

## Get ready for

# HIPAA 5010

On January 16, 2009, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced final rules to update HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) standards. All HIPAA covered entities (health plans, health care clearinghouses, physicians, other health care professionals and facilities) must use the new standards when they electronically conduct administrative transactions, such as submitting claims, remittance advice, eligibility verification, claims status requests and responses and others.

According to the HHS final rule, the current Version (4010A1) of the standard transactions for Electronic Data Interchange will be replaced with Version 5010. The Version 5010 standards reflect industry changes that have occurred since the transactions were adopted and provide a framework for future business needs.

**Effective January 1, 2012, your office must be ready to submit electronic transactions using Version 5010 standards.**

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey is implementing Version 5010 and expects to be fully compliant with Version 5010 on January 1, 2012. In the coming months, you will be notified regarding our progress in compliance to HIPAA 5010 (i.e., companion documents, testing schedules, etc.).

You may access information about our efforts toward implementing Version 5010 on our website. Please visit [www.HorizonBlue.com/Providers](http://www.HorizonBlue.com/Providers) and:

- Mouse over *Forms and Vouchers* and click *Provider Reference Materials*.
- Under the *HIPAA* heading, click *HIPAA 5010*.

If you have questions, please e-mail [HIPAA@HorizonBlue.com](mailto:HIPAA@HorizonBlue.com) or contact your Network Specialist.



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