

ADVISORY NO. 452

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TOPIC: CMS AGAIN EXTENDS THE PRODUCTION DATE FOR SECTION 111 MANDATORY INSURER REPORTING

We have previously addressed Section 111 Mandatory Insurer Reporting in FOL Advisories 438, 440, 441 and 445, as well as ongoing reports in *FOLIO*. The most recent date for first live production by Non-Group Health Plans (NGHPs, which includes workers' compensation carriers) was to be April 1, 2010. CMS announced this week that the date will be extended to January 1, 2011, because of the slow pace of successful testing. All Required Reporting Entities (RREs) should already be registered with the Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC) and in the testing phase. Testing will end December 31, 2010.

Look for the newest version of the "NGHP User Guide" and a new "Alert" on the CMS website the week of February 22nd. www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep

The most recent notice from CMS is reproduced 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.
- 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.

Remember to routinely check the MIR website and sign up for automatic notices for updates to the website. The website and the periodic CMS teleconferences are your best source of information on this process. Please contact Steve Tipton at smt1@fol.com if we can be of assistance.

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