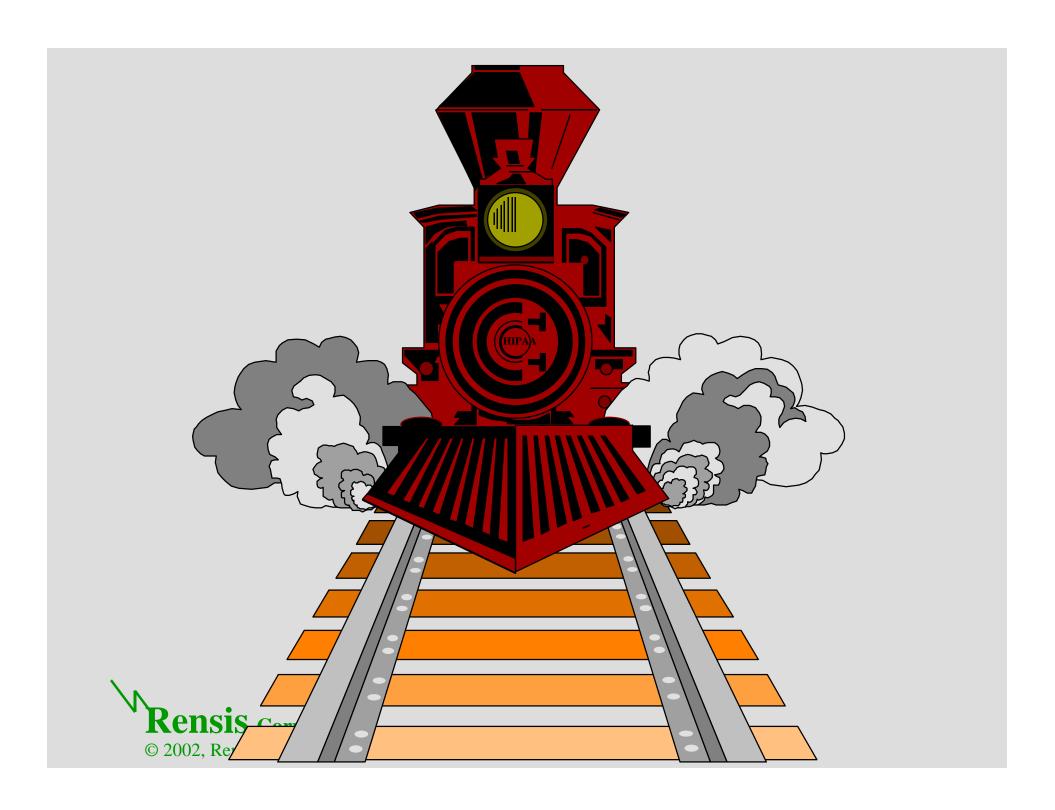
HIPAA Transactions and Code Sets

Addenda, Attachments, Annual Updates, and ASCA

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HIPAA Electronic Transactions

- Mandatory Federal Regulations ["Rules"]
 which promulgate
- Voluntarily adopted X12N (and other)
 Implementation Guides
 a.k.a. "HIPAA Standards"

 which define precise uses of
- Voluntarily adopted X12 (ANSI) Standards



- X12N finalizes and proposes new version of Implementation Guides
- Designated Standards Maintenance Organizations (**DSMO**) Steering Committee approves new version
- National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) recommends new version

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) prepare new rule promulgating new version
- Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) clears new rule
- Other affected federal agencies (e.g., Office of Management and Budget) approve new rule

- New rule is published in the Federal Register as a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)
- Public comment period occurs -- normally 60 days
- CMS, with any needed support from DSMO Steering Committee or X12N, analyzes comments received

- Based on received comments, X12N updates new version of Implementation Guides
- DSMO Steering Committee approves updated new version
- NCVHS recommends updated new version

- CMS updates new rule promulgating updated new version
- DHHS clears updated new rule
- Other affected federal agencies approve updated new rule

- Updated new rule is published in the Federal Register as a Final Rule
 - ° Specifies explicit Adoption Date (A)
 - ° Specifies explicit Compliance Date (C)
- For an existing HIPAA standard, any Adoption Date must be at least 12 months following any previous Adoption Date

A Adoption Date occurs following the end of mandatory Congressional Review period -normally 60 days

^c Compliance Date

- New Standards -- 24 months after adoption date; small health plans get 36 months
- Modified Standards -- established within the Final Rule, but must be at least 180 days after Adoption Date

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ASCA Nomenclature

Administrative Simplification Compliance Act (of 2001)

a.k.a. Public Law 107-105

a.k.a. H. R. 3323

Section 2: Extension of Deadline for Covered Entities Submitting Compliance Plans





