

## CMS Resources

- **Website** – <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/> - Answers to Frequently Asked Questions, links to other HIPAA sites, and information on the law, regulations, and enforcement are located here. We are constantly posting new information so please be sure to check back often!
- **Electronic Submission of Medicare Claims Interim Final Rule** - The Interim Final Rule for Electronic Submission of Medicare Claims was published in the Federal Register on August 15, 2003. This interim final rule implements the statutory requirement found in the Administrative Simplification Compliance Act (ASCA). ASCA requires all claims (with some limited exceptions) sent to the Medicare Program be submitted electronically starting October 16, 2003. The Rule can be accessed at: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-20955.pdf>
- **CMS Guidance on Compliance with HIPAA Transactions and Code Sets** – This brief document outlines CMS' approach to enforcement of HIPAA's electronic transactions and code sets on and after 10/16/03. This document can be found at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/guidance-final.pdf>
- **List of Questions to ask your Vendor** – Use this list to help you understand what questions you should be asking your vendors, clearinghouses, or third party billers to help ensure your transactions are conducted according to HIPAA standards on or after October 16, 2003. Visit the following link to download the list for free: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/Questionsforproviderstoaskvendors.pdf>
- **FREE HIPAA Information Series for Providers** – This series of ten short papers gets straight to the point describing HIPAA and what it means to providers and what is needed to prepare for the electronic transactions and code sets requirements for October 16, 2003. Available on the website in English and Spanish at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/education/infoseri/>
- **FREE Listserves** – Both listserves are operated by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
  - **Regulations** - <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/regulations/lsnotify.asp> - Sign up to receive notification when proposed or final rules on HIPAA have been published in the Federal Register (The Federal Register is the place where the government, upon passing a law, tells the public how the law will be implemented).
  - **Outreach** – <http://list.nih.gov/archives/hipaa-outreach-l.html> - Sign up here to receive free notices on HIPAA announcements, new tools and educational material, and related information.
- **Video** – Now Available! CMS' HIPAA 101 Video and CD-ROM are packed with tips for preparing your office for HIPAA. Order yours now for only \$13 at [www.NTIS.gov](http://www.NTIS.gov) (search under "HIPAA" and it is the first item that comes up).
- **Medicare free / low cost billing software** – <http://cms.hhs.gov/providers/edi/> - If you bill Medicare, there is software available to you free or for a small charge. This software is designed only for Medicare claims. Check the above link for the appropriate contact in your state for more information.
- **CMS Medicaid HIPAA web address** - <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/hipaa/adminsim/>

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## Upcoming CMS HIPAA Events

- **FREE HIPAA Roundtable Conference Call** - A good source of information and a forum to get answers to your questions on HIPAA Administrative Simplification. Be sure to keep checking our website for the next scheduled call. If you weren't able to make a past call please note that we post the transcripts at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/events/default.asp#roundtable>.

### FREE CMS Webcast Training

CMS' Southern Consortium has developed a series of HIPAA presentations. Visit the below site to get started. Easy to access at your own computer and at your own pace!

[http://www.eventstreams.com/cms/tm\\_001/](http://www.eventstreams.com/cms/tm_001/)

### No Internet Access? No Problem.

Looking for information on HIPAA but don't have Internet access? Our **FREE fax back service** is a great way to get around that. Several documents are available by calling **800-874-5894**. Be sure to have your fax number ready when you call.

## Contacts for CMS

- **CMS E-Mail box** – [askhipaa@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:askhipaa@cms.hhs.gov). Send HIPAA administrative simplification questions here.
- **CMS HIPAA Hotline** –1-866-282-0659 –This hotline has been established to help answer your HIPAA administrative simplification questions.
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## Other HIPAA Resources Outside CMS

- **Privacy** – The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' Office for Civil Rights (OCR) oversees privacy standards.
  - Visit OCR Website - <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/>
  - OCR Hotline - 1-866-627-7748
- **WEDI SNIP** - WEDI, the Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange, is an organization working to foster widespread support for the adoption of electronic commerce within healthcare and SNIP is a collaborative healthcare industry-wide process resulting in the implementation of standards and furthering the development and implementation of future standards. This website contains various resources on HIPAA administrative simplification. Visit <http://www.wedi.org/snip/> for more information.
  - Find out if your state has a local WEDI SNIP affiliate – Go to <http://www.wedi.org/snip/public/articles/index%7E8.htm>
  - A resource for information on health plan electronic transaction changes – Go to <http://www.wedi.org/snip/CAQHIMPTOOLS/>
- **HIPAA Toolkit** – *HIPAA Transactions and Code Sets Toolkit* commissioned by Blue Cross Blue Shield Association.
  - <http://news.bcbs.com/relatives/20625.pdf>