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## **SCHIP (Industry News Bulletin)**

In a continuing effort to help keep you up-to-date on happenings in Medicare we offer the following summary of important and timely information.

On February 17, 2010 CMS announced that it will delay Mandatory Insurer Reporting until 1/1/2011. While reporting is delayed what needs to be reported has not changed. This means that claims/settlements involving Medicare beneficiaries during this interim period will still need to comply with the Medicare Secondary Payer Statute (MSP) and will be reported to CMS if they meet requirements on 1/1/2011. The reason for the delay is simple, the industry as a whole was not ready for a 4/1/2010 go-live date. In fact, only 3 Reporting Agents had successfully moved to production status with CMS as of 2/17/2010. All remaining Reporting Agents were still testing systems unsuccessfully.

We encourage you to continue to act proactively and not substantively delay your efforts for reporting, pending a review of the soon to be released User Guide (2/22/2010). There is no benefit to delaying until 1/1/2011, unless you are completely unprepared to report until this time, and you only increase your risk and clean up efforts in the future. Bottom-line: The claims you handle today will be reported tomorrow.

***The text of the announcement and link are included below:***

CMS advises all NGHP RREs that the date for first production NGHP Input Files is changed from April 1, 2010 to January 1, 2011, effective immediately.

NGHP File data exchange testing will continue. All NGHP RREs should now be registered with the COBC, and either in or preparing for file testing status. NGHP file data exchange testing may continue during 2010, as needed.

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All NGHP file data exchange testing will be completed by December 31, 2010. NGHP RREs that have completed file data exchange testing at any time are encouraged to proceed to production file data exchange status.

During the week of February 22, on this Website CMS will post the next version of the "Section 111 NGHP User Guide" and a number of Alerts relating to particular NGHP policy issues. Also during the week of February 22, on this Website CMS will post an alert for NGHP RREs describing the steps those RREs can take to assure their ongoing compliance with the Section 111 reporting requirements.

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/04\\_Whats\\_New.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/04_Whats_New.asp#TopOfPage)

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