

## Getting Started with HIPAA TCS 835 Testing (Automated Testing Process)

- Notify your Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Services Representative of your intention to begin testing. If you do not have a contact name and number, please telephone 205-220-2533 or email [EDIVendortesting@bcbsal.org](mailto:EDIVendortesting@bcbsal.org).
- Contact your EDI Services Representative and submit a list of the provider numbers to be used during testing and to obtain directory information if you do not already have one in place from 837 testing.

You may also email this information if you prefer to [EDIVendorTesting@bcbsal.org](mailto:EDIVendorTesting@bcbsal.org). Your EDI Services Representative will notify you when testing setup is completed as well as your directory information within 2 business days.

- Review testing procedures provided in the document named *ANSI ASC X12N 835 Test Retrieval* located on our web site:  
<https://www.bcbsal.org/providers/vendors/hipaaTesting.cfm>
- Private Business remittance transactions are created once weekly and are available each Monday for that week's Thursday payroll date. These transactions are retained in your FTP directory for 30 days.
- Once testing has been completed, vendors may begin transitioning providers to their HIPAA compliant software.
  - Utilize the *EDI Enrollment Request Form for New Electronic Submitters* to enroll new providers for EDI transaction use.  
Your request must also include an *EDI Enrollment Form for Providers* if the provider you are enrolling does not already have an electronic relationship with Blue Cross.

OR

Utilize the *EDI Enrollment Request Form for Existing Electronic Submitters* to enroll existing providers for additional EDI transactions.

- All Forms can be downloaded from the Forms page on our web site:  
**<https://www.bcbsal.org/providers/forms.cfm>**  
*Scroll down to the Electronic Data Interchange section for EDI forms.*

Note: If you have not received notification for acceptance of your paperwork within 7-10 business days, contact your EDI Representative

**Please contact your Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Representative for any additional questions not answered in this document.**