

MQI-EDI Medical Reporting / Payers to Jurisdiction Meeting #2 – November 6, 2006

Introductions: Holly Mercer began the meeting by introducing the project team. She explained how the meeting would be conducted and that questions would be repeated to help everyone hear and participate. Phone participants were asked to email Gayle Parrish with the names of those who participated on the phone from each location.

Project Team Participants:

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Outside Participants:

None present

Teleconference Participants:

Cindy Koss-Brod, Elizabeth Filtz, and Chris Strong; Sentry Insurance
Elizabeth Walton and Trina Yurk; Bunch & Associates
Shelly Odette, Norma Torres, and Sheri North; Fair Isaac
Evan Karp and John Jones, Oregon Health Systems
Court Abbot, PMSI
Dina Thomson, TMESys
Joan Henchey, Tara Gagner, and Kent Pepe; Concentra

Discussion Regarding Draft Documents:

Event Table:

This specifies what events are reportable to Oregon. Currently Bulletin 220 is a quarterly report. We intend to continue our requirement to report medical bills within 90 days of payment in the new ANSI 837 format, but have reporting be either weekly or monthly depending upon bill volume. Those with a higher volume would report weekly so there is not such a huge file to be acknowledged.

For Cancellation transactions, if a bill is sent in error, we assume that it would be discovered and retracted within the first 90 days. We want to know immediately, as soon as the sender discovers the error.

Replacement transactions would be required if the provider type, claim administrator claim number, or facility type (location of services) were different than originally reported. Again, we would want to know as soon as the sender made the change in their system.

Data Element Requirement Table:

The participants were encouraged to voice their comments, concerns, or questions regarding the data element requirements. Their input is important to the project team. Participants can communicate at a later date via email.

The project team looked at the California requirements and based our proposal on their data requirements, limited to what the team felt met the needs of Oregon. We discussed our proposed use of the National Provider ID as our sole identifier. Because of the research we have done on the timetable for the NPI, we believe it will be in general use and available by the time we implement in 2008 or 2009.

Gayle explained that feedback received from the previous meeting had suggested that the Transaction Tracking Number be added to the element requirements. This will also be returned in the acknowledgement file, to help reporters to match acknowledgements more quickly and easily with the original transactions. Gayle reported that she had added Transaction Tracking Number as a mandatory field for Original Bills, Cancellations and Replacements.

Edits and Error Message Tables:

Gayle mentioned that the only edit added was to “Mandatory Field Not Present” edit against the new Transaction Tracking Number data element required. This is the only edit we plan to apply to this field.

No comments.

Evan from Oregon Health Systems commented that the lack of comments or questions should not be taken as a sign of no questions or no concerns. His participation at the meeting was to gather more information as they continue to do research on the EDI system. He requested that another meeting be scheduled in the early part of 2007 (mid to late January) when they could come back with questions. Sentry’s representative agreed that a follow-up meeting would be very beneficial. Holly said that a follow-up meeting was possible and would plan on scheduling it towards the end of January in the phone conference format.

Draft Implementation Sequence Plan:

Holly went through the plan and explained what the project team has tried to factor in reasonable testing times. The bulk of NPIs will be assigned by May of 2007 and the small plans will be required to have their NPIs by May of 2008. We want to give as much notice as possible; 15 months between the Industry Notice and the start of testing for the first group. We want to make sure the rules are modified where necessary to streamline electronic reporting. Those reporters who are already filing EDI medical bills in Texas, Colorado and California would be the first to begin reporting to us. We want those with the experience to begin the process here. SAIF would be the second group to begin reporting. The third group will be all other reporters. Once a reporter has successfully completed their testing, we would then eliminate their Bulletin 220 reporting requirement and just receive the ANSI 837 format.

A participant wondered what the feedback was in the last meeting. Holly restated that the main feedback was regarding tracking. We need to capture and use the transaction tracking number. This suggestion came from a vendor. This has been added to the documents and it is a field that will be required.

Holly also discussed the need for the providers to provide accurate data to the insurers so that they can report the data accurately to us. We will push the importance of correctly filling in the HCFA and UB92 forms at the providers' level. A participant asked if we would be mandating use of the HCFA and UB92 forms in Oregon, and Nathan responded that their use is already mandatory.

One participant asked if more than one submitter submit could submit medical bills for a single workers' compensation claim. Gayle responded that she could see no reason why not; we do not anticipate applying edits to screen out those reportings, but only to reject duplicate bills (same sender, same claim no., date of injury, treatment date & amt., etc.).

Holly reviewed for everyone that a follow-up meeting will be scheduled towards the end of January, 2007. It will be a conference call format. Information will be made available through the Web site and Web board, and participants in these meetings will also be notified via email. Holly asked participants to study our draft documents, and to notify the team of any rule changes or other modifications recommended.

Participants were reminded that they could give their feedback via email, phone call, in person or a letter. Their participation and their research and questions are appreciated.

The meeting notes will be sent out early next week.

Phone participants were encouraged to check-in by email to Gayle Parrish (gayle.m.parrish@state.or.us) and everyone was asked to let the committee know if they were already reporting to other states via ANSI 837 format.

Next Meetings:

November 30, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – Room C
Teleconference number and access code: Same as for this conference
1-712-432-2000 Access Code 362514

Another meeting will be scheduled for the end of January, 2007; further details will be sent out closer to that time.