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**CHANGE TITLE: OPERATING RULES FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) ELIGIBILITY AND CLAIMS STATUS
TRANSACTIONS**

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SUMMARY OF CHANGE(S): Section 1104 of the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) establishes new requirements for administrative transactions that will improve the utility of the existing HIPAA transactions and reduce administrative costs. Health and Human Services (HHS) has adopted "Administrative Simplification: Adoption of Operating Rules for Eligibility for a Health Plan and Health Care Claim Status Transactions" to create uniformity in the Eligibility and Claims Status HIPAA transactions.

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