Effects of ASCA

Transactions and Code Sets	Most <u>Folks</u>	Small <u>Plans</u>
Compliance Dates Original Compliance Dates Extended	10/16/2002 10/16/2002	10/16/2003 10/16/2003
Enforcement Dates Original Enforcement Dates Extended	10/16/2002 10/16/2003	10/16/2003 10/16/2003
Plan Published Original Plan Published Extended	none 10/16/2002	none 10/16/2002
Testing Start Dates Original Testing Start Dates Extended	none 4/16/2003	none 4/16/2003

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Addenda Plan

established February 2001

- Modify initial Implementation Guides only as needed to permit compliance
- Publish Final Rule adopting Addenda in Federal Register prior to 20 March 2002
 so that Compliance Date would be no later than 16 October 2002





Addenda Status

Process Step	<u>Status</u>
X12N: Addenda Finalized and Proposed	
DSMO: Addenda Approved	
NCVHS: Addenda Recommended	
CMS: New Rule Prepared	V
DHHS: New Rule Cleared	
Federal Agencies: New Rule Approved	
Federal Register: NPRM Published	
Public Comment Period (60, or 30?, days)	
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Compliance Situation

- Initial Implementation Guides and Code Sets must be followed by 10/16/2002
- Addenda and modified Code Sets can not be adopted in time to alter 10/16/2002 compliance date for initial Implementation Guides and Code Sets
- ASCA extension pragmatically shifts compliance date to 16 October 2003



Compliance Situation

- Nobody can accurately predict when the Addenda and modified Code Sets
 - ° will be adopted, nor
 - ° how long their rule-making process will take
- Guesstimates for the Addenda and modified Code Sets adoption (i.e., rulemaking) process range from 7-9 to over 12 months after their NPRM's are published



Compliance Situation

- Everybody hopes the Addenda and modified Code Sets will be adopted
 - in time to be used for ASCA-specified testing:16 April 2003, or
 - definitely in time to be followed for ASCA extended compliance date:
 16 October 2003





Addenda Drop Dead Dates

	ASCA <u>Testing</u>	ASCA Compliance
ASCA Dates (180 day implementation minimum)	4/16/2003	10/16/2003
Addenda Adoption (30 day Congressional Review*)	10/18/2002	4/19/2003
Final Rule Publication (150 day comment processing**)	9/18/2002	3/20/2003
End NPRM Comment Period (30 day comment period*)	4/21/2002	10/21/2002
NPRM Publication	3/22/2002	9/21/2002



^{*} These periods could revert to usual 60 days

^{**} Optimistic *unofficial* guesstimate

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- For an existing HIPAA standard, any Adoption Date must be at least 12 months following any previous Adoption Date
- Previous Adoption Date will likely be for the Addenda and modified Code Sets
- Rule-making steps (e.g., Implementation Guide preparation, NPRM processing, Final Rule publication) prior to Adoption Date may be performed at any time

X12N Activities

- Work on version 004050 Implementation Guides is underway
- Present plan is to submit all version 004050 Implementation Guides together for next round of HIPAA: "HIPAA-2"
- Earliest possible availability for all 004050 Implementation Guides is October, 2002; though this could slide until February, 2003





HIPAA-2 Implementation Guides

	ASCA <u>Testing</u>	ASCA Compliance
Addenda Adoption + 12 months (60 day Congressional Review)	10/18/2003	4/19/2004
Final Rule Publication (150 day comment processing**)	8/19/2003	2/20/2004
End NPRM Comment Period (60 day comment period)	3/22/2003	9/23/2003
NPRM Publication	1/21/2003	7/25/2003

Version 004050 Guides Ready? Jan. 2003 May 2003 (X12N finalized and proposed, DSMO approved, NCVHS recommended)



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Claims Attachments

- Claims Attachments is a new standard and, following adoption, covered entities will have 24 months [36 months for small health plans] to comply
- Coordinated X12N and Health Level Seven (HL7) Implementation Guides and draft NPRM have been ready since 1999

X12N <u>www.wpc-edi.com/hipaa</u>

HL7 <u>WWW.hl7.orq</u> {Attachments Special Interest Group}



Claims Attachment Status

Process Step	<u>Status</u>
X12N and HL7: Implementation Guides Ready	
CMS: First Rule Prepared	
DHHS: First Rule Cleared	
Federal Agencies: First Rule Approved	
Federal Register: NPRM Published	
Public Comment Period (60 days)	
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Comments?

Questions?

Smart Remarks?





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