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CMS Issues Alerts Regarding Direct Data Entry Reporting Option

On December 21, 2010, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued three Alerts (one new and two updates) providing information pertaining to Non-Group Health Plans (NGHP), classified as Responsible Reporting Entities (RREs) under Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act who will use the Direct Data Entry (DDE) option for reporting.

CMS announced the implementation date for responsible reporting entities (RREs) that use DDE has changed to **March 1, 2011**, due to issues identified by CMS during testing of the DDE system, which could not be resolved prior to the original implementation date of January 10, 2011. The additional time will be used to resolve technical issues and ensure the system is functioning properly for RREs.

CMS has confirmed that claims not initially reported until March 1, 2011 **will not** be considered late due to this change. However, moving the DDE implementation date does not change retroactive reporting requirements (January 1, 2010) associated with claim reports of Ongoing Responsibility for Medicals (ORM) for all NGHP RREs (liability, self insurance, no-fault and worker's compensation), and (October 1, 2010) as associated with no-fault and workers' compensation Total Payment Obligation to Claimant (TPOC) amounts. The MMSEA Section 111 dedicated website, at <http://www.cms.gov/MandatoryInsRep/>, includes complete information about required claim reporting dates. **RREs using the DDE reporting option are required to complete retroactive reporting by March 31, 2011.**

Despite change of implementation date, RREs that use the DDE option retain the same responsibility and accountability as any other RRE and must still report all data elements required under the current file submission methods.

After the DDE application has been implemented and RREs using DDE have completed their required retroactive reporting, ongoing DDE claim record submissions are required within 45 calendar days of the TPOC date, assumption of ORM, and/or termination of ORM.

This revised implementation date for DDE does not apply to RREs submitting claim reports via Claim Input Files.

To view a copy of the Alert regarding revised DDE implementation, [click here](#) or go to <http://www.cms.gov/MandatoryInsRep/Downloads/DDEImplementation122110.pdf>

To view a copy of the revised alert pertaining to DDE registration information, [click here](#) or go to <http://www.cms.gov/MandatoryInsRep/Downloads/RevDDERegistrationInfo110510.pdf>



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To view a copy of the revised alert pertaining to DDE general guidelines, [click here](#) or go to <http://www.cms.gov/MandatoryInsRep/Downloads/RevDDEAlert110510.pdf>

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PMSI is committed to providing our clients the most current information on MMSEA reporting requirements and will continue to deliver updates as new information is issued by CMS. RRE's should attend CMS teleconferences and consult the MMSEA Section 111 dedicated web site at <http://www.cms.gov/MandatoryInsRep/> to obtain additional information about reporting requirements.

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