Background on CAQH® CORE® Phase IV Connectivity Operating Rule

The healthcare industry has made great strides in simplifying administration and improving efficiencies in revenue cycle workflows. Standards for EDI such as ASC X12 have helped improve workflows and reduce cost. To make the implementation of EDI more uniform and operationally seamless, the industry, under the leadership of CAQH CORE, developed Operating Rules using a transparent and consensus based approach. These rules have now been adopted into the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Regulations which are mandated for HIPAA covered entities like Health Plans and Clearinghouses. CAQH CORE Phase IV Connectivity Rule is a key part of the next phase of Operating Rules, for support of ACA's 3rd set of HIPAA X12 transactions (Claims, Prior Authorizations, Premium Payments, Benefit Enrollments) for which Operating Rules have been developed.

By offering enterprise-grade solutions and in-depth expertise in connectivity, security and regulatory compliance, BNETAL supports its customers as they remediate their EDI systems for compliance with the ACA regulatory requirements. The product release announcements below are timely since they address the technical requirements in the next set of CAQH CORE Operating Rules.

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BNETAL SureDeliver® offers Turnkey Solution for CAQH CORE Phase IV Connectivity Operating Rule

SureDeliver® 8.2 has been released. SureDeliver® 8.2 includes robust and turnkey implementations of the CAQH CORE Phase IV Connectivity Rule, in addition to CAQH CORE Phase I, II and III Connectivity Operating Rules. SureDeliver® 8.2 provides robust connectivity and security for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd set of HIPAA transactions for which CAQH CORE Operating Rules have been developed. These transactions include Eligibility, Claim Status, Electronic Remittance Advice, Claims, Prior Authorizations, Premium Payments and Benefit Enrollments.

SureDeliver® has been successfully implemented in the industry in support of secure and regulatory compliant connectivity and security for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) mandated transactions including Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA).

SureDeliver® easily integrates with business layer X12 processing components, providing a parallel turn-key gateway that enables new business and new trading partner connections, while meeting compliance requirements and improving security. SureDeliver® is well complemented by BNETAL product ManageSecure® for added security and management (see next article below), and by BNETAL SureVigil® (see *SureVigil.com*) for proactive monitoring of up-time and performance.

In addition to providing robust, simplified and compliant connectivity and security for the above transactions, SureDeliver® implementation of CORE Phase IV Connectivity Rule also has enhanced security, interoperability, transaction workflows, compliance reports, diagnostics, business intelligence, a rich and intuitive management interface and more. SureDeliver® is supported by industry experts in CAQH CORE Connectivity, with decades of enterprise level connectivity and security experience.

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1. CORE Phase IV Connectivity Rule is currently a draft and yet to be finalized. If the CORE Phase IV Connectivity Rule is updated by the industry participants of CORE, BNETAL will update SureDeliver® to be consistent with such CORE Phase IV updates at no additional cost to BNETAL customers who license/have licensed SureDeliver® for CORE Phase IV Connectivity compliance.

2. ACA Section 1104 already has language specifying use of CORE Phase II and III Operating Rules. At this time ACA regulations do not have language mandating the use of CORE Phase IV Rules for the 3rd set of HIPAA transactions for which CORE has developed the Phase IV operating rules. Until such language is developed, the Phase IV Rules will be available for voluntary adoption.

BNETAL ManageSecure® helps Secure CORE Phase IV Connectivity Rule Implementations

Created by industry participants in CORE using a voluntary process, CORE Phase IV Connectivity Rule is designed to improve the security of provider-payer EDI transactions using digital certificate based authentication over SSL/TLS (earlier phase' CORE Connectivity Rules also allowed the use of username+password authentication). As noted in the

article above, CORE Phase IV Connectivity Rule is the connectivity approach for the next set of transactions (e.g., Claims) for which Operating Rules are being developed.

While it has the potential to significantly strengthen security, digital certificate based authentication requires the right infrastructure, tools, and experience to do it right and get it right the first time. BNETAL product ManageSecure® is a turnkey solution for digital certificate based perimeter security, and strong management of digital certificates. BNETAL engineers have decades of implementation and operational experience in securing infrastructures for mission critical data exchanges, HIPAA security assessments and penetration testing. **Learn More**

BNETAL can help you Save Cost, Reduce Risk, Enhance Operational Robustness and Security

Let our seasoned experts handle your EDI remediation for robust, secure and regulatory compliant connectivity and security so you can focus on your business objectives. Avoid expensive and risky development and testing projects by using our turnkey solutions. Be confident about your compliance with EDI connectivity and security requirements by using our expertise and experience. Reduce support costs through improved robustness and management. Benefit from our HIPAA security assessments and penetration tests.

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