

HIPAA Transactions Standards:

WEDI SEQUENCING TESTING SCHEDULE with October 16, 2003 Completion (WEDI Proposal)

Phases	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
Transactions Included with each Group	835/837 Claims/ Remittance/ COB	270/271 Eligibility and Benefit Inquiry	834 Enrollment	276/277 Claims Status Inquiry	278 Referral Request Authorization	820 Premium Payment
Beta/ Testing Start Dates	10/1/2001 completion date – 24 months	2/1/2002 completion date – 20 months	5/1/2002 completion date – 17 months	8/1/2002 completion date – 14 months	11/1/2002 completion date – 11 months	2/1/2003 completion date – 8 months
System Readiness Start Dates	2/1/2002 date – 20 months	5/1/2002 date – 17 months	8/1/2002 date – 14 months	11/1/2002 date – 11 months	2/1/2003 date – 8 months	5/1/2003 date – 5 months
Full System Implementation	10/16/2003 or a new date mm/dd/yy	10/16/2003 or a new date mm/dd/yy	10/16/2003 or a new date mm/dd/yy	10/16/2003 or a new date mm/dd/yy	10/16/2003 or a new date mm/dd/yy	10/16/2003 or a new date mm/dd/yy

Beta/Pilot Testing- the date when organizations would begin beta/pilot **testing** with their trading partners of their system/application enhancements required to reach a state of readiness to process HIPAA transactions. This testing would involve the transferring of transactions between two covered entities. Vendor software is available and covered entities have already completed internal system testing. During this time, a health plan would conduct beta/pilot testing with a few selected providers/clearinghouses/employers to verify its systems work properly with other external entities.

System Readiness – For each transaction, this is the date when a covered entity would begin accepting and sending **production** HIPAA transactions with willing trading partners. This assumes its beta/pilot testing is completed. This will begin the transition process, moving providers from the old formats to the new standard transactions. During this phase, prior to accepting transactions in production, each trading partner would be expected to perform some initial testing to verify each entity is sending and receiving transactions properly. Also, during this time covered entities will continue to support the exchange of data in current formats, until the transition is complete for all their trading partners. Current formats would include any proprietary formats, standards (e.g., UB92 Flat File, NSF) or older versions of the X12 transactions.

Full Implementation – the date when all covered entities would **complete their conversion** to the HIPAA transaction standards. This date, October 16, 2002, corresponds to the 2-year compliance date set forth in the HIPAA Final Rule for Transactions and Code Sets for all covered entities except small health plans, which have an additional year to comply.

Groups– highlight which transactions will be implemented together during each step of the deployment process. Again, these groups were determined based on the transactions relationship to each other in terms of data content and business processing. The order of the groups was determined by factors such as development time needed, testing time needed, conversions to be done, and ROI.