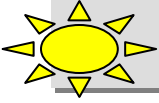


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HIPAA! For more information including answers to frequently asked questions (we have **added four new** questions in April), educational materials, information on the law, regulations, and enforcement go to our **Website** – <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2>.

National HIPAA Roundtable - On May 12, 2004 CMS will host the first national HIPAA roundtable of 2004. Please visit our website for more information – <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2/events/default.asp - roundtable>.

Security Deadline – Remember the deadline to become compliant with the HIPAA Security provisions is April 21, 2005 (less than a year away!) The deadline for compliance for small health plans is April 21, 2006. Stay tuned for additional security information.

CMS HIPAA 101 Video and CD-Rom is available and packed with tips for preparing your office for HIPAA. Order yours now for only \$13.00 at <http://www.ntis.gov>.

National Provider Identifier (NPI)

The Final Rule adopting the HIPAA standard unique health identifier for health care providers was published in the Federal Register on January 23, 2004. Health care providers can begin applying for NPIs on the effective date of the final rule, which is May 23, 2005. All health care providers are eligible to be assigned NPIs; health care providers who are covered entities must obtain and use NPIs. All HIPAA covered entities must use NPIs by the compliance dates (May 23, 2007 for all but small health plans; May 23, 2008 for small health plans).

HIPAA Resources!

Access a series of HIPAA presentations that can be viewed via your own computer at your own pace for FREE. To access these presentations, click on the following link: 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
- 6) 837 for Professional
- 7) 837 for Institutional Claims

FREE Tools

Call the HIPAA Hotline at **866-282-0659**
HIPAA FAX toll free # 877-326-1165
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E-mail us at askhipaa@cms.hhs.gov

HIPAA Transaction and Code Set Complaint Information- ASET

The Administrative Simplification Enforcement Tool is an electronic compliance tool provided by the OHS to assist health care providers, payers, clearinghouses and others to submit complaints related to the HIPAA electronic transactions and code sets. This electronic tool enables individuals or organizations to fill out a complaint against an entity whose actions impact the ability of a transaction to be accepted and/or efficiently processed. If you feel you have a HIPAA transaction and/or code set complaint, go to the **website** above and link to the HIPAA Enforcement.