

Update On Recently-issued Employer Identifier Rule And The Proposed Transactions Sets Addenda And Use Of HCPCS J-codes For Drugs And Biologics Rules

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1. Standard Unique Employer Identifier Final Rule

- Published on May 31, 2002
- Uniquely identifies the health plan sponsor
- Uses an existing Federal Employer Identifier assigned by the IRS
- Compliance on about July 31, 2004
- Used in the enrollment/disenrollment transaction
- Could be used by providers in their internal systems

2. Transaction NPRMs

- Published on May 1, 2002
- Rescind the NDC code requirement
- Update the NCPDA standards for retail pharmacy
- Adopts the DSMO recommendations from 2001 that were published in the new Implementation Guides in 2001
- Keeps 1998 definition of small health plan

Transaction NPRMs

- 30 day comment period, comments due on July 1, 2002
- WEDI is holding an open Policy Advisory Group meeting on June 11, 2002 in Chicago

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	Now – October 16, 2002	October 17, 2002 – October 16, 2003	October 17, 2003 – Future
No Extension Filed	Use current transactions in either standard	Use 2000 Standard	Use 2002 Standard
Extension Filed	Use Current Transactions		Use 2002 Standards

- 2000 Standard is the X12N 4010 Implementation Guides referred to in the August 2000 HIPAA Transactions Regulation and includes use of NDC codes instead of J Codes
- 2002 Standard refers to the December 2001 X12N 4010 Implementation Guides including the “Addenda” and deletion of the NDC codes which are expected to be published in 2002 as final regulations
- The extension timeline assumes that the new 2002 Transactions Final Rules are published by September 16, 2002