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CMS Issues Alert Regarding New Direct Data Entry for Small MMSEA Section 111 Reporters

On September 16, 2010, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an Alert providing information on Direct Data Entry (DDE) Registration for small Non-Group Health Plan (NGHP) Responsible Reporting Entities (RREs).

The DDE reporting option is only available to RREs who qualify as a Small Reporter, defined by CMS as an “RRE that will submit 500 or fewer NGHP claim reports per calendar year. This limit includes adding, updating and deleting claim reports.” Please note, there is no query function associated with the DDE reporting option. Medicare status of an injured party is verified during DDE. If the claimant information provided (Social Security Number, name, date of birth and gender) does not match a Medicare beneficiary, the entry will still count toward the 500 claim report limit.

RREs who meet the definition of a Small Reporter may register for the DDE reporting option beginning on October 4, 2010. Reporting via DDE begins on January 3, 2011.

Registration Information for the DDE Option

- The DDE option is open to all currently registered and new RREs that meet the definition of a Small Reporter.
- If an RRE has already registered and wants to change to the DDE option, the Account Manager for the RRE ID should log into the COBSW on or after **October 4, 2010** and change the reporting method to DDE. Select ‘Register for DDE’ under the Actions dropdown box next to the RRE ID on the RRE Listing page. If assistance is needed, contact the assigned EDI Representative.
- If an RRE has not previously registered, the Account Manager should select DDE during the Account Setup step of the registration process.
- Testing is not required with DDE.

Issues for the RRE to Consider Before Selecting the DDE Option:

- Small Reporters that use the DDE option have the same responsibility and accountability as other RREs and must report the same data elements according to the Section 111 policy as RREs that utilize other file submission methods (HTTPS, SFTP, Connect:Direct).
- The DDE option is not an appropriate choice for RREs that may submit more than 500 claim reports per year and/or plan to rely upon the query capability for Section 111 reporting.



- The DDE option is intended for RREs who expect to have only an occasional claim report. RREs that will have claims to report on a regular basis are advised to use a current file submission method instead of the DDE option to ensure that they are able to adhere to the timely reporting requirements.

Additional information on DDE can be obtained on the MMSEA Section 111 dedicated website at www.cms.gov/MandatoryInsRep/ or on the Coordination of Benefits Secure Web Site (COBSW) at www.section111.cms.hhs.gov in the Reference Materials section.

To view a copy of the September 16, 2010 CMS Alert [click here](#).

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