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TO: All Providers Participating in the NE Medicaid Program

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RE: **HIPAA 5010 Electronic Transactions
Validation of Provider Information**

PLEASE SHARE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE, CREDENTIALING AND BILLING STAFF.

Nebraska Medicaid will be implementing the next version of the standard electronic transactions (X12 HIPAA Version 5010) within the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), the automated system that supports claims payment. The changes brought about by the new version affect both paper and electronic transactions and contain additional data requirements and improvements to allow for more efficient submission and processing of electronic transactions.

The Medicaid Program must gather some additional information from each billing provider in order to correctly process your claims after January 1, 2012. Between December, 2010 and June 2011, each Medicaid billing provider will be sent a Validation and Agreement Form that will list provider agreement information currently on file. Each provider will be asked to validate or make any changes to the information and provide additional information, including adding Physician Assistants. A National Provider Identifier (NPI), taxonomy code and nine-digit zip code will be collected for each billing provider number and an NPI for each member of a group practice. To be ready, be sure that NPIs have been obtained, as appropriate. Visit <https://www.cms.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/> for NPI and taxonomy information. Updates will be added to www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/provhome.htm regarding the provider validation process, testing and implementation of X12 HIPAA 5010 transactions, 5010 Companion Guides, NE Medicaid rules and regulation changes.

Providers and their staff should work with their billing service, clearinghouse, software vendor, or internal IT department to ensure they are ready for the HIPAA 5010 changes. For information regarding the 5010 transactions, visit <https://www.cms.gov/home/regsguidance.asp>.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Pat Shefferd at Pat.Shefferd@Nebraska.gov or (402) 471-9297.