

## HOW TO CONDUCT PARTNER TESTING AND IMPLEMENT IN PRODUCTION — BCBSRI CORPORATE X834

### Phase I — Foresight Partner Testing

- Ensure that your benefit enrollment and maintenance processing system accommodates the following *ANSI Implementation Guides*:
  - *ANSI ASC X12N 834 (005010X220A1) Health Care Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance Technical Report Type 3.*
- Ensure that your benefit enrollment and maintenance processing system accommodates the following *BCBSRI Companion Guides*:
  - *834 HIPAA 5010 Health Care Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance Companion Guide*

*BCBSRI Companion Guides* can be downloaded from [www.BCBSRI.com](http://www.BCBSRI.com). (Select Employers/HIPAA/Documentation)
- Complete your internal X834 testing.
- As indicated in the *BCBSRI Companion Guides*, your system must be capable of receiving the 999 Functional Acknowledgement/Report transaction. BCBSRI uses the 999 transaction to report receipt of your inbound transaction and to provide details regarding rejected transactions.
- If you have any questions regarding BCBSRI processing requirements for the X834 transactions, contact your assigned BCBSRI HIPAA EDI Testing staff member via phone or email.
- If you have not previously submitted a Trading Partner Registration (TPR) form requesting 834 transaction processing capabilities, download the TPR form from the [www.BCBSRI.com](http://www.BCBSRI.com) Web site. Complete the form, checking off the transactions that are applicable to you as a submitter. A responsible member of your organization should sign this document. Return the completed, signed form to:

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island  
Director, EDI & Electronic Information Exchange  
500 Exchange Street  
Providence, RI 02903

You should also send a listing of all entities associated with your submission services. Electronic media is preferred.

This will initiate the registration process for Foresight Partner Testing. You will be contacted and will receive, via mail or e-mail, your login User ID, password and instructions on how to use the Foresight HIPAA Web site. The link accessing Foresight can be found on the [www.BCBSRI.com](http://www.BCBSRI.com) HIPAA home page.

- Submit two typical but different submission files to Foresight for ANSI X-12 testing and validation. The transactions that you submit must contain a representative composite sample of your company's typical enrollment transactions. The Foresight HIPAA Validator analysis report will indicate with a green checkmark if your submissions meet testing guidelines. Notify BCBSRI HIPAA EDI Testing Support when you are compliant.

## Phase II — BCBSRI End-To-End Partner Testing

- If you have not already done so, download the Trading Partner Agreement (TPA) from [https://www.bcbsri.com/BCBSRIWeb/HIPAAdocs/Trading\\_Partner\\_Agreement.pdf](https://www.bcbsri.com/BCBSRIWeb/HIPAAdocs/Trading_Partner_Agreement.pdf). This document should be signed by an officer of your company and forwarded to BCBSRI. Only one agreement per submitter is required. The completed agreement should be returned to:

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**IMPORTANT! Your Trading Partner Agreement must be on file at BCBSRI before you can submit end-to-end partner test transactions.**

- After Foresight ANSI X-12 testing and validation is complete, contact your assigned BCBSRI HIPAA EDI Testing staff member via telephone or via email to enroll in the BCBSRI End-to-End Partner Test program.
- A BCBSRI EDI staff member will provide you with information regarding connecting to the BCBSRI EDI Gateway in test mode.
- Submit your enrollment file (full-file or changes only) to the BCBSRI End-to-End Partner Test for ANSI X-12 testing and validation. If your submissions typically cover BCBSRI and CHIIP lines of business, then your test batch must contain enrollment from both lines of business. Overall, the transactions that you submit must contain a representative sample of your company's typical enrollment or change contents.
- Your transactions must pass with a success rate of 80% for the most recent batch submission.
- You are responsible for reviewing any enrollment/change summary reports that are produced in response to your enrollment/change tests.
- After you have passed BCBSRI End-to-End Partner Testing, your assigned BCBSRI HIPAA EDI Testing staff member will confirm that you have met the success rate criteria and you will be enrolled in the production implementation program.
- After you have obtained approval from EDI & Electronic Information Exchange, you are cleared for submission of X834 transactions.