

ENCOUNTER DATA ANNOUNCEMENT...



Industry Outreach



Encounter Data User Group Rescheduled

CMS is replacing the **January 26, 2012** Encounter Data User Group Call with a two hour Encounter Data Webinar. We will provide clarification and instructions on EDPS end-to-end certification test cases and testing requirements during this Webinar. Additionally, due to the current progress with Professional certification, CMS has delayed the start date of Institutional certification which was scheduled to start on February 1, 2012. CMS will provide additional information regarding the delay during this event.

The session will be held **Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 2 – 4 PM EST**. Participants previously registered to attend the Encounter Data User Group Calls will automatically be enrolled to attend this event. Participants will be notified of registration and access information for the event using the registration email provided. For more information, including registration information, go to www.tarsc.info.

The deadline for EDFES certification was January 3, 2012. MAOs and other entities who have not yet met this deadline must complete front-end certification. MAOs and other entities are unable to begin EDPS end-to-end testing until they have completed front-end certification.

In the event you have questions, comments, or concerns regarding certification, please contact the **Customer Service and Support Center (CSSC Operations) at 1-877-534-2772**.