



Postal Zip Codes in HIPAA 5010

HIPAA 5010 rules regulating the **Billing Provider Address** and **Service Facility Location Address** require a valid 9 digit Zip Code.

This may require changes to add the last 4 digits to Zip Codes currently in use. As Payers move to 5010 this required change will be broadly enforced. Some Payers may begin enforcing this change in advance, as they prepare for the transition to 5010. Some Payers may not accept '0000' as the last 4 digits of the Zip Code.

MD On-Line is defaulting the last 4 digits of a Zip Code to '9998' if a 5 digit zip code is submitted. This occurs only when the first 5 digits are a valid Zip Code and no other values are present for the last 4 digits. Note that this is an industry sanctioned addition to assist providers as payers transition to 5010. However, we anticipate that this is a temporary option and in the very near future providers will be responsible for submitting the full 9 digit zip code on each claim.

If you have questions, please contact MD On-Line Customer or Technical Support at 888-499-5465.