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1. What you need to know about EDI Third Party Certification

1.1. What is EDI Third Party Certification testing?

The testing process is a critical aspect of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) implementation. Trading partners find errors, omissions, and conflicts and correct them before the actual production transactions are submitted to the payers.

Testing transactions for compliance with the EDI standards is the way covered entities demonstrate that they can:

- Send compliant EDI transactions either directly to payers or through vendor software, billing services or clearinghouses.
- Receive compliant EDI transactions into their own systems in the correct format.
- Help ensure payments and cash flow will not be interrupted.

1.2. What is my role in testing?

Your health plans, clearinghouses, and software vendors should take the lead in testing your electronic data interchange (EDI) transactions for compliance, however providers play an important role.

As a provider, you are the expert on your business operations and the types of EDI transactions you conduct most frequently. You also have the most to lose if your claims are rejected or payment is delayed because of problems with your trading partner systems. That is why it is imperative that you:

- Work with your business associates throughout the testing process to thoroughly and accurately test the transactions.
- Conduct testing for a variety of situations-- every day situations.
- Make sure your plans include testing required for unique situations.

1.3. What Does EDI Certification Mean?

By requesting a certificate of conformance an organization is agreeing to the following terms:

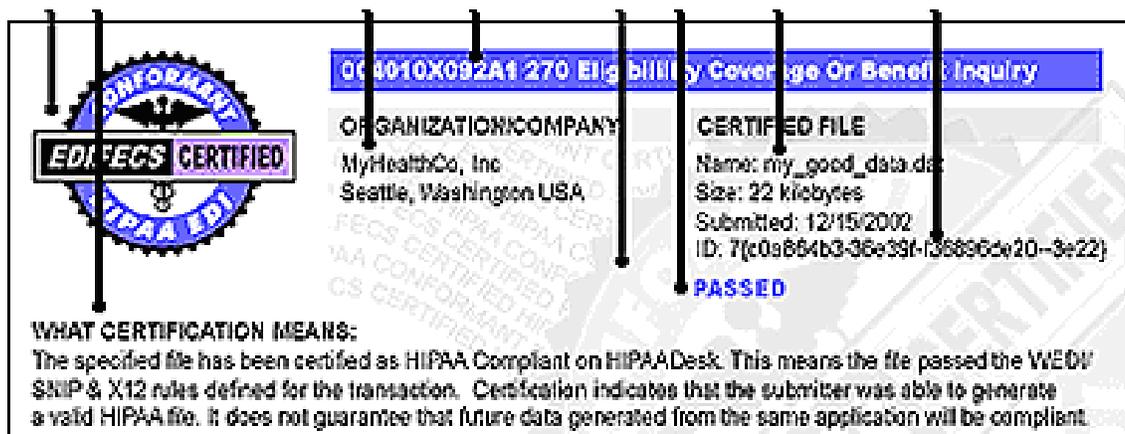
- The file being validated is a real data file that has been generated by processes that truly exist within the organization.
- During the testing lifecycle, when an error was received, the organization modified the actual processes and procedures used to create the file, and did not simply modify the final data file in order to receive a “passed” report.
- The data file is representative of the lines of business that the organization supports for the transaction being certified.

1.4. What Does the Certificate Look Like?

The result of the certification process is a unique self-contained image file that allows your organization maximum control over access to information about its certification efforts.

There is a unique certificate for each type of EDI transaction. In this case, the transaction is a 270 Eligibility Coverage or Benefit Inquiry. The certificate also contains the Organization Name, the actual file information used in the certification and the date the file was submitted.

This is a sample of an EDIFECs EDI Certificate.



2. EDI Third Party Certification Providers

No warranty is stated or implied, and inclusion in this document does not constitute an endorsement. Please note that to be an EDI trading partner, a digital certificate issued by DMH is required. Digital certificates can only be issued after the trading partner has had error free transaction testing and a certification as been issued by a third party testing and certification service.

Helpful Tip: If you are dealing with software vendors that are already submitting production EDI claims for other Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health contract providers, then your vendor does not need to provide a Third Party Certificate.

The following list is a sample of some of the vendors that offer HIPAA third party certification.

2.1. CLAREDI

Company Name	Company Website	Contact Info
CLAREDI	WWW.CLAREDI.COM	(800) 765-6818, option 8
<p>Claredi provides the most comprehensive HIPAA EDI transaction testing and certification solutions to help healthcare providers, payers, and clearinghouses become HIPAA compliant. With our ClarediSM Classic, FacilediSM, and Communedism services, we offer the easiest, most efficient path to HIPAA EDI compliance.</p> <p>Built on the only transaction validation engine created specifically for healthcare EDI, especially for HIPAA, Claredi Classic was the first HIPAA testing solution for those interested in preproduction transaction testing and certification.</p> <p>Please click on link provided below to view pricing model as well as how to obtain Third Party Certification:</p> <p>https://www.claredi.com/faq.php?PHPSESSID=2105382f1f5eb49c4f15a5c8f22cf663</p>		

2.2. EDIFECS

Company Name	Company Website	Contact Info
EDIFECS	WWW.EDIFECS.COM	(425) 452-0620

The Edifecs HIPAA enablement solution empowers healthcare organizations to quickly reach HIPAA compliance and to then maintain it in the face of ongoing change. Together the Edifecs HIPAA solution set provides the most complete set of HIPAA enablement technologies available.

HIPAA Features: Providers, Payers, Clearinghouses, Sponsors and other HealthCare Organizations can all benefit from the scenarios like Data Testing, Validation & Certification. HIPAA translator as an embeddable component for processing inbound and outbound HIPAA transaction data.

A complete development environment for authoring, extending, customizing and maintaining HIPAA transaction sets.

Please click on link provided below in order to obtain Third Party Certification:

<http://www.edifecs.com/hc-complianceonline-faq.jsp>

2.3. 1 EDI SOURCE

Company Name	Company Website	Contact Info
1 EDI SOURCE	WWW.1EDISOURCE.COM	(877) 334-9650
<p>1 EDI Source, Inc., HIPAA Product: Using EDI Complete-HIPAA Edition, healthcare providers can meet HIPAA requirements and, at the same time, make fundamental changes in the way they communicate and exchange information.</p>		
<p>EDI Complete-HIPAA takes the numerous benefits contained in the EDI Complete software and tailors them to the healthcare industry.</p>		
<p>In addition to full inbound and outbound data mapping functionality, high-performance translation, and complete EDI/application systems integration, EDI Complete-HIPAA will allow you to: submit a claim for services rendered; verify a patient's eligibility and benefits; update information regarding patient coverage; obtain authorization for treatment.</p>		
<p>Click on the link provided below in order to obtain Third Party Certification:</p>		
<p>http://www.1edisource.com/EDIResources/EDIOverviewforBeginners/tabid/95/Default.aspx</p>		