
Program Memorandum Carriers

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SUBJECT: Implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry/Response Transaction (270/271) Standard

The CMS plans to release instructions to carriers and durable medical equipment regional carriers that will explain in detail the requirements for implementing the HIPAA 270/271. These instructions should be released in approximately 60 days with a January 2003 implementation date. The requirements will be modeled after the intermediary instructions written in Transmittal A-02-013, Change Request 2009, and Transmittal A-02-029, Change Request 2111. The Common Working File will do the vast majority of the work for this implementation. The carrier maintainers will be participating in analysis and discussions during the October release time period.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is October 1, 2002.

The *implementation date* for this PM is October 1, 2002.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after October 1, 2003.

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