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## ***COMPLIANCE ALERT 11-27***

### ***CMS Announces 90-Day Period of Enforcement Discretion for Compliance with HIPAA 5010 Transaction Standards***

On November 17, 2011, CMS announced that it will not enforce compliance with the new HIPAA Version 5010 transaction standards for electronic health care claims until March 31, 2012. However, the new HIPAA standards still go into effect on the original date of January 1, 2012. These new 5010 standards improve electronic transaction and processing for various healthcare claims.

CMS cited the low compliance among some partners during the testing period due to a delay in software upgrades. Complaints will still be taken and evidence of "good faith effort" to comply with the new standards will be taken into account when responding to these complaints.

Source: <http://www.cms.gov/ICD10/Downloads/CMSStatement5010EnforcementDiscretion111711.pdf>