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The Alaska Medicaid Health Enterprise project is progressing toward an implementation date in spring 2012. The MMIS Design Development and Implementation (DDI) project received an initial version of the core product, and they are continuing in the construction of Alaska specific requirements.

Additionally, the project has begun to analyze and develop new services that can be implemented before Alaska Medicaid Health Enterprise is fully operational. These include ePrescribe, Smart Non Emergency Transportation (NEMT), possible Web enablement of some legacy transactions and other considerations.

The new national electronic transaction standard, known as X12 Version 5010 (5010) will affect many stakeholders of the Alaska Medical Assistance Program, including providers, payers, third-party billers and others. The Department of Health and Social

Services will be prepared to receive and send HIPAA X12N 5010 transactions and code sets by the mandated effective date of Jan. 1, 2012.

In winter of 2011, an environment will be available for the trading partners to submit generic HIPAA 5010 transactions for testing. In summer of 2011, trading partners will receive Alaska specific HIPAA 5010 Transaction Companion Guides with the information necessary to populate the transactions with codes for processing claims, eligibility status requests, claim status requests and requests for service authorizations.

Trading partners will be able to test their capability to provide clean transactions during the remainder of the calendar year in preparation for the compliance date of Jan. 1, 2012.

For more information about Alaska Medicaid Health Enterprise, go to www.alaskamedicaid.info.