



## BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama

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### Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama Readiness Plan for Modifications to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

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#### Adoption of ANSI ASC X12 Version 5010 for HIPAA Identified Transactions

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama has conducted an extensive review of our current systems and procedures to identify the changes that will be necessary to ensure our compliance with the **Health Insurance Reform; Modifications to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA); Final Rules**. The adoption of X12 Version 5010 for HIPAA Transactions and Code Sets (TCS) is mandatory and must be implemented no later than January 1, 2012. Our efforts have been managed by a full time internal project management team and implemented by key employees who are required to dedicate a significant portion of their time to the project. Because of the strong support of senior management and its decision to dedicate substantial resources to our compliance, we plan to be in full compliance prior to January 1, 2012. The plan timeline is summarized into project milestones shown in Diagram 1.

#### General Statements

1. Blue Cross will test using approved Errata versions. List of transactions on page 2.
2. Blue Cross will replace the proprietary Electronic Report File (ERF) used to acknowledge the receipt of claims with the ANSI ASC X12N 277 Health Care Claim Acknowledgement (HCCA) transaction for 5010 electronic claim submissions. The proprietary ERF will continue to be created for 4010A1 submissions until December 31, 2011. The HCCA 277 will not be created for 4010A1 submissions.
3. A Companion Guide with testing procedures for all batch transactions will be available October 2010:
  - a. Blue Cross will continue to use the same method of transmission/connectivity for version 5010 files. Please note the file naming convention followed by Blue Cross will reflect the new version.
  - b. Blue Cross will not have a separate testing environment for 5010. The filename and the ISA12 and ST03 data elements will indicate the version and whether it is a test or a production file.
  - c. At this time, Blue Cross does not plan on requiring reenrollment for existing submitters/providers.
  - d. EDI Services Representatives will work closely with their assigned Vendors to coordinate the testing, approval process and transition of their clients to production 5010.  
Contact your EDI Representative to establish your test schedule and the clients you will use during this phase. It is recommended that testing should be performed with at least one client for each line-of-business (Dental, Institutional and Professional) and each type of specialty.
4. A Companion Guide with testing procedures for all real-time transactions will be available May 2011.
5. During year 2011 Blue Cross will support both 4010A1 and 5010 formats. Once a vendor has been approved for 5010 production (by transaction), Blue Cross will require compliant 5010 transactions from new EDI clients they enroll.

#### Washington Publishing Company Implementation Guides

1. HIPAA Implementation guides for Version 5010 are called TR3s (Technical Type Report 3s) and are available for purchase on the Washington Publishing Company's website at:  
<http://www.wpc-edi.com/content/view/817/1>

**HIPAA version 5010 transactions and applicable Errata:**

270/271	005010X279A1	Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response
276/277	005010X212	Health Care Claim Status Request and Response
278	005010X217	Services Review Request for Review/Response
835	005010X221A1	Health Care Claims Payment/Advice
837P	005010X222A1	Health Care Claim: Professional
837I	005010X223A2	Health Care Claim: Institutional
837D	005010X224A2	Health Care Claim: Dental

2. Acknowledgement TR3 documents are located on the WPC website at: <http://www.wpc-edi.com/content/view/1001/1/>

**Acknowledgement transactions Blue Cross will adopt for version 5010:**

999	005010X231A1	Implementation Acknowledgment for Health Care Insurance
277CA	005010X214	Health Care Claims Acknowledgment

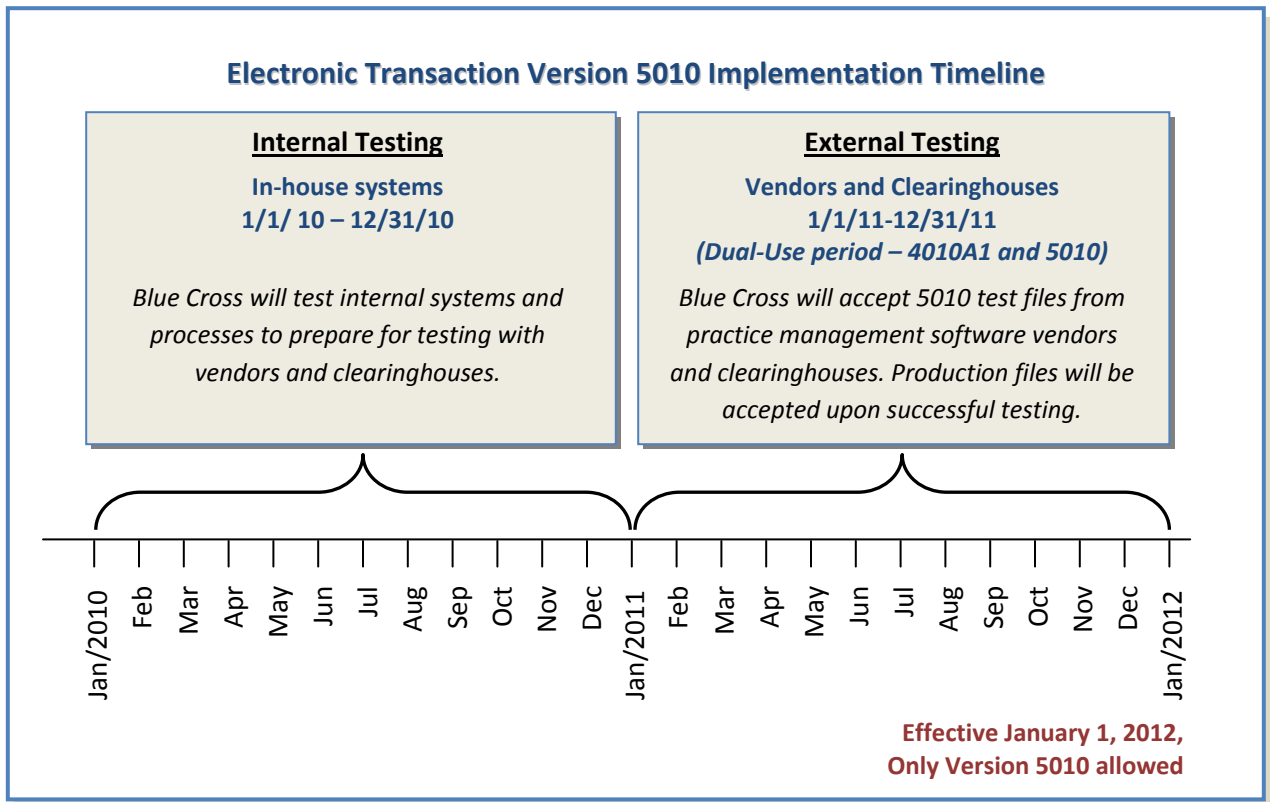
**Final Rule Legislation**

The Updates to Electronic Transactions (Version 5010) Final Rule is located at:

<http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaViewRule?ruleID=290717>

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**Diagram 1.**