

IMPORTANT ENCOUNTER DATA INFORMATION

Upcoming Events

CMS will be hosting an Industry Update session on October 27, 2011 from 1-3pm ET. This session will be in the format of the previously held Industry Updates. MAOs and other entities will receive an email notification with all pertinent information including registration information in the coming weeks.

Testing and Schedule

EDS front-end testing was reinitiated on October 6, 2011 and plans may resume test file submission.

CMS will notify plans once they have passed Encounter Data Front End Testing. End-to-End testing, which is the next phase of the EDS testing process, is currently scheduled to begin on October 31, 2011.

CMS has notified the industry of the recent extension of the EDS end-to-end testing date to the Encounter Data implementation date of January 3, 2012. If there are any additional scheduling changes, CMS will notify the industry. Additionally, CMS will ensure that all pertinent information is afforded to the industry to assist in the implementation of Encounter Data.

Frequently Asked Question

Question:

For the 277 edits requirements, CMS has referred MAOs and other entities to the TR3 and Companion Guides when we have a specific question on what edits will be enforced. We feel it is imperative that CMS provide an updated companion guide for those edits that will not be enforced. Can we get a commitment from CMS that this will be provided?

Answer:

While the comprehensive list of EDS edits is not currently available, CMS is committed to providing that information in a future version of the Companion Guide. As we complete this analysis, CMS will provide updates to MAO and other entities. In the mean time, CMS encourages MAOs and other entities to proceed with the assumption that all the data elements are required.