

Attachment A
Proposed Changes to
Standard 2008 ~~Community-Rated HMO~~ Health Benefits Contract

NOTE: New and revised language is underlined and language to be deleted is ~~struck out~~.

1. We are renumbering Section 1.27 CARRIER DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN (JAN 2007) to Section 1.26.

2. We are adding Section 1.27 HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS (JAN 2008) to be in compliance with Executive Order 13410, *Promoting Quality and Efficient Health Care in Federal Government Administered or Sponsored Health Care Programs*. This Executive Order states that each agency shall require in contracts or agreements with health care providers, health plans, or health insurance issuers that as each provider, plan, or issuer implements, acquires or upgrades health information technology systems, it shall utilize, where available, health information technology systems and products that meet recognized interoperability standards. The clause will read as follows:

Section 1.27 HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS (JAN 2008)

(a) The Carrier agrees that procurements for applicable health information technology systems and product updates, acquisitions, and installations that begin after January 1, 2008, will meet interoperability standards that are recognized and certified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the appropriate designated body at the time the systems are updated, acquired or implemented.

(b) The Carrier also agrees that as its provider agreements are established or renewed, it will take reasonable steps to encourage contracted providers to comply with applicable interoperability standards that are recognized and certified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the appropriate designated body.