



## **Closing in on 120 Days and Counting Until January 2011 Target Testing for Version 5010**

Health care providers, health plans, clearinghouses and vendors should be finished with their internal testing of the Version 5010 HIPAA electronic health care transaction standards by the first recommended deadline for internal testing, **December 31, 2010**, and be ready to start testing with their external partners, beginning in **January 2011**, just about four months away.

Beginning January 2011, CMS' Medicare Fee-for-Service program will be ready to test Version 5010 transaction standards with its external partners, and other industry segments should be poised to follow suit. This recommended external testing start date will give the industry adequate time to ensure that their Version 5010 transactions are being conducted correctly, in preparation for mandatory Version 5010 compliance by **January 1, 2012**.

Don't fall behind on this important testing process. Make sure you communicate with your external partners about your Version 5010 testing plans. Incorporate your Version 5010 testing messages into your existing communication vehicles, including website links, customer service encounters, etc., to let everyone know when you will be ready to start testing Version 5010 transactions with them.

### **Keep Up to Date on Version 5010 and ICD-10.**

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*Version 5010 and ICD-10 are coming. **Will you be ready?***