



BENEFIT NEWS BRIEFS

CMS Posts Updates to Section 111 Reporting Website

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) posted updated information on its website located at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/>. UAS previously reported on various CMS updates regarding Section 111 reporting in *Special Bulletin 2009-1*. The *new law* requires insurers, TPAs/administrators and trustees of GHPs (including multiemployer GHPs) that pay claims to gather certain information from plan sponsors and plan participants to submit to CMS. These entities are called responsible reporting entities (RREs).

Among some of the new information posted by CMS was a correction to the date of the next GHP teleconference. On the "What's New" page, on January 21, 2009, CMS corrected the date of the GHP teleconference noting it is to occur on **January 29, 2009** from 1-2:30 p.m. Eastern Time. The "What's New" page is found at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/04_Whats_New.asp#TopOfPage.

The news on the teleconference has been a little confusing. On the previous day, January 20, 2009, CMS stated that the teleconference was moved from January 29 to January 28. In fact the data sheet with call-in information still incorrectly lists the conference date as January 28. The call-in number listed is (888) 790-3056. The "passcode" is MMSEA111. Persons wishing to participate are urged to dial in approximately 20-30 minutes before the call (due to the large number of participants). In the past CMS has posted an (888) number when it should have been an (800) number, so if the (888) prefix does not work, try the (800) prefix. The call-in data sheet is available for download from the CMS site at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/Downloads/Jan28Teleconf.pdf>.

In addition, CMS has revamped the website, posting all GHP information under the Group Health Plan page, currently located on the CMS site at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/02_GHP.asp#TopOfPage.

According to the "What's New" page, CMS also updated and added language to the Computer Based Training (CBT) section page located at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/05_Computer_Based_Training.asp#TopOfPage.

The last change we will mention in this publication is the posting of the transcript of the December 3, 2008 GHP teleconference on Section 111 reporting at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/Downloads/Dec3Teleconference.pdf>.

Currently, all GHP teleconference transcripts are posted at the GHP transcript page: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/06_GHP_Transcripts.asp#TopOfPage.

The audio for the December 3 teleconference has also been posted online:

[MMSEA111 - December 3, 2008 - Audio - Teleconference - Part 1 \[MP3 85MB\]](#)

[MMSEA111 - December 3, 2008 - Audio - Teleconference - Part 2 \[MP3 59MB\]](#)

GHP audio transcripts are currently posted at the GHP page located at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/02_GHP.asp#TopOfPage.

GHP Implementation Timeline Reminder

Remember, as listed on page 24 of the updated *GHP User Guide*, RREs that do *not* currently exchange data with CMS under the VDSA/VDEA Program will register on the COB Secure Website (COBSW) from April 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009. This is a new, interactive, Web portal designed for this purpose. Details on how to complete the Section 111 registration process on the COBSW that begins on April 1, 2009, will be posted on the CMS Section 111 webpage at www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/. This *User Guide* will be updated accordingly. RREs may review the requirements for registration at: www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/Downloads/RegistrationOverview.pdf.

The new *User Guide*, titled *MMSEA Section 111 MSP Mandatory Reporting GHP USER GUIDE*, Version 2.0, December 17, 2008 is available by "[clicking here](#)" or at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/Downloads/GHPUserGuide121708.pdf>.

[Research Memo 2008-47](#) has more details on the [GHP Implementation Timeline](#).

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