

5010 835 Implementation Timeframes

As you know this continues to be an exciting and challenging time for AHCCCS and its Trading Partners in relation to both state and federal mandates. Throughout 2011 AHCCCS was required to implement a large number of changes to our core processing systems in response to the Governor's Medicaid Reform Plan as well as federal health care reform requirements.

Unfortunately our core IT infrastructure and resources were not able to reasonably balance all of these changes along with some of the necessary HIPAA 5010 related changes in an efficient and effective manner. Therefore AHCCCS has made the decision that we will be unable to fully implement all of the 5010 project transactions by the 12/31/2011 deadline.

We have developed an interim plan (communicated to CMS) which will ensure our compliance with the majority of transactions by no later than 1/1/2011 and a long term plan to be fully compliant and implemented for all remaining HIPAA 5010 transactions by no later than 7/1/2012.

Transactions impacted by this delay and the specific timelines associated with each are as outlined below.

- 835 – Targeted for implementation March 31, 2012. Testing to begin in the next couple weeks, please watch the webpage for more information. Trading partners will continue to receive the current 4010a 835 remittance advice, during the interim period from now through 3/31/2012. Please note that this implementation date is an update to the later date originally specified.
- 278 – Targeted for implementation July 1, 2012. Testing to begin in March of 2012, please watch the webpage for more information.

If you have questions please let us know, and continue to check the AHCCCS HIPAA 5010 Webpage for current information and updates <http://www.azahcccs.gov/commercial/EDresources/consortium.aspx>