



Strategic National Implementation Process

Transaction Strategies

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Transactions Update

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Transactions Work Group

- ◆ Organized into 5 Sub Work Groups (SWG)
 - Sequencing
 - Data Review
 - Translations
 - Testing
 - Business Issues



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Our Process

- ◆ Website
 - List our Three Work Groups
 - Transactions
 - Security and Privacy
 - Education and Awareness
 - List our work products
 - Link to Issues Database
 - Link to Discussion Thread
- ◆ Listservs



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Our Process - Continued

◆ Issues Database

- Post issues for WEDI SNIP to review
- Accepted issues will be posted with resolutions
- Issues are assigned to appropriate SWG
- Resolutions may be:
 - Simple answer on Issues Database
 - White paper
 - For complicated issues will create a SIG
- Resolutions are posted to database
 - Announced by email for industry review and comment



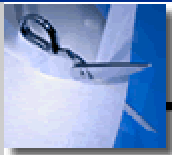
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Sequencing

◆ Recommendations:

- Each health care organization consider national deployment as they make plans
- Implement transactions that require most deployment (migration) first
 - Currently in place with proprietary formats
 - Thousands of trading partner relationship to change over
- Implement transactions that require most development later
 - Internal changes
 - Integration into applications



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Sequencing

Sequence and Schedule Proposal

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
Transactions	837 835	270/271 834	276/277	278	820
Pilot/Testing	Jul 1, 2001 Oct 1, 2001	Dec 1, 2001 Feb 1, 2002	Feb 1, 2002 Aug 1, 2002	Mar 1, 2002 Nov 1, 2002	May 1, 2002 Feb 1, 2003
Payer Readiness	Oct 1, 2001 Feb 1, 2002	Mar 1, 2002 Aug 1, 2002	May 1, 2002 Nov 1, 2002	June 1, 2002 Feb 1, 2003	Aug 1, 2002
Migration	Oct 16, 2002 Oct 16, 2003	Oct 16, 2002 Oct 16, 2003	Oct 16, 2002 Oct 16, 2003	Oct 16, 2002 Oct 16, 2003	Oct 16, 2002 Oct 16, 2003



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Front End Edits

- Batch transactions require both acknowledgement and detailed response
- Real Time request/response transactions provide both “automatically”
- X12 997 provides “negative” acknowledgement
- Unsolicited X12N 277 IG provides best claims response
- X12 824 transaction should be used for responses to other transactions
 - Development required
 - X12N Architecture group has begun evaluation



