

TRISTAR Update

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Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007

CMS hosted a teleconference this week specific to the registration and technical issues regarding file record layouts as well as data exchange. Also, a Quick Reference Guide for Registration has been published.

Link to the Quick Registration Guide:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/Downloads/QuickReferenceGuide050809.pdf>

The guide is intended as a reference to assist responsible reporting entities with the registration process. Please note, as part of the registration process, you will be assigned an EDI Representative who can provide assistance.

Updated Registration & Submission Timeline:

The timelines for registration, testing and reporting have all been pushed back. Below is the summary of the changes:

- New Registration Period is **05/01/2009 – 09/30/2009**
- Testing of Query Files may begin **07/01/2009**
- Testing Claim Input Files will be delayed until **01/01/2010 – 03/31/2010**
- Live Production may occur as soon as RRE has completed testing phase and is changed to production phase if production status is achieved by the RRE's assigned reporting window in the 1st quarter of 2010
- Live Production must begin as of the 2nd quarter 2010 reporting period **04/01/2010 – 06/30/2010**

A link to the May 11, 2009 CMS Alert is attached below.

Another extension is that settlement amounts and dates prior to 01/01/2010 will not be included in the reporting of the Total Payment Obligation to the Claimant (TPOC). However, records with TPOC dates prior to 01/01/2010 will not be rejected.

Link to May 11, 2009 CMS Alert

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/Downloads/NGHPV10UserGuide051109.pdf>

Questions:

Detailed information about the registration process can be found on our website at www.tristarrisk.com. If you have any questions, please email our implementation team at: schip.support@tristargroup.net.