

## EBMS Readiness

Along with providing excellent service, EBMS, is committed to compliance and support of the new HIPAA 5010 format, ICD-10 codes and PPACA (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Our implementation strategy for HIPAA 5010 is under way, and we are working with our clearinghouse (Health-e-Web, Inc.) to make sure that all incoming and outgoing electronic transactions will meet the required deadlines.

EBMS is developing a multi-year strategy for adopting ICD-10 diagnosis coding requirements. We are establishing a cross-functional steering team that will research issues, assess systems, review business processes, and educate our staff and its affiliates about implementation procedures.

According to PPACA regulations there are new content items needed to sufficiently identify a claim. In an effort to meet these requirements, EBMS is developing a new Explanation of Benefits (EOB) for non-grandfathered groups to be implemented this year, 2011.

Some critical dates to keep in mind are:

- December 31, 2011: Health-e-Web will accept and transmit both standards (4010A1 and 5010) as permitted by the final rule until that date.
- January 1, 2012: Deadline for 5010 format to perform HIPAA transactions.
- October 1, 2013: ICD-10 mandate for new codes.

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