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Clearinghouses

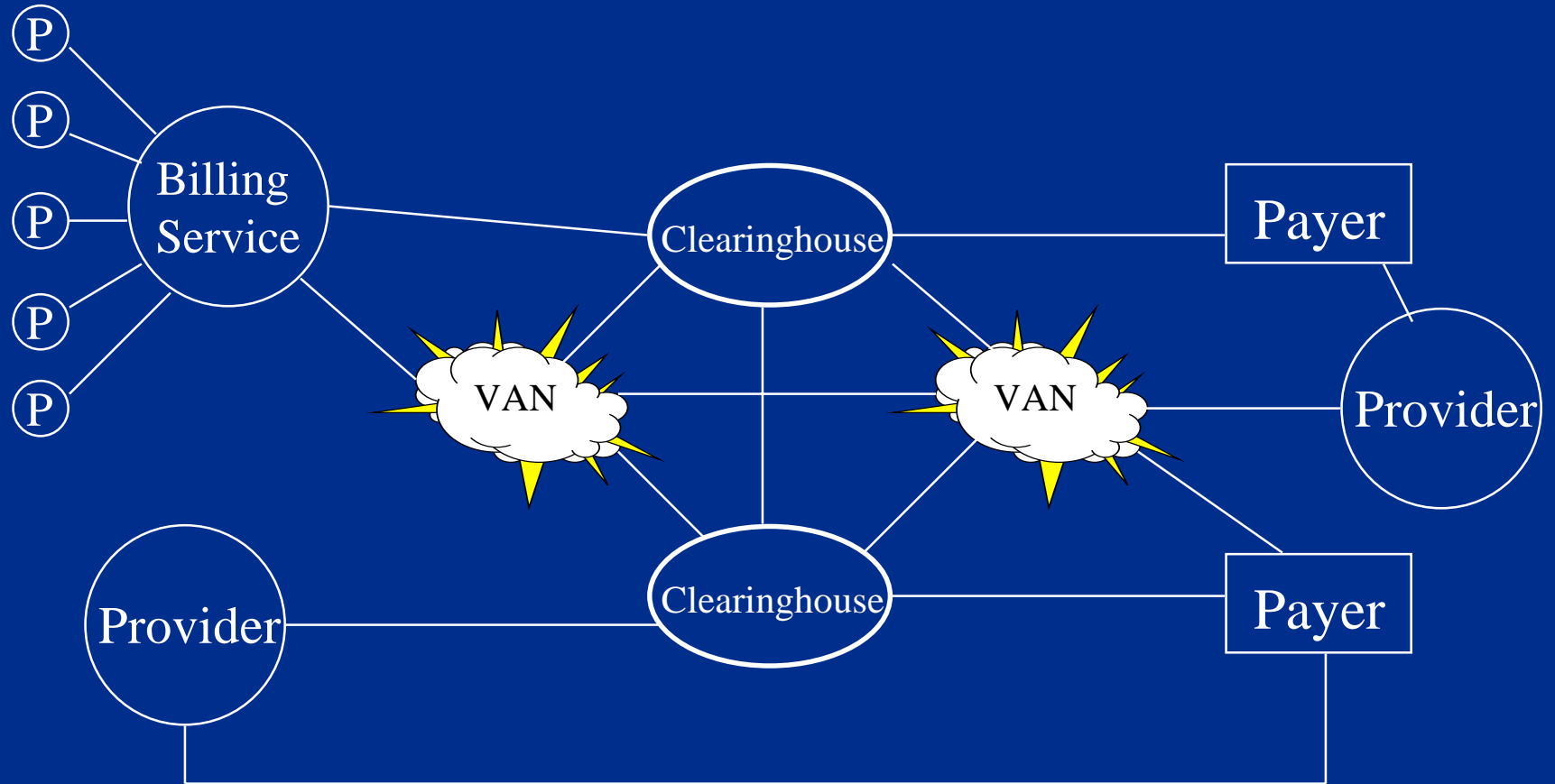
- ◆ Definition of a Clearinghouse
- ◆ Chain of Trust Agreements
- ◆ Transaction Set “Refusal” / Designated Clearinghouses
- ◆ Payment for Clearinghouse Services
- ◆ Use of Multiple Clearinghouses
- ◆ Clearinghouses “helping” to Create Standard
- ◆ Impact on Today’s Clearinghouse Business Models



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Real world



Simplified Connectivity Model



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Data and Code Set Compliance

- ◆ NDC Codes
- ◆ Elimination of Local Codes
- ◆ Non-medical Code Sets (mapping)
- ◆ Version Control of Medical Code Sets
- ◆ Claim Line Item Requirements
- ◆ Preventative Health Service Reporting (HEDIS)



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Trading Partner Agreements

- Guidelines for Data-related Agreements
- Requirements for Trading Partner Agreements
- Items to Include in a Trading Partner Agreement
 - Communication Requirements
 - Testing Requirements
 - Financial Arrangements for Telecommunications, etc.
 - Optional Functions (e.g., COB, etc.)
 - Security / Confidentiality Statements
 - Data Clarifications, Parameters
- Standardization of Trading Partner Agreements



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Impact on Direct Data Entry

- ◆ DDE offered directly or through 3rd party
- ◆ When does HIPAA apply to an on-line screen
- ◆ Exception applies only to providers
- ◆ Exception limited to format
- ◆ Provider-specific design of screens
- ◆ “Richer” data content
- ◆ Recommendation: EDI allows Integration



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Transaction Compliance and Certification

◆ Six levels of testing recommended:

- X12 syntax integrity
- Implementation Guide requirements
 - Loops, valid segments, elements, codes
- Balancing of amounts
 - Claim, remittance, COB, dates, etc.
- Code sets
 - X12, ICD-9, CPT4, HCPCS, Reason Codes, others
- Situational requirements
 - Inter-segment dependencies
- Specialty or Line of Business
 - Oxygen, spinal manipulation, ambulance, anesthesia, DME, etc.

◆ Third-party certification recommended