



Quarterly Newsletter



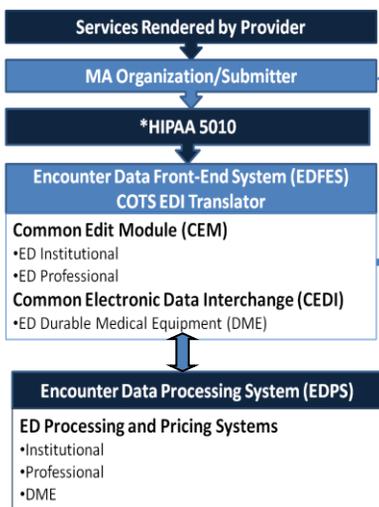
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## Role of Common Edits Module (CEM) in Collection of Encounter Data

The Medicare Advantage Organizations will submit Encounter Data to CMS that will be edited using the Common Edits Module (CEM). In preparation, plans should program their systems to receive data in the acceptable Washington Publishing Technical Report (TR3) 5010 X12 format. Download reference information on the 5010 rules and technical reporting formats at <http://www.wpc-edi.com/content/view/817/1>.



Plans may download CEM edits at [http://www.cms.gov/MFFS5010D0/20\\_TechnicalDocumentation.asp](http://www.cms.gov/MFFS5010D0/20_TechnicalDocumentation.asp). The MAO or Third Party Submitter sends the HIPAA 5010 compliant data to the Encounter Data Front-End System (EDFES) to process through the Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Translator and then to either the Common Edits Module (CEM) or the Common Electronic Data Interchange (CEDI) Module. The type of service determines the appropriate edits module utilized. By March 30, 2011, MAOs will begin front-end processing

testing for the COTS EDI Translator and the Encounter Data CEM for both Institutional (837-I) and Professional (837-P) services.

## INDUSTRY UPDATES

The purpose of the Industry Update sessions is to provide an opportunity for Health Plans, Submitters, Industry Association Representatives, and other interested parties to obtain the most current information from CMS pertaining to Risk Adjustment, Data Validation, and Encounter Data.



Industry Updates 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., ET
<b>Wednesday, January 19, 2011</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 16, 2011</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 11, 2011</b>

To register for the Industry Update sessions, please go to [www.tarsc.info](http://www.tarsc.info).



## Top Ten Requirements to Prepare for Collection of Encounter Data

- MA Organizations must enter into an EDI Agreement with the Customer Service and Support Center (CSSC).
- MA Organizations will establish connectivity through Multi Protocol Label Switching.
- MA Organizations will submit only adjudicated claims.
- MA Organizations are required to submit data monthly.
- MA Organizations must submit data within 12 months of the date of service.
- MA Organizations will follow HIPAA 5010 as the industry standard.
- Encounter Data Systems will only collect HIPAA compliant 5010 data-837-I, 837-P.
- MA Organizations will submit all data from all types of service.
- MA Organizations must submit data by 8 p.m., EST for that day.
- MA Organizations will test front-end and processing, in phases, from March 2011 through June 2011.

### HAVE QUESTIONS?

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