

We wanted to bring your attention to the recent CAQH CORE announcement regarding the publishing of the *CORE-required Code Combinations for the CORE-defined Business Scenarios v3.0.1 January 2013* for use with [CAQH CORE 360: Uniform Use of CARCs and RARCs Rule](#). Version 3.0.1 includes Compliance-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations approved by the CAQH CORE Code Combinations Task Group based on the November 2012 published CARC and RARC lists.

Implementation of CAQH CORE Rule 360 is mandated for all HIPAA covered entities by 01/01/2014. The announcement also contains links to key FAQs related to the CAQH CORE Code Combinations Maintenance Process. These FAQs can assist in setting expectations related to the timing of future adjustments to the *CORE-required Code Combinations for the CORE-defined Business Scenarios*.



**Updated Version Available for Implementation:**  
***CORE-required Code Combinations for the CORE-defined Business Scenarios v3.0.1 January 2013***

**To:** All HIPAA Covered Entities and Business Associates

**From:** The CAQH CORE Code Combinations Task Group Co-Chairs and CAQH CORE Staff

The purpose of this communication is to announce that an updated version of the *CORE-required Code Combinations for the CORE-defined Business Scenarios* is now available for use with [CAQH CORE 360: Uniform Use of CARCs and RARCs Rule](#). CAQH CORE Rule 360 enables more uniform use of the [Claim Adjustment Reason Codes](#) (CARCs) and [Remittance Advice Remark Codes](#) (RARCs) by targeting a *minimum* set of common or problematic Business Scenarios along with a *maximum* specified set of code combinations for each of these Scenarios. The *CORE-required Code Combinations for the CORE-defined Business Scenarios* must be updated to align with the current published CARC and RARC lists which are maintained by external Code Committees and are updated three or more times a year.

The [CORE-required Code Combinations for the CORE-defined Business](#)

[Scenarios v3.0.1 January 2013](#) is now available on the CAQH CORE website for use with CAQH CORE 360 Rule. Version 3.0.1 includes Compliance-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations approved by the CAQH CORE Code Combinations Task Group based on the November 2012 published CARC and RARCs lists. Version 3.0.1 is the first of regular version updates to the CORE Code Combinations for use with CAQH CORE 360 Rule. CAQH CORE Rule 360 is part of the ACA mandated [CAQH CORE EFT & ERA Operating Rules](#) which all HIPAA covered entities are required to implement by January 1, 2014. By January 2014, your systems should have a process to implement the CORE Code Combination updates on a regular basis.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of FAQs addressing common questions including:

- Why is there a new version 3.0.1 of the *CORE-required Code Combinations for the CORE-defined Business Scenarios*?
- Is the format of this version different than the earlier ones?
- What is included in a Compliance-based Review?
- What adjustments are included in version 3.0.1?
- When does my organization need to implement version 3.0.1?
- How will I access future versions of the *CORE-required Code Combinations for the CORE-defined Business Scenarios*?
- What if my organization has recommendations for adjustments to the *CORE-required Code Combinations for the CORE-defined Business Scenarios*?

Please review these FAQs and associated links for more information on the *CORE-required Code Combinations for the CORE-defined Business Scenarios v3.0.1 January 2013*. Please do not hesitate to contact [core@caqh.org](mailto:core@caqh.org) with any additional questions.