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Compulink HIPAA Readiness October 15, 2003

On the eve of the October 16, 2003 HIPAA EDI deadline, Compulink would like to update you on the status of Compulink, HIPAA and your electronic claims.

As of September 23, 2003, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a contingency plan to accept noncompliant electronic claims after the October 16, 2003 compliance deadline. This contingency plan will permit CMS to continue to accept and process claims in the electronic formats now in use, giving providers additional time to complete the testing process without interrupting their cash flow.

If you are submitting direct EMC claims through Compulink, we are working closely with these carriers to facilitate the transition to HIPAA compliant claims. As Compulink gains approval from the carriers, we will be contacting your office to setup the HIPAA Compliant ANSI format.

Compulink is also working closely with WebMd Envoy to minimize delays in your clearing house claim submission and report retrieval as WebMD translates your claim files to the HIPAA compliant ANSI format.

If you are currently using a third party to submit electronic claims you will continue to create the necessary text file within the Advantage Software and pass this to your third party carrier who will then be responsible for converting the text file to the needed HIPAA compliant format. If you are interested in a direct EMC setup with Compulink or the WebMD Envoy clearing house alternative please contact your sales representative for a quote.

The goal of Compulink, CMS, WebMD Envoy and the carriers is for an orderly transition to the HIPAA compliant ANSI format while minimizing the financial impact on your business during this transition.

For additional information regarding HIPAA visit www.cms.gov.