



CMS Implementation of Small Reporter Direct Data Entry Option Pushed to March 1, 2011

In a series of alerts dated December 21st, CMS recognized the need for additional time to implement the Direct Data Entry (DDE) option for “Small Reporters” seeking to meet their obligations as Responsible Reporting Entities (RRE). The original implementation had been scheduled for January 10, 2011, but is now targeted for March 1, 2011.

A “Small Reporter” is an RRE that will submit 500 or fewer claim reports per calendar year, including updating and deleting claim reports. Even inquires with respect to Medicare status that result in no beneficiary found count in hitting the 500 number. The DDE option is not appropriate for RREs that may submit more than 500 claim reports per year.

The delayed implementation does not change the retroactive reporting requirements of January 1, 2010 associated with claim reports of ongoing responsibility for medicals (ORM) or the October 1, 2010 associated with no-fault insurance and workers’ compensation Total Payment Obligation to the Claimant (TPOC).

Responsible Reporting Entities choosing DDE must complete retroactive reporting by March 31, 2011.

RREs that have registered for or are considering the DDE option should review the grouping of three Alerts from CMS below:

<http://www.cms.gov/MandatoryInsRep/Downloads/DDEImplementation122110.pdf>

<http://www.cms.gov/MandatoryInsRep/Downloads/RevDDERegistrationInfo110510.pdf>

<http://www.cms.gov/MandatoryInsRep/Downloads/RevDDEAlert110510.pdf>