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TO: All Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program
All Medicaid EDI Trading Partners

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RE: Federal Administrative Simplification (AS) Requirements for HIPAA
Electronic Transactions: Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and
Electronic Remittance Advice (835)

Please share this information with administrative, billing, IT staff and trading partners.

This Provider Bulletin provides technical information for all providers enrolled in Nebraska Medicaid who render service to recipients in the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system.

Providers participating in the Nebraska managed care delivery system should address EFT/ERA questions directly to the applicable managed care organization (MCO).

All HIPAA covered entities, including providers, federal clearinghouses and payers, are required to comply with the requirements to implement the CORE Phase III Operating Rules for two HIPAA transactions:

- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- Remittance Advice (835)

If you are not familiar with the CORE Phase III Operating Rules, they are available at no charge from the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange® (CORE) Web site at: http://www.caqh.org/ORMandate_EFT.php.

As previously communicated, Nebraska Medicaid's AS-EFT/ERA Project team has been working toward incorporating these changes in two phases. The first phase is complete. It was implemented June 18, 2014, incorporated the Uniform Use of Claims Adjustment Reason Codes (CARC) and Remittance Advice Remark Codes (RARC) that are returned on the 835; the option for dual delivery of remittance advices, infrastructure changes to the EFT and ERA Enrollment data; and, the reassociation of EFT and ERA using the NACHA CCD+ standard for EFT delivery.

Phase 2 (Operating Rule 350 Connectivity) includes the following changes.

- Connectivity methods for the 835 Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) will include the addition of HTTP/S.
- Trading Partners will have the option to receive the 835 batch transaction through HTTP/S, as well as the current SFTP connectivity method.
- Companion Guides follow the format/flow as defined by the CORE template and are posted on the EDI Submission Requirements (5010) web page: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/edireq-5010.aspx>.
- A static IP address will be required by Trading Partners for each machine the Trading Partner uses for HTTP/S connectivity.

The implementation date for this phase is May 18, 2015.

NOTE:

- There will be **no change** required for the current **batch** retrieval of the 835 transaction through SFTP or for the processing of other HIPAA X12 transactions.
- **IMPORTANT:** Proprietary reports such as the Refund Report will not be available via HTTP/S. When requesting HTTP/S connectivity for the 835 transaction, Trading Partners will be (or will remain) enrolled for the 835 via SFTP in order to access the necessary proprietary reports.

Reference: See [CORE Operating Rules](#) for details on Phase III CORE Rules.

Questions?

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please submit them to DHHS.ACAEDIAdminSimp@nebraska.gov or call the EDI Help Desk at 866-498-4357 or 402-471-9461.