



HIPAA UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2004

HIPAA! For more information including answers to frequently asked questions, educational materials, information on the law, regulations and enforcement go to our **Website** – <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2>.

Security Deadline –

Remember the deadline to become compliant with the HIPAA Security provisions is April 20, 2005-only six months away! The deadline for compliance for small health plans is April 20, 2006. Thirteen new HIPAA Security questions were recently added to the FAQ section of our website. Topics include: PHI Coverage; Compliance and Certification; Risk Analysis, Management and System Vulnerabilities; Physical Safeguards; Encryption and other technical safeguards; as well as information on NIST publications.

National HIPAA Roundtable

On November 10, 2004 at 2:00PM ET CMS will host the 17th National HIPAA Implementation Roundtable conference call. This call will focus on the HIPAA Security Standards. The call in number is **1-877-203-0044**. The conference identification number is **1347026**. No cost or registration required.

Events - 2004 CMS Great Lakes HIPAA Implementation Conference - Chicago: CMS Region V - Chicago is hosting a free one-day provider outreach event "Implementing the Next Wave of HIPAA Regulations: Practical Approaches to Security, NPI, Transactions and Privacy Compliance."

The Conference will be held Friday, December 3, 2004 at the Holiday Inn Select in Naperville, Illinois. For more information please go to the conference's website at <http://www.mche.us.com/cms04midwest.cfm> or view the attached program announcement.

National Provider Identifier (NPI)

The Final Rule adopting the HIPAA standard unique health identifier for health care providers was published in the Federal Register on January 23, 2004. Information on applying for NPIs will be available in mid 2005. All health care providers are eligible to be assigned NPIs; health care providers who are HIPAA covered entities must obtain and use NPIs. All HIPAA covered entities must use NPIs by the compliance dates (May 23, 2007 for all but small health plans; May 23, 2008 for small health plans). The Request for Proposals for the NPI Enumerator (RFP-CMS-2005-0004) can be found at:

<http://vsearch1.eps.gov/servlet/SearchServlet>

Enter "NPI" in the "Full Text Search" box and click on "Start Search." This takes you to the posting.

The Enumerator is the entity that will interface between the National Provider System and the health care industry, acting under the direction of CMS to perform a variety of functions.

Upcoming NPI Roundtable -

CMS will also host the National HIPAA NPI Roundtable conference call on December 15, 2004 at 2:00PM ET. The call in number is **1-877-203-0044** and the identification number is **1598382**. No cost or registration required.

CONTACT US WITH YOUR HIPAA QUESTIONS

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View HIPAA Presentations

Presentations can be viewed via your own computer at your own pace for FREE. To access these presentations, click on the following link: <http://www.eventstreams.com/cms/tm 001/>

You can choose any of the following presentations:

- 1) Message to Providers
- 2) HIPAA Basics
- 3) Provider Steps to Getting Paid
- 4) HIPAA Security
- 5) CMS Enforcement of TCS
- 6) 837 for Professional Claims
- 7) 837 for Institutional Claims

HIPAA Transaction and Code Set Complaint Information- ASET

The Administrative Simplification Enforcement Tool (ASET) is an electronic compliance tool to assist health care providers, payers, clearinghouses and others submit complaints related to the HIPAA electronic transactions and code sets. ASET enables individuals or organizations to file a complaint against an entity whose actions impact the ability of a transaction to be accepted and/or efficiently processed. If you feel you have a HIPAA transaction and/or code set complaint, go to the CMS **website** and link to the HIPAA Enforcement.

CMS HIPAA 101 Video and CD-Rom:

HIPAA Transactions and Code Sets videos are still available. Order online for only \$13.00 at <http://www.ntis.gov>.