

Operating Rules Implementation

What are the Operating Rules?

- Section 1104 Operating Rules and Administrative Simplification requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010 establishes guidelines for eligibility for health plan and health care claims status transactions.
- The purpose of the Operating Rules is to add additional administrative simplification to the electronic standard for HIPAA transactions by requiring specific business actions so that the standards can be performed in a more uniform way.

When is implementation?

- As released in previous communications, our core infrastructure was updated December 15, 2012 as a first step in reaching compliance.
- The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's (the Department) will implement additional required changes which are scheduled for the second quarter of 2013.

Will the implementation impact service to Colorado Medicaid clients?

- No. Services to Colorado Medicaid clients will not be impacted.

What is the Department requesting of CMS?

- The Department's request of CMS is to support the efforts that will be made to meet the second quarter deadline.

What if a submitting provider modifies their system to include the Operating Rule enhancements before the Department implements the Operating Rules?

- Submitting Providers who choose to modify their systems before the Department's implementation date will not see any changes in the eligibility response (271) or the claims attachment response (277) until the second quarter implementation.
- Submitting Providers who choose not to modify their systems will not see any changes in the responses before or after the second quarter implementation.

When will Companion Guides be available?

- The Companion Guides for 270/271 and 276/277 transactions are scheduled to be released in the second quarter of 2013.

Please continue to check the Department's [Provider Services Web site](#) and future provider bulletins for the most recent updates regarding the Department's implementation. For additional information on CAQH's Operating Rules, refer to [Phase I](#) or [Phase II](#).

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