



**DSUG Teleconference
Minutes
7/26/07**

Present: There were approximately 40 participants on the call.

Staff Present: Joe Kachelski, Julie Callies, Shannon Verbos and Brian Competente

UB-04 Testing and Implementation

WHA Information Center (WHAIC) had opened up the Wlpop UB-04 system for testing in June. Julie mentioned that 15 facilities have requested and received their new usernames and passwords to access the test site. Seven facilities have begun sending files to the test system. Shannon mentioned that if facilities only do manual data entry, they could begin adding "live" data to the test system. This test system will eventually become the "live" system, and your data will not be lost.

WHAIC will be sending out communications out shortly asking the status of implementing the new Wlpop UB-04 record layout. WHAIC is also encouraging vendors to contact us if they need any assistance. Shannon has already been working closely with a vendor who is implementing the new changes. She has developed a document of some common issues that other facilities or vendors may encounter for reference. A link is below to access it:

http://www.whainfocenter.com/dsug_minutes/testingissues.pdf

NPI Dissemination Update

CMS announced the delay of the NPI dissemination until August 1. Once Shannon has access to the NPI database, she will be able to determine how long the update of our database will take. Julie reminded facilities that WHAIC would give a two-quarter notice when NPI will be required, and the WI license and UPINs no longer accepted.

POA Update

Julie mentioned that CMS Transmittal 289 was recently released. A link to this document is below:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R289OTN.pdf>

Wlpop will allow POA submission as of 7/1/07 dates of service, and it will be required with 1/1/08 dates of service. When facilities begin submitting POA data, WHAIC will be able to provide feedback to the facility, and even add the POA data to the profile reports. CMS will not accept POA prior to October.

WHAIC will also look at the quarterly physician review process. Each quarter physicians have the opportunity to review records where they are listed as the attending



or procedure physician. WHAIC will look to include POA within these reports sent to physicians. The Wisconsin Medical Society has also been involved in making physicians aware of POA. WHAIC has offered to draft a letter to send to HIM to share with physicians at their locations.

WHAIC can provide examples that we have received on how facilities have staff/departments work together on POA. One suggestion is to have hospital procedures and processes include POA in physician documentation. Two websites that Julie shared were www.healthgrades.com and www.hcmarketplace.com.

Outpatient Workgroup Update

Julie mentioned that WHAIC is still gathering feedback from this workgroup regarding the recommended range for CPT procedures to be reported. The current recommended range for CPT codes refers to all procedures, not just principal procedures. All facilities will have an opportunity to see the revised recommended range for procedures once a draft is finalized by the workgroup. This will most likely be available at the end of August, as the analysis feedback will be done in conjunction with internal validation.

Shannon will be doing an analysis of the procedures submitted that do not fall within our recommended range. The analysis will be done on Q1 2007 data, as this is the first quarter where CPT is required. Julie will look through the report and follow-up with facilities during the internal validation process.

Other

Please "save the date" for one of the following training sessions.

- Monday, October 29 – Rice Lake Technical College
- Tuesday, November 6 – Wheaton Franciscan Health Care, Wauwatosa
- Thursday, November 8 – Wisconsin Hospital Association, Madison
- Tuesday, November 13 – Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton
- Thursday, November 15 – Wisconsin Hospital Association, Madison

Tentative agenda items:

- UB-04 changes
- POA
- Additional feedback received from testing
- Uses of data and quality reporting

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be **Thursday, September 13 at 10am.**

Please contact Brian Competente if you are interested in participating.

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