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The Administrative Simplification provisions under the Affordable Care Act (**ACA**) of 2010 require the Secretary to adopt Operating Rules for certain HIPAA Transactions. As per the recommendation from NCVHS, the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare's (**CAQH**) Committee on Operating Rule for Information Exchange (CORE) became one of the entities selected to author these Operating Rules.

In July 2011, the Department of Health and Human Services (**DHHS**) published an Interim Final Rule to adopt the Operating Rules for *Eligibility for a Health Plan* and **Health Care Claim Status** Transactions. In December 2011, this same interim final rule was adopted, without modifications, as the Final Rule.

For more information about the CORE Operating Rules, refer to this CAQH link: http://www.caqh.org/ORMandate_Eligibility.php.

eMedNY plans to implement system enhancement related to these federally mandated Operating Rules in two phases.

The first phase, with enhancements to the Eligibility Transaction, is expected by June 21, 2013. The remaining enhancements as they relate to Health Care Claim Status and Connectivity is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

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The June 2013 implementation includes key CORE recommended enhancements to eMedNY's 270/271 transactions:

- Support for Thirty Nine (39) CORE Required Explicit Inquiry Service Types and Twelve (12) CORE Required Generic Inquiry Service Types
- Patient Financial Responsibility will be returned, which include:
 - Any remaining or applicable Co-payment Amounts
 - Excess Resource Amounts or Net Available Monthly Income (NAMI) Amounts for select Provider Types.
 - <u>Note:</u> Any remaining Patient Financial Responsibility will be available only after the claims adjudication process is complete, via a remittance advice.
- Consistent and specific patient identification validation error reporting.

<u>Please Note:</u> eMedNY CORE Companion Guide (CG) that is presently on the website has been modified to include information about the system enhancements planned for June 2013.

 $https://www.emedny.org/HIPAA/5010/transactions/eMedNY_Transaction_Information_CAQH-CORE_CG_X12_version_5010.pdf$

Questions? For technical support regarding connectivity or for assistance in troubleshooting rejected transactions, please email **eMedNyProviderServices@csc.com** or **eMedNyHIPAASupport@csc.com**.

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