

# CMS HIPAA UPDATE

**Moving Towards Compliance**  
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## **Avoid Disruptions in your Cash Flow.....**

Have you prepared a contingency plan? If not, consider doing so now so as to avoid any possible disruptions in cash flow. And, contact your payers to test your HIPAA transactions. Less than a month remains until the compliance date of 10/16/03!

### **New HIPAA Resources!**

CMS' Southern Consortium's Achieving Compliance Together (ACT) Team has developed a series of HIPAA presentations that can be viewed via your own computer at your own pace for FREE. The webcast presentations come complete with downloadable slides and other tools. To access these presentations, simply click on the following link:

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

You can choose any of the following presentations:

- 1) Message to Providers
- 2) HIPAA Basics
- 3) Provider Steps to Getting Paid
- 4) HIPAA Security
- 5) **CMS Enforcement of T&CS \*\*NEW\*\***
- 6) **837 for Professional Claims \*\*NEW\*\***
- 7) **837 for Institutional Claims (Coming Soon)**

### **HIPAA Roundtable!**

- **September 25, 2003**
- **2:00 – 3:30 PM EST**
- Call in number is **1-877-381-6315**
- Conference ID # is **1596442**

### **FREE Tools**

- [www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2)
- Call us at **866-282-0659**
- E-mail us at [askhipaa@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:askhipaa@cms.hhs.gov)

### **Now Available!**

CMS' HIPAA 101 **Video** and **CD-ROM** are packed with tips for preparing your office for HIPAA. Order yours now for only \$13.00 at [www.NTIS.gov](http://www.NTIS.gov).

### **Preparing for Compliance with October 16, 2003**

CMS is committed to helping you prepare for compliance with the October 16, 2003 HIPAA Electronic Transactions and Code Sets Deadline. We have numerous tools available on our website (see above box) which can be accessed for free, including answers to your frequently asked questions, educational materials, latest news, roundtable transcripts, fax back, and links to



regulations. If you need further assistance we have a toll-free hotline in place and an e-mail address where you can seek technical assistance.

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