



CMS HIPAA UPDATE

Moving Towards Compliance

August, 2003

Testing – Testing 1-2-3? Are you sure you will be able to send and receive HIPAA-compliant electronic transactions after the October 16, 2003 deadline? Fewer than 70 days remain! Will you be ready?

Guidance on Compliance with HIPAA Transactions and Code Sets After the October 16, 2003 Implementation Deadline. Available now on our website: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2>

HIPAA Resources!

New Resources on our website:

- “Questions to ask Vendors, TPAs or Clearinghouses
- “Steps Toward HIPAA Compliance”

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FREE Listserve- Outreach-
<http://list.nih.gov/archives/hipaa-outreach-1.html>- Sign up here to receive free notices on HIPAA announcements, new tools and educational material, and related information.
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HIPAA Roundtable!

- **August 22, 2003- 2:00 – 3:30 PM EST**
- Call in number is **1-877-381-6315**
- Conference ID # is **1596431**

FREE CMS Fax Back Service! Looking for information on HIPAA but don't have Internet access? Several documents are available by calling 800-874-5894. Have your fax number ready when you call.
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FREE Webcast on HIPAA – CMS' Southern Consortium are sponsoring a free webcast for health care providers. You can choose any of the following presentations:

- HIPAA Message to Providers from the Southern Consortium Administrator
 - HIPAA Basics
 - Provider Steps to Getting Paid under HIPAA
 - *New!* HIPAA Security
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For more information on HIPAA go to www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa/hipaa2

Concerns about Medicare contractors or Medicaid State Agencies and their readiness? Send your question to: askhipaa@cms.hhs.gov