



**DSUG Teleconference
Minutes
6/21/07**

Present: There were approximately 50 participants on the call.

Staff Present: Julie Callies, Shannon Verbos and Brian Competente

UB-04 Testing and Implementation

The updated Wlpop UB-04 system is now live online and ready for testing. Please contact Brian for the link to the testing site and new usernames and passwords, if your facility is ready for testing. Shannon is working on updating the submission manual. Once she has that completed, an email will go out to all data submitters with the link.

As a reminder, the UB-04 implementation in Wlpop starts with Q3 2007 dates of service. A quick summary of the following changes for UB-04 implementation include:

- Ability to accept NPI
- POA indicator for each diagnosis on an inpatient record
- Ability to accept multiple (up to three) reason for visit codes on outpatient records
- Ability to accept up to 12 e-code specific fields
- Two additional modifiers, for a total of four for each revenue line item
- Type of Bill expanded to four characters to comply with national standards
- Ability to re-order/add diagnoses and procedures

For clarification, the record layout applies to all data types.

Race & Ethnicity Changes – Q107

There are approximately 35 facilities that are still utilizing the previous version of race and ethnicity codes. Brian has contacted these facilities to correct these categories with their authorization. WHAIC does not do any mapping while the files are being processed in Wlpop. WHAIC displays the categories as they were submitted by the facility.

NPI Dissemination Update

Julie reported that CMS would make the NPI database available on June 29th. There has been no official word, but she heard that this date might be pushed back. The database will be downloadable off of CMS' website. Monthly updates would be available as well. The CMS website will also offer an online query system, similar to what is online for UPINs.



When Wipop will allow for NPIs to be submitted is yet to be determined. After Shannon is able to access the NPI database, she will get a better idea of how long it will be to implement the new database with what WHAIC has now. She will be able to see if there are common fields (legacy numbers) to link the two tables together.

Facilities on the call agreed that giving them two quarters to implement new programming to submit NPIs would be acceptable. Once Wipop requires NPIs, facilities can no longer use the legacy numbers for providers.

POA Update

Julie gave a few updates and reminders on POA:

- CMS Transmittal 1240 released on May 11th
- WHAIC accept POA with Q3 2007 dates of service, and require POA with Q1 2008 dates of service.
- CMS will require POA for Q4 2007 dates of service.
- CMS will return claims without POA status as of 4-1-08.
- WHAIC does require POA for e-codes
- All facilities are required to submit POA

Julie mentioned that Debbie had left notes on her visit to Florida to discuss their POA implementation. A facility would be attending a conference where Texas would be discussing its POA implementation. Would Texas have any tools to help implement POA with resistant physicians? If any facilities would like to share how they are implementing POA at its facility, please contact WHAIC to send to all participants.

Outpatient Workgroup Update

The outpatient workgroup was created to develop submission consistency, which would lead to consistent data. Standardizing data will help the end users with trending. There has been feedback giving to WHAIC that there are variances in reporting principal procedure. The outpatient workgroup has sent back feedback to WHAIC regarding its recommended guidelines for principal procedure. WHAIC is currently reviewing the suggestions from this group, and will share with interested facilities for additional feedback. Once this list is finalized, WHAIC will contact facilities to determine what is an acceptable timeframe to implement into Wipop.

Other

Fall Training Sessions – There will be a total of five training sessions. Two of the sessions have been finalized: October 29 in Rice Lake and November 6 in Wauwatosa. Once all the dates have been finalized, WHAIC will send a “save the date”.

New Edit: Statement Period Covers From and Through – Julie reminded facilities that a new edit will be implemented with Q2 2007 dates of service. This edit will be checked



on Observation and OHO data types. The statement period covers from date should equal the earliest service date in the revenue record. The statement period covers through date should equally the latest service date in the revenue record. This does allow a one-day grace for the statement period covers through field.

Brian has started sending validation reports for review for Q406 and Q107 Observation records. He will be sending Q406 OHO requests soon.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 26 at 10am.

Please contact Brian Competente if you are interested in participating.