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## Version 5010 and ICD-10 They're coming. Will you be ready?

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### Questions to Ask Your Vendor for the Version 5010 Upgrade

The compliance deadline to upgrade to Version 5010 from Version 4010/4010A was **January 1, 2012**. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced an enforcement discretion period for 90 days until **March 31, 2012**, during which it would not initiate enforcement action with respect to any HIPAA-covered entity that is non-compliant with the ASC X12 Version 5010 (Version 5010), NCPDP Telecom D.0 (NCPDP D.0) and NCPDP Medicaid Subrogation 3.0 (NCPDP 3.0) standards. However, you should continue to upgrade your systems as promptly as possible in order to meet this deadline.

In order to ensure a smooth upgrade prior to April, you will need to complete both phase I internal and phase II external testing of Version 5010 transactions. As part of your external testing, you will need to conduct tests with outside trading partners, which include vendors, clearinghouses, billing services, and payers. Your vendor is a critical partner in achieving Version 5010 compliance.

You should take the following steps to evaluate your vendor and vendor products to ensure a timely Version 5010 upgrade:

- Establish a tracking system and timeline for milestones
- Review existing and new contractual obligations with vendors
- Coordinate vendor capabilities with your practice needs and expectations
- Evaluate ease of use of vendor products

You might want to also ask your vendor some of the following questions about the Version 5010 upgrade to help assess your readiness for this upgrade:

1. Have they upgraded their systems to meet Version 5010 standards?
2. If they have not yet upgraded, when will they do so?
3. What will be the cost for each upgrade?
4. What versions of their software will be upgraded, and will these upgrades require any additional hardware upgrades?
5. How often will updates occur and what is the delivery method?

6. How are issues logged and how will they be addressed?
7. Is there training available for new system changes and/or functionalities?

Please visit the CMS ICD-10 website for additional information and resources about the [Version 5010](#) upgrade.

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