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## **UPDATE**

### **CMS Announces Delay of Enforcement of HPID**

Late on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, CMS announced a delay in the enforcement of the Health Plan Identifier (HPID) in the regulations pertaining to health plan enumeration and the use of the HPID in all HIPAA transactions **until further notice**. The delay applies to all HIPAA entities, including Health Providers, Health Plans, and Healthcare clearinghouses.

The reason for the delay is to allow HHS to review comments by one of its advisory boards, The National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, that HPIDs should not be used on HIPAA transactions.

As always, TBPG will continue to monitor all updates and keep you informed of any pertinent information. If you have any questions, please contact your TBPG representative.

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