



Ready for HIPAA Changes?

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- Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI)
 - Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH)
- ➡ *Comprised of nearly 60 member health plans and networks that provide and administer healthcare coverage for more than 100 million Americans*

Ready for HIPAA Changes?

- The Issues:
 - X12N and NCPDP transactions
 - *Providers and clearinghouses need to know when health plans will be ready to test and go into production*
 - Standard approach to Companion Guides
 - *Health plans need an efficient way to communicate readiness*

Ready for HIPAA Changes?

- The Solution:
 - Publish health plan transactions test and production data on one, free Web site
 - www.wedi.org/snip/caqhimpltools
 - *Transaction Implementation Timeline*
 - *Companion Guide Template*
 - Voluntary health plan participation
 - Industry support—Seeking support from trade associations such as BCBSA



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The Site

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The screenshot shows the WEDI/CAQH website. The top navigation bar includes links for WEDI, SNIP, WEDI HOME, SNIP HOME, SEARCH, CONTACT, and SITE. A sidebar on the left lists various resources: ABOUT SNIP, WHAT'S NEW, CALENDAR OF EVENTS, WORKGROUPS & LISTSERVS, REGIONAL SNIP EFFORTS, SNIP WORK PRODUCTS, OTHER HIPAA RESOURCES, DISCUSSION FORUM, and WHAT IS HIPAA?. The main content area features the CAQH logo and a welcome message. It provides information about the joint initiative, details on HIPAA Transactions Testing and Implementation Schedule, and a Best Practice Companion Guide. A list of other important links is provided at the bottom.

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CAQH COUNCIL FOR AFFORDABLE QUALITY HEALTHCARE

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Welcome to the WEDI / CAQH joint initiative website.

The Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) and the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) have joined forces to develop tools to assist healthcare organizations in their implementation of the X12N HIPAA transactions. Both initiatives were developed with input from multiple health plans, system vendors, provider representatives and healthcare / HIPAA industry experts.

HIPAA Transactions Testing and Implementation Schedule

The CAQH/WEDI HIPAA Transactions Testing and Implementation Schedule initiative was designed to facilitate industry-wide collaboration on the communication of HIPAA X12N and NCPDP Standards testing and production schedules. Plans can complete the standard template developed by CAQH and WEDI in order to communicate their plan-specific HIPAA X12N transactions and NCPDP Standards testing and production schedules on a central website. Ultimately, CAQH and WEDI hope this centralized site will assist in easing potential provider confusion related to HIPAA-driven changes in payer-provider interaction.

Any plan can participate at no cost and it takes only a few minutes to download the template. For instructions about how to participate, please click here "[Testing and Implementation Timeline](#)". If you have questions please contact Laura Strombotne at 202-861-1493, or lstrombotne@caqh.org between the hours of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM EDT.

"Best Practice" Companion Guide

As a supplement to the X12N Implementation Guide, many plans are creating a "companion guide" that describes the specifics of how they will implement the HIPAA transactions. Currently, different plans are creating companion guides that vary in format and structure. The CAQH/WEDI "Best Practice" template provides guidelines on companion guide structure and topical areas plans should address, with the understanding that the content of a companion guide needs to be plan-specific.

All or part of the CAQH/WEDI "Best Practice" Companion Guide template can be used by any interested health plan. For instructions about how to download the template, please click here "[Best Practice Companion Guide](#)". If you have questions please contact Laura Strombotne at 202-861-1493, or lstrombotne@caqh.org between the hours of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM EST.

Other Important Links Include:

- WEDI HIPAA Glossary, http://www.wedi.org/snip/public/articles/hipaa_glossary.pdf
- CAQH website, www.caqh.org
- Washington Publishing Company (WPC), <http://www.wpc-edl.com/>
- National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP), www.ncdp.org

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Transaction Implementation Timeline

- Health plans can:
 - Post their timelines for testing and implementation
- So...
- Providers/clearinghouses can:
 - View timelines for multiple plans, on one site, for free of charge

A green arrow pointing to the right, highlighting the result of the timeline tool.

