# Ready for HIPAA Changes?

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# 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/caqhimptools*
      - *Transaction Implementation Timeline*
      - *Companion Guide Template*
  - Voluntary health plan participation
  - Industry support—Seeking support from trade associations such as  BCBSA

# The Site

# http://www.wedi.org/snip/caqhimptools

*Multiple health plans implementing HIPAA changes. One Web site with the answers you need.*

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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

*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**

| Anthem BC/BS (Midwest) | 837I | 837P | 837D | COB | 835 | 834 | 820 | 278 Request | 278 Response | 277 | 276 | 271 | 270 |
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| ANSI X12 Version | 4010 | 4010 | 4010 | 4010 | 4010 | 4010 | 4010 | 4010 | 4010 | 4010 | 4010 | 4010 | 4010 |
| Health Plan Certification Level | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Trading Partner Required Certification Level | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
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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/caqhimptools

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# 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*

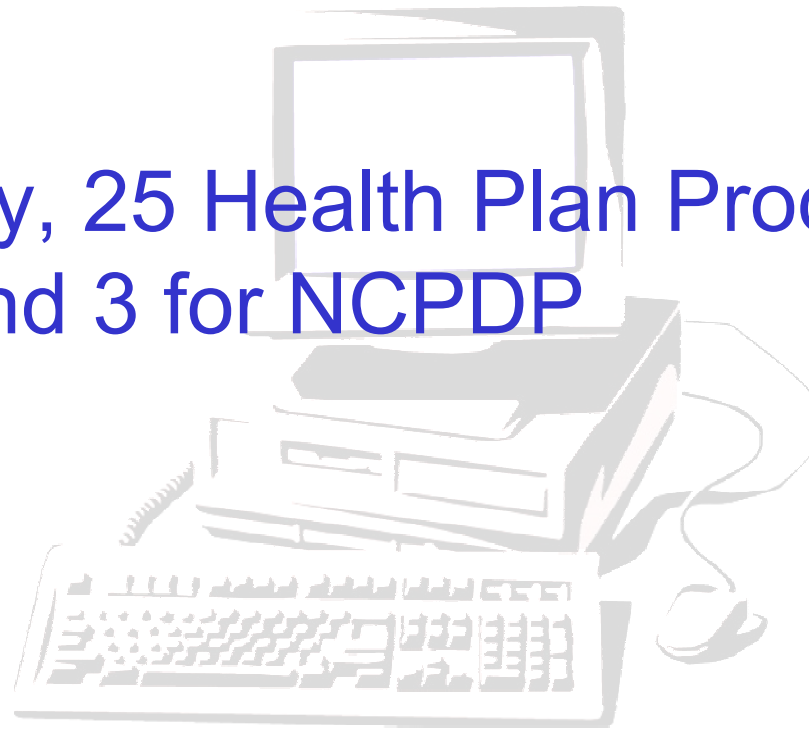- **Appendix:** Includes FAQ, Checklists, Examples and may vary by payer

# 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

# WEDI-CAQH Rollout

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

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# 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**

# 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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# Thank You!

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