



## Provider Alert



### Are you ready for E3?

State law requires standardized electronic eligibility inquiries, claims, and remittance advices in 2009. This initiative is now called **E3: Streamlining health care transactions in Minnesota**.

One change has already taken place: When you check eligibility for benefits coverage, you need to be doing so electronically using the approved standards outlined in the Minnesota Companion Guides or via compliant web portals. That change started January 15, 2009.

Next up: Electronic claims submission is coming July 15, followed by remittance advice on December 15.

### Be Prepared

- Watch for more information on the websites of Minnesota’s health plans
- Sign up for AUC e-mail alerts at [www.health.state.mn.us/auc/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/auc/index.html). When you see the E3 logo, you know it’s important information
- Consider options that will help you meet the requirements. Providers with paper-based systems may want to consider a practice management system, billing service, clearinghouse or web-based portals offered by some payers

### Background

The Minnesota Legislature passed Minnesota Statute 62J.536 (“E3”) in order to reduce costs, take steps toward standardized billing requirements, and simplify and speed up health care transactions.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) consulted with Minnesota’s Administrative Uniformity Committee (members listed below) to develop uniform companion guides which outline electronic standards for these transactions. View the guides at [www.health.state.mn.us/auc/guides.htm](http://www.health.state.mn.us/auc/guides.htm)

### Who’s Affected

E3 applies to all health care providers that check eligibility, submit claims and receive remittance advices. E3 also applies to all health plans and payers, including the DHS-administered Minnesota Health Care Programs. These rules were announced, and will take effect, as follows:

| Health Care Transaction                            | Rules Announced | Rules in Effect |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Eligibility inquiry and response (270/271)         | Jan. 15, 2008   | Jan. 15, 2009   |
| Health care claim (837P, 837I, 837D and NCPDP 5.1) | July 15, 2008   | July 15, 2009   |
| Payment/remittance advice (835)                    | Dec. 1, 2008    | Dec. 15, 2009   |

### Help

For more information about the AUC and E3, go to [www.health.state.mn.us/auc/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/auc/index.html) or [www.health.state.mn.us/asa](http://www.health.state.mn.us/asa)

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