Result: Timeline supports planning and coordination of testing schedules for providers/clearinghouses



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CAQH/WEDI Transactions Testing and Implementation Schedule Initiative CONSOLIDATED HIPAA TRANSACTIONS SCHEDULES LAST UPDATED - 2/24/2003

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Companion Guide Template

- What is the Companion Guide?
 - *A supplement to the X12N Implementation Guide used to reflect a payer's selected options and data requirements for HIPAA-AS transactions*

Companion Guide Template

- Background:
 - WEDI-CAQH created a collaborative group with industry input
 - Studied numerous companion guides and documented industry “best practices”
 - Compiled required elements into a template
 - Made template available at:
www.wedi.org/snip/caqhimpltools

Companion Guide Template

- **Result of using the template:**
 - *Reflects the “best practices” of current companion guides.*
 - *Allows users to easily access and compare information between payers*
 - *Acts as a “plug and play” tool*

Companion Guide Template

Companion Guide Format

- Divided into two sections and an appendix
 - **Section 1 (General Information):** Relates information that applies to all transactions
 - **Section 2 (Transactions-Specific Information) :** Uses a table that can be used for each transaction
 - *A payer may issue various chapters of Section 2, depending on its audience*
 - **Appendix:** Includes FAQ, Checklists, Examples and may vary by payer

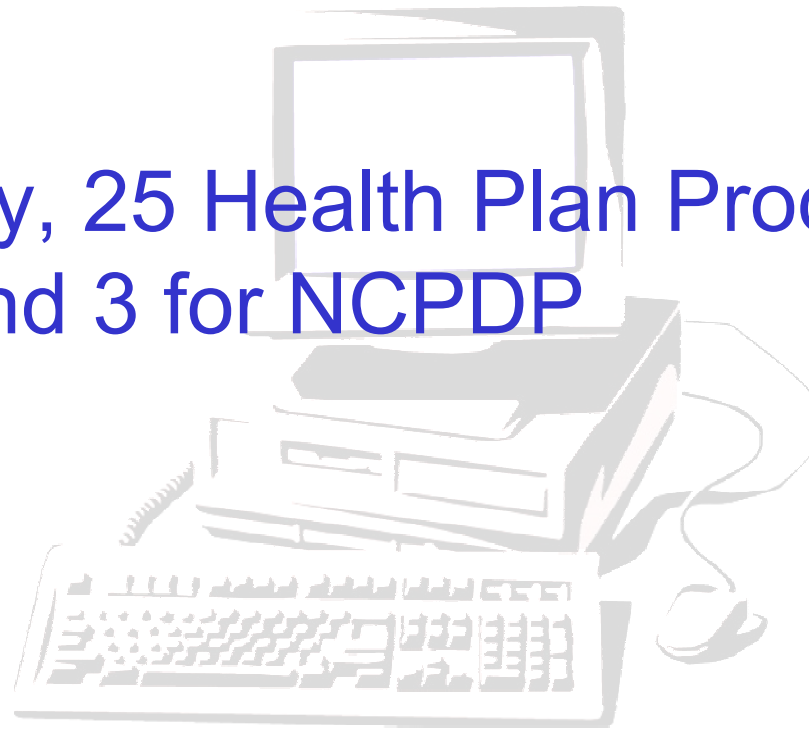
Companion Guide Template

Companion Guide Format (cont'd)

- *Set places for updates, payer identification, page numbers, etc. to make Guides easier to use and compare*
- *Sections may be published in differing combinations, depending on availability of information*
- *Designed to be easily updated*

Level of Penetration

- Currently, 25 Health Plan Products for X12N and 3 for NCPDP





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WEDI-CAQH Rollout

- Communication plan includes outreach to:
 - CAQH-WEDI members
 - Health Plan Associations
 - Industry Organizations, Regional SNIPs
 - Government Agencies
 - Providers/Clearinghouses

Outreach Tools

- Marketing Glossy**
- Newsletter Article**
- News Release**
- Marketing Glossy and Press Release
Available at the WEDI Booth**
- For more detail attend session 2.01 on
Friday at 1:15 PM with Maria Ward**



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How Health Plans can Help

- **Visit the site today**
 - **Post your implementation timeline information**
 - **Use the companion guide template to create your guide**
- **Use WEDI-CAQH outreach tools to encourage your providers to use the site**



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For More Information

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