

# P4P ... “Preparing for PPACA” Webinar: Session #26: HIPAA Standard Transactions & Certification of Compliance for Health Plans Friday, February 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

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The American Benefits Council will continue its **P4P ... Preparing for PPACA** series on **Friday, February 21 at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)** with an update on implementation of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) provisions related to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) administrative simplification, including requirements that health plans submit certain information and documentation to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) certifying compliance with HIPAA standard transactions. These new requirements impose new obligations on insured and self-insured health plans and their service providers.

*(This webinar was originally scheduled for February 13 and postponed because of severe weather.)*

**Kathryn Wilber**, senior counsel, health policy will moderate the discussion with guest speakers:

- **Barbara Ryland**, Crowell & Moring, and
- **Christy Tinnes**, Groom Law Group.

We will take questions from webinar participants throughout the session and attempt to answer as many as possible. Members are encouraged to [submit questions in advance](#) to Wilber at [kwilber@abcstaff.org](mailto:kwilber@abcstaff.org).

## Background

Under the administrative simplification provisions of HIPAA, covered entities are required to conduct certain transactions electronically using standards and code sets designated by HHS. Transactions subject to these requirements include eligibility, claims & encounter information, claims status, enrollment and disenrollment, payment, premium payment and coordination of benefits.

In addition to adding new transactions, PPACA mandated that health plans submit certain documentation and information to HHS that demonstrates compliance with electronic transaction standards and established new penalties for health plans that fail to comply.

On January 2, 2014, HHS issued [proposed regulations](#) implementing this requirement. Under these proposed regulations, health plans that are “controlling health plans” (a definition added by prior final regulations implementing the unique health plan identifier (HPIID) requirements of HIPAA) must submit: (1) documentation that demonstrates compliance using one of two available methods; and (2) its number of covered lives on the date. These requirements apply with respect to three transactions: eligibility for a health plan, health care claim status and health care electronic funds transfer and remittance advice. Under the proposed regulations, the required documentation and information will be due December 31, 2015.

The webinar panelists will discuss these new requirements, including the obligations of health plans and service providers under the proposed regulations as well as compliance planning. Additional background regarding HIPAA administrative simplification and the proposed regulations are included in [a summary provided courtesy of Groom Law Group](#).

### **About the Series**

The “P4P ... Preparing for PPACA” series regularly examines the plan design and operational challenges and (where applicable) the opportunities presented by PPACA and its implementing regulations as employers work to comply with the health law. A list of previous sessions can be found on the Council’s [Webinar Archive](#).

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