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Subject: HIPAA Version 5010 – Prepare Now to Achieve Compliance

From: Passport Health Plan

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To: All Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage Providers

Provider Types Affected:

All Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage Providers

Background:

The Health Care Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires all covered entities (e.g. hospitals, practices, health plans) to follow specific standards when conducting certain health care administrative transactions electronically.

The current X12 transaction standard is changing from Version 4010 to Version 5010. This conversion is necessary to facilitate the use of the ICD-10 code set, anticipated for 2013. Version 5010 will require changes to both the format and content of claims, remittances and other HIPAA transactions.

Provider Action Required:

HHS requires covered entities to be ready to test the exchange of 5010 formatted transactions with other entities by December 31, 2010.

Prepare now!

1. **Contact Your Software Vendor(s)** – this includes any software vendors who handle your HIPAA standard transactions (i.e. practice management, financials, electronic health records and/or other systems).
2. **Ask About Your Responsibilities** – ask your vendor(s) for guidance on purchasing software upgrades or renewing your contract.
3. **Ask When Your Testing Can Begin** – ask your vendor(s) when and how they will support internal testing and testing with other entities. . Be prepared to cooperate with these activities.

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The information you need, the speed you want. Sign up for the Passport Online Information Service (POIS)! Receive important communications from Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage via this **free** e-mail service. To enroll, visit www.passporthealthplan.com and click the "POIS Sign Up" option under "News and Information."

4. **Watch for Passport and Passport Advantage Updates** – on when and how you will be able to test with our health plans
5. **Remember** – All providers, clearinghouses, and health plans will be required to completely convert to the 5010 version on January 1, 2012.

Resources and Questions:

For more information about Version 5010, please see our [Medical Office Notes](#) for frequently asked questions or visit www.cms.gov/Versions5010andD0/. If you have questions about this communication, please contact your Provider Relations representative or the Provider Relations department at (502) 585-7943.