

## § 162.100

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### Subpart A—General Provisions

#### § 162.100 Applicability.

Covered entities (as defined in § 160.103 of this subchapter) must comply with the applicable requirements of this part.

#### § 162.103 Definitions.

For purposes of this part, the following definitions apply:

*Code set* means any set of codes used to encode data elements, such as tables of terms, medical concepts, medical diagnostic codes, or medical procedure codes. A code set includes the codes and the descriptors of the codes.

*Code set maintaining organization* means an organization that creates and maintains the code sets adopted by the Secretary for use in the transactions for which standards are adopted in this part.

*Data condition* means the rule that describes the circumstances under which a covered entity must use a particular data element or segment.

*Data content* means all the data elements and code sets inherent to a transaction, and not related to the format of the transaction. Data elements that are related to the format are not data content.

*Data element* means the smallest named unit of information in a transaction.

*Data set* means a semantically meaningful unit of information exchanged between two parties to a transaction.

*Descriptor* means the text defining a code.

*Designated standard maintenance organization (DSMO)* means an organization designated by the Secretary under § 162.910(a).

*Direct data entry* means the direct entry of data (for example, using dumb terminals or web browsers) that is immediately transmitted into a health plan's computer.

*Format* refers to those data elements that provide or control the enveloping or hierarchical structure, or assist in identifying data content of, a transaction.

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*HCPCS* stands for the Health [Care Financing Administration] Common Procedure Coding System.

*Maintain* or *maintenance* refers to activities necessary to support the use of a standard adopted by the Secretary, including technical corrections to an implementation specification, and enhancements or expansion of a code set. This term excludes the activities related to the adoption of a new standard or implementation specification, or modification to an adopted standard or implementation specification.

*Maximum defined data set* means all of the required data elements for a particular standard based on a specific implementation specification.

*Segment* means a group of related data elements in a transaction.

*Standard transaction* means a transaction that complies with the applicable standard adopted under this part.

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### Subparts B–C [Reserved]

### Subpart D—Standard Unique Health Identifier for Health Care Providers

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#### § 162.402 Definitions.

*Covered health care provider* means a health care provider that meets the definition at paragraph (3) of the definition of “covered entity” at § 160.103 of this subchapter.

#### § 162.404 Compliance dates of the implementation of the standard unique health identifier for health care providers.

(a) *Health care providers.* A covered health care provider must comply with the implementation specifications in § 162.410 no later than May 23, 2007.

(b) *Health plans.* A health plan must comply with the implementation specifications in § 162.412 no later than one of the following dates:

(1) A health plan that is not a small health plan—May 23, 2007.

(2) A small health plan—May 23, 2008.