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The July 21, 2011 eMedNY implementation will impact existing 4010/5.1 technical and business processes. This was previously communicated in the **February – Special Edition** Medicaid Update, but according to results obtained from eMedNY surveys it appears many providers do not realize the 5010/D.0 implementation will impact existing system processes. The following is a summary of the business and technical impacts you should expect on 7/21/2011:

• Balancing compliance will be enforced. Analysis shows that many claims submitted today will not pass the front-end process due to improper balancing. Submitters must address this issue prior to 7/21/2011.

• The 835 Supplemental Remittance file sent with electronic remittances will no longer contain paid or denied claims; only PENDED claims will be reported in the Supplemental file.

• Eligibility Response (271) transactions will require major technical changes, resulting in significant business process impacts.

• The 278 Service Authorization (SA) transaction will be eliminated as of 7/21/2011. The Eligibility Response (271) will provide "at limit" information for any applicable Service Categories.

• The 278 Prior Approval (PA) transaction will provide the ability to request changes for existing authorizations: Request extensions for a previously approved service; cancel an entire approval; or revise/cancel a previously approved service line.

• Blocked records are no longer supported. All EDI files must be in stream format.

• POS devices will require a new software version. eMedNY has sent alerts to all POS users via the eMedNY LISTSERV® and direct mail. Go to eMedNY.org to subscribe to the eMedNY LISTSERV®.

• ePACES screens will change. Please refer to the **"Training for Providers"** page on eMedNY.org.

• eMedNY will improve the acknowledgment files. The existing U277 transaction will be enhanced to provide more status codes, similar to what the 5010 277CA provides. Please review the **U277 Status Codes Explanation** document for the complete list of front-end responses.

• Dashboard: Enhanced Batch File Tracking will be introduced to allow submitters to track ALL batch files throughout the adjudication process. The new "dashboard" will be available to track files submitted via eXchange, FTP, or VPN.

• Process time from file submission to acknowledgement will be greatly reduced.

Providers are urged to contact their vendors to ensure system and business process changes resulting from this implementation do not impact their New York Medicaid payments. For additional information, please review the **5010/D.0 presentation.**

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