

**To: All AHCCCS 276/277 Trading Partners**  
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## **CAQH CORE Phase I and Phase II Eligibility and Claims Status Operating Rules Overview and Upcoming Changes**

### **Background**

- The Health Care Affordable Care Act (ACA ) Section 1104 *requires all HIPAA-covered entities* to adopt the Phase I & II CAQH CORE Eligibility & Claim Status Operating Rules by January 1, 2013. The rules pertaining to Acknowledgements are excluded.
- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) names the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare's (CAQH) CORE (Committee on Operating Rule for Information Exchange) as the authoring entity for Operating rules.
- Benefit: Administrative simplification and inter-operability
- An added layer to the X12 HIPAA Transactions that provides data content and infrastructure rules to help data flow
- CORE certification is voluntary and should not be confused with compliance to the Phase I and II Operating rules.

### **Planned future changes:**

#### **Real-time 276/277 Claims Status**

AHCCCS acknowledges this CORE Operating Rule requirement and is making every effort to comply; however, we have identified substantial system impacts that will delay the implementation of this type of transaction. We are in the process of determining the best system approach using the limited resources available.

Should you have any questions, please direct inquiries to: [EDICustomerSupport@azahcccs.gov](mailto:EDICustomerSupport@azahcccs.gov)

#### **Helpful links:**

- CORE Phase I and Phase II Operating Rules can be found at:  
[http://www.caqh.org/ORMandate\\_Eligibility.php](http://www.caqh.org/ORMandate_Eligibility.php)
- CORE FAQ: [http://www.caqh.org/CORE\\_faq.php](http://www.caqh.org/CORE_faq.php)
- CORE Education presentations: [http://www.caqh.org/CORE\\_Education\\_Events.php](http://www.caqh.org/CORE_Education_Events.php)
- CMS Operating Rules: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/HIPAA-Administrative-Simplification/Affordable-Care-Act/OperatingRulesforHIPAATransactions.html>
- AHCCCS Website: <http://www.azahcccs.gov/commercial/EDIresources/consortium.aspx>
- To join the AHCCCS 276/277 ListServ: <http://listserv.azahcccs.gov/cgi-bin/wa.exe?SUBED1=ISD-EDI-276-277-PARTNERS-L&A=1>
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