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Good morning all,

New federal rules regarding the ASC X12N 5010 transactions (which implement on January 1, 2012) are changing the scope of the Medi-Cal program's companion guides (CGs). For 4010 transactions, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) maintained "all-inclusive" CGs that contained technical data, both national as well as proprietary information specific to Medi-Cal. When the new 5010 transaction standards are implemented, however, DHCS will be allowed to publish *only* the Medi-Cal program's proprietary information, and will not be allowed to reproduce the information published in the *Federal Implementation Guides Type 3 Technical Reports* (TR3s), due to new copyright restrictions.

Therefore, providers, clearinghouses and third party billing services that submit electronic transactions to Medi-Cal will have to purchase the appropriate TR3s and use them in conjunction with the proprietary information CGs produced by DHCS for use with the 5010 transactions. Those Companion Guides are:

- **837 Institutional & Professional Transactions**
- **835 Payment/Advice**
- **270/271 Eligibility Inquiry & Response Transaction**
- **270/271 Spend Down and Spend Down Reversals**
- **276/277 Claim Status Inquiry and Response Transaction**

In addition, technical specifications for NCPDP transactions will be updated as well. A notice will be sent when the Companion Guides and NCPDP Technical Specifications are available, which are under construction now.

For more information about the 5010 CGs and NCPDP Tech Specs, see the article titled [HIPAA 5010 Companion Guides Update](#) which was posted recently on the Medi-Cal website.

Providers can also access additional information from the following websites:

- [ASC X12 Intellectual Property Use](#)
- [Purchase TR3s Online](#)

Continue to watch for updates in the Newsroom and elsewhere on the Medi-Cal website. For questions, please email Medi-Cal5010@acs-inc.com.

Thank you for your participation in the Medi-Cal Program!

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