A Message to

Business Office Managers

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Memorandum

TO: Business Office Managers at AmeriHealth Participating Hospitals in New Jersey

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SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI) CONFIRMATION REPORTS UNDER HIPAA

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform you of the confirmation reports you will receive when AmeriHealth converts to the HIPAA 837 version for electronic claims submission.

Currently your hospital receives a Functional Acknowledgment (FA) Report within 48 hours after AmeriHealth receives your electronic claims transmission. The FA lists the claims accepted and identifies claims that were rejected for syntactical and/or business edits. Under HIPAA, the current reports will be discontinued and replaced with the following standard confirmation reports:

Report Name	Description
TA1	Interchange Acknowledgement Transaction
997	Functional Acknowledgement
U277	Unsolicited 277

TA1: Under HIPAA all file submissions will be pre-screened upon receipt. If the file is unreadable or does not comply with the HIPAA Implementation Guide, you or your vendor will immediately receive an Interchange Acknowledgment Transaction, called TA1**,** to notify you that the file cannot be processed.

997: If the file submission passes pre-screening, it is then checked for HIPAA compliance, syntactical, and content errors. When the compliance check is complete, a 997 Functional Acknowledgement will immediately be sent to you or your vendor indicating which claims in the file were accepted for processing and which claims were rejected and returned to you for correction.

U277: Claims that are accepted for processing are then subjected to AmeriHealth's syntactical and business edits. Claims that fail these edits will be returned to you via an Unsolicited 277 (U277) within 24 hours indicating which claim rejected and the reason code for the rejection.

We recommend that you work with your Information Systems Department and/or your vendors to integrate the U277 into your workflow.

You will receive more information about Electronic Data Interchange as we get closer to implementing the 837 HIPAA transaction. In the meantime, if you have any questions about this bulletin or the confirmation reports, please call Provider EDI Coordinators Louisa Klein at (215) 241-4912 or Laura Tarsnane at (215) 241-0968. In addition, you can access the HIPAA Implementation Guide at WWW.WPC-EDI.COM.