



Data Submitters Users Group

Minutes

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Present

Ellen Bassette, Linda Bessette, Cindy Birkholz, Sandi Bruckert, Kathy Carlin, Donna Di Mola, Carla Gechas, Vicki Gorsuch, Diane Graczyk, Cheryl Hoeth, Liz Horejs, Sue Johnson, Cheryl Krainz, Iris Krisch, Angela Lee, LuAnn Matyas, Joyce Potter, Laura Rentmeester, Kim Rosario, Cathy Sanders, LaVonne Smith, Michael Stempski, Lois Tetzke, Theresa Wegener, Betsy Wiegel, and Kathy Wynes

Staff Present

Julie Callies, Brian Competente, Joe Kachelski, Brian Potter, Debbie Rickelman, Shannon Schumann, and Tony Tosi

Wlpop Software

Joe Kachelski provided an overview regarding the new software WHA Information Center would be using in 2005 to collect health data from facilities. He noted the WHA contract with the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and Chapter 153 of the statutes requires collection of hospital outpatient data. WHA Information Center plans to collect data on all hospital outpatient services. Several of the facility representatives expressed concern regarding the amount of data this involves and the programming that will need to be done by their facilities or vendors prior to 1/1/05.

During the course of the telephone conference the following decisions were made:

- Add ethnicity as a required field with a response option of "did not ask"
- Use the existing race codes
- Delete discharge date as a required field for outpatient records
- Continue with the existing source of payment codes
- Attending physician may be blank for outpatient records (hospital and ambulatory surgery center)
- Other physician may be blank for inpatient records without a principal procedure, or outpatient records for diagnostic tests and therapies. Other physician is required for inpatient records with a principal procedure, and ambulatory surgery records.
- A second other physician is optional. It will be used only for records that have a second surgeon.
- Place of service coding scheme should match that of the CMS-1500 if the software logic allows this.
- Add a field for CPT modifiers

The following tasks need to be completed prior to disseminating the final file layout and documentation:

- Develop documentation on options for submitters/programmers
- Develop facility ID codes
- Check all medical/billing codes for accuracy

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- Determine and communicate file size limits
- Evaluate other transmission methods
- Evaluate and test physical submission
- Develop an 837 crosswalk
- Develop a CMS-1500 crosswalk
- Clarify the identification of observation services
- Clarify reporting of reference lab services
- Develop diagnosis/procedure prioritization guidelines
- Research why the software requires a Type of Encounter code when the Type of Bill code indicates IP vs. OP status
- Update the documentation to include all of the above
- Schedule a meeting with the Data Consumers Users Group

Donna Di Mola offered to help with the CMS-1500 crosswalk. Michael Stempski volunteered to review a draft of the 837 crosswalk. If anyone else is interested in helping with either tool please contact Debbie Rickelman.

WHA Information Center plans to distribute the final file layout and data definitions by the end of July.

If anyone has further questions, concerns or comments please contact the WHA Information Center staff.

Inpatient Rehab Coding Guidelines

The most recent update of the WHA Information Center Data Submission Users Manual includes a guideline for coding inpatient rehab records. The guideline is referenced from *Fay Brown's ICD-9-CM Coding Handbook 2004* and is supported by the *AHA Coding Clinic*. It replaces a guideline WHA published in May 1993.

CPT/HCPCS Codes Outside of Surgical Range

One of the facilities suggested we add the CPT electrophysiology codes (93600-93662) to the procedures in the surgical range for the ambulatory surgery file. Any comments regarding this suggestion should be forwarded to Debbie Rickelman.

ICD vs. CPT/HCPCS Codes for Hospital Outpatient Records

The majority of the facilities represented on the conference call stated they are still submitting ICD codes to WHA Information Center for hospital outpatient services; however they are in the process of changing their extracts to allow for CPT/HCPCS codes.