



"Release of Information" Code

NOTE: The information below applies to those clients who submit in either the 837 or NSF formats. If you are a print image submitter, MD On-Line transmits the acceptable data to insurance payers on your behalf. If you have questions about the type of submitter format you currently utilize, please contact MD On-Line Customer Service at 888-499-5465.

The HIPAA Privacy regulation mandated that providers could not share protected health information without the written consent of the patient. However, as the HIPAA 4010 transaction standard was already in use before the HIPAA Privacy regulations were enacted, these values continued to be accepted by some health plans.

Several Release of Information Code values in HIPAA 4010 are no longer valid in HIPAA 5010

As payers move to version 5010, Providers may experience claim rejections when the Release of Information Code contains a value of A, M, N, or O.

HIPAA 5010 allowed values are:

- "I" (Informed Consent to Release Medical Information for Conditions or Diagnoses Regulated by Federal Statutes)
- Y" (Yes, Provider has a Signed Statement Permitting Release of Medical Billing Data Related to a Claim).

HIPAA 4010 values no longer allowed:

The values "A", "M", "N", and "O" are not compliant with Privacy Regulations and should not be utilized when submitting in version 5010. Adjust your software and products to no longer allow the submission of the Release of Information Code values of:

- "A" (Appropriate Release of Information on File at Health Care Services Provider or Utilization Review Organization)
- "M" (The Provider has Limited or Restricted Ability to Release Data Related to a Claim)
- "N" (No, Provider is Not Allowed to Release Data)
- "O" (On file at Payer or at Plan Sponsor).