



## SPECIAL BULLETIN

### ***CMS Posts Revised GHP Reporting Guide - AGAIN***

In [Special Bulletin 2009-16](#), we reported that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) posted an **updated** mandatory group health plan (GHP) reporting guide (Version 2.1) on March 4, 2009.

**On March 6, 2009, CMS posted Version 2.2, an update to Version 2.1.** The changes in Version 2.2 from Version 2.1 are listed below.

The new *Guide*, titled *MMSEA Section 111 MSP Mandatory Reporting GHP USER GUIDE*, Version 2.2, March 6, 2009 is available by "[clicking here](#)" or at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/Downloads/030609GHPNotice.pdf>.

The *Guide* is 169 pages that include 93 pages of text and 76 pages of Appendices. Individuals with reporting responsibility will want to review the *Guide* in detail. Future guidance will continue to be posted on the CMS website at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/>.

**The following summary of updates to Version 2.1 that are found in Version 2.2 of the *MMSEA Section 111 GHP User Guide* were listed by CMS:**

- Section 7.1.7 has been updated to correct the statement about the new version of the Query Only Input File. This change does not affect former VDSA/VDEA partners who have converted to Section 111 RREs. These RREs may continue to use the previously published format which used VDSA/VDEA IDs or convert to using the new format with the RRE ID.
- Section 12 has been updated to provide the COBC EDI Department phone number to be used by those RREs who have not yet been assigned an EDI Representative.

See [Special Bulletin 2009-1](#) for more information on the law and its reporting requirements. [Research Memo 2008-47](#) has details on the [GHP Implementation Timeline](#).

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