

Quick Points



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Blue Cross prepares to send HIPAA 5010 835 Health Care Claim Payment Advice (remittance) transaction

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, Blue Plus and BlueLink TPA (Blue Cross) is nearing completion of the conversion to the HIPAA 5010 Health Care Claim Payment Advice (835). This document contains important information that you will need to know related to this conversion. Please share it with the person(s) who is responsible for receiving your electronic remittance advice.

Blue Cross plans to start sending the HIPAA 5010 835 remittance transaction including errata requirements on July 5, 2011.

What if we and/or our clearinghouse are not ready to accept the 5010 version by July 5?

Availity, the Blue Cross clearinghouse, will down-convert outgoing 835 transactions to the 4010A1 version between July 5, 2011 and December 31, 2011, based on receiver preference until a provider is ready to accept the 5010 version.

In addition, Availity has a web-based tool (Remit Reader) for the 835 transaction that can be used as a stand-alone mechanism to receive a compliant 835 transaction or in conjunction with receiving the electronic version.

How will I view my remittances after July 5?

PDFs for remittances created July 5, 2011 and after will no longer be available on provider web self-service. Version 4010 PDFs through June 30, 2011 will remain on provider web self-service for a period of time, yet to be determined, for historical inquiry purposes. Providers wishing to use the web-based Remit Reader on Availity will need to register with Availity through their website at availity.com or call **1-800-282-4548**. The Remit Reader is available to providers immediately so do not wait to register.

If you would like more information on the HIPAA 5010 835, we recommend you visit the Minnesota Administrative Uniformity Committee (AUC) website at health.state.mn.us/auc or the Washington Publishing website at wpc-edi.com.

Reminder

Based on Minnesota Statute 62J.536, all group purchasers (payers) must provide remittance data in an electronic format (835) and/or through a data-compliant website viewer, and all Minnesota providers must receive their remittances via those formats. Paper remittances have been discontinued for most Care Systems and will be unavailable for all Minnesota providers as we complete the conversion to HIPAA version 5010 by the end of 2011.

About Availity

Availity connects to more than 1,000 payers and is the exclusive clearinghouse service utilized by Blue Cross.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or toll free at **1-800-262-0820**.