- Outbound files
- Ramp Manager testing
- Steps for updating Trading Partner ID for 5010 submission

Providers and vendors have the option to send and/or receive version 5010 of all Medicaid transactions as of July 11, 2011. This will allow a transition period for EDI stakeholders to test and transition to exclusive use of version 5010. Effective January 1, 2012, version 4010 will no longer be accepted or sent by the Florida Medicaid Program. Failure to prepare for this deadline will result in delayed Medicaid payments.

By now, health care providers that bill Medicaid electronically should be completing their software and business changes and beginning testing activities. If you are not yet at this stage of readiness, you should immediately contact your software/practice management vendor, billing agent, or clearinghouse to check on the status of their upgrade to the HIPAA 5010 standard. If you don't use a billing agent or clearinghouse, you may want to contact a HIPAA vendor for assistance.

Changing to the 5010 version of the HIPAA transactions is vital for Medicaid providers to be able to appropriately bill the Medicaid program for services rendered to eligible recipients. EDI submitters will be required to self validate their 5010 standard claims submissions (837I, 837P and or 837D). The following steps for HIPAA 5010 claim submission self validation are highly recommended for ensuring readiness. 1) Trading Partner tests claims via Ramp Manager. 2) Trading Partner confirms Ramp Manager testing is successful. 3) Trading Partner submits a few production claims in 5010 format. 4) If claims submission successfully process, Trading Partner submits all subsequent transactions in 5010 format and discontinues use of 4010.

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Effective January 1, 2012, all Trading Partners will be deactivated for HIPAA standard 4010 X12 transactions. If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, please contact HP at 1(866) 586-0961 or your Area Medicaid Office. Please act quickly to leverage opportunities to prepare for the upcoming change. As the implementation deadline approaches, the opportunity for testing and the resources will be limited. Thank you for the services that you provide for Florida Medicaid recipients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Strowd', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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