MEDICARE PART A BULLETIN

TO: All Participating Medicare Providers

FROM: Program Relations

SUBJECT: **PROVIDER NOTIFICATION OF MILLENNIUM INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLAIMS RELATED STANDARDS.**

ATTENTION MEDICARE BUSINESS OFFICE MANAGER: Please distribute to all appropriate health care personnel.

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has mandated that all electronic formats be millennium-compliant by December 31, 1998. Effective October 1, 1998, all electronic systems must be updated in accordance with the following instructions. Specifications outlined below may be obtained via the HCFA website at:

> **www.hcfa.gov/Medicare/edi/edi.htm.**

PC-ACE MILLENNIUM COMPLIANCE:

The PC-ACE product for Medicare Part A will produce the HCFA 1450 (UB92) Version 5.0 format in order to achieve millennium compliance. This product will be received by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida from the Florida Shared System by 05/15/98. At that time, the software will be tested and distributed to users. Distribution is targeted to begin on 07/22/98, in order to meet the 10/1/98, implementation.

HCFA 1450 (UB92) VERSION 5.0 FLAT FILE:

This is to inform trading partners who are sending Medicare Part A claims electronically using the HCFA 1450 flat file format has begun on the HCFA 1450 (UB92) Version 5.0 Flat File format. This format will be millennium compliant and will be available on 10/1/98. If you wish to convert to this format, specifications can be obtained from the HCFA website and you can begin to send test files after 10/01/98. Mandatory usage of the version 5.0 flatformat will take place on 1/1/99.

ANSI X12 837A:

Trading partners who are sending Medicare Part A claims electronically to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida of the status of the ANSI X12 837A transaction formats with regard to the impending millennium changes. Version 3032 2A.00 and 3051 3A.00 will be discontinued for use as of 12/31/98. Version 3051 3A.01 will be ready to accept test files on 10/1/98. Use of this Version 30513A.01 will be mandatory as of 1/1/99.

ANSI X 12 835 VERSION 3051 4A:

For Trading partners who receive the ANSI 12835 Version 3051 4A Electronic Remittance Advice please be aware that this format will accommodate the millennium changes. ANSI X12 835 versions 3030 2A and 3051 3A will continue to contain the six-digit dates and use of these versions will be the providers choice. If you wish to receive a response with eight-digit dates, you must convert to the ANSI 12835 Version 3051 4A. This new version will become available for use on and after 07/01/98, and specifications can be obtained from the HCFA website.

Questions regarding this bulletin may be addressed to the Electronic Media Claims (EMC) department by calling (904) 354-5977.