ASC X12 not recommending 6020 TR3s to DSMO for HIPAA adoption

Falls Church, VA - February 6, 2012 –Accredited Standards Committee X12 (ASC X12) announces plans for the 006020 (6020™) TR3s. After meeting with health care industry stakeholders and assessing the current and planned health care industry initiatives, ASC X12 will not recommend its 6020 Type 3 Technical Reports (TR3s) to the Designated Standards Maintenance Organizations (DSMO) for consideration of adoption under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

ASC X12 doesn't typically make decisions such as this until after final publication, however it believes the health care industry is better served at this time by a reassurance that the 5010 implementations will have time to mature before another version is recommended for adoption. Even though the 6020™ versions will not be recommended for adoption, it is critical that health care industry stakeholders review the 6020™ TR3s currently posted for public comment and provide comments to ASC X12 as the 6020™ version will serve as the basis for the next ASC X12 version to be recommended for adoption.

Cathy Sheppard, Chair of ASC X12, said "Although the 6020™ TR3s include revisions that satisfy a significant number of the business needs and requests brought forward by industry participants, ASC X12 recognizes that the industry is not ready to begin another implementation cycle at this time. ASC X12 will continue to solicit feedback on the 5010 and 6020 ™versions as it begins work on the next development cycle and we look forward to accommodating additional business needs with the next published versions of our work products."

The draft 6020™ Technical Reports, Change Summaries, online conferences and instructions for submitting comments can be accessed via http://forums.x12.org. The Public Comment Period closes on March 07, 2012 at 5:00pm EST.

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