

AUC Executive Committee  
Meeting notes  
April 6, 2015

Agenda Item	Notes and follow-up
1) Meeting to order – Ann Hale	Ann Hale called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. Ann, Tony Rinkenberger, Bob Aliperto, and Cherie Nauha attended.
2) Anti-trust statement	Ann noted the AUC anti-trust statement.
3) <a href="#">Review of notes from the previous meeting</a>	The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.
4) <a href="#">Updates/Old business</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Companion Guides Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Repeat proposed update process for claims guides</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) TAG and SBAR update</li> <li>c) ICD-10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) WEDI survey results</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Dave Haugen updated the Committee on the status of annual maintenance of the claims companion guides. Guide updates were proposed December 15, 2014 with a 30 day public comment period. The comments received were for technical and clarifying corrections and were reviewed with the Medical Code TAG. New versions of the claims guides incorporating all changes, including those from the public comment period, were reviewed and approved by the Medical Code TAG. The revised were subsequently also approved via an email vote by the AUC Operations Committee.  The next step typically would have been to complete the maintenance process by publishing a notice in the State Register of adoption of the revised versions into rule. However, questions were raised regarding the clarity and accuracy of a few items in the guides. MDH will work with the Medical Code TAG to address these questions and to coordinate with the Operations Committee on any changes prior to completing the annual maintenance process.</li> <li>b) Dave summarized recent TAG activity as reported in the March edition of the AUC newsletter, posted on the <a href="#">AUC website</a>.</li> <li>c) Dave reported on a recent survey by the national Workgroup on Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) regarding ICD-10 preparedness. The survey results indicated that many parties, especially providers, seem unprepared or lagging in their ICD-10 preparedness. He noted that Judy Edwards has been meeting with and organizing potential resources for ICD-10 sessions to</li> </ul>

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ii) Outreach and ICD-10 readiness	be conducted at the annual state rural health conference scheduled for June 29-30 this year. In addition, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has been including articles regarding ICD-10 readiness in the monthly AUC newsletter, and has been adding materials and links to the <a href="#">ICD-10 section of the AUC website</a> .
<p>5) <a href="#">New business</a></p> <p>a) Future challenges – meeting business needs for new payment mechanisms</p> <p>b) Future challenges – Convergence of clinical and administrative data exchange</p> <p>i) Meaningful use phase III rules review and response?</p>	<p>The Committee discussed the AUC’s ongoing interests in preparing for a changing health care delivery/financing environment that may include greater use of “bundled payment” and Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs). WEDI recently announced the formation of a project team as part of its Payment Models Workgroup to focus on Bundled Payments. This “Bundled Payments Taskforce” will “assess the attributes, information, and technology needs and requirements of this model, and develop solutions, in the form of an industry action plan, to foster their adoption and implementation while increasing sustainability.” Ann Hale will discuss the WEDI project team with Laurie Darst, immediate past AUC co-chair and WEDI chair-elect, to learn more about its activities and possible opportunities for shared learning and participation.</p> <p>Dave Haugen noted that several sources have cited the needs and possible emerging opportunities for a convergence in the exchanges of clinical and administrative data. He reported that the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released its <a href="#">proposed rule for Phase III of EHR meaningful use incentives</a>, and is seeking comments through May. He asked whether the comment period provided an opportunity to create awareness of the needs for and potential benefits of greater convergence of clinical and administrative data.</p> <p>In discussion it was noted that the scope of the proposed Phase III rules seemed limited primarily to improvements and clarifications of previous meaningful use phase I and II rules, with a focus on deployment of electronic health records (EHRs) for the exchange of clinical data. It was suggested that Dave Haugen discuss with MDH’s Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT), which is responsible for implementing the state’s EHR mandate, its plans for responding to the proposed phase III rule, and whether there may be opportunities for the AUC to also forward administrative simplification comments to be included with any other submissions to CMS. Dave said he would bring the discussion to OHIT staff, and will also begin exploring a possible joint meeting of the AUC Executive Committee and any similar group within the state’s E-health Advisory Committee to discuss the interplay of clinical and administrative health care data.</p>
6) Other business	Ann Hale said that it will be important to plan for a review and any updates that may be needed of the AUC’s specifications for the exchange of paper Explanation of Benefits to patients. She noted that

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	<p>the <a href="#">specifications</a> were developed pursuant to statute in 2007 and have not been updated since. Ann said she would be bringing a plan forward in the near future to review the specifications for any updates that may be needed.</p> <p>Due to the Labor Day holiday on September 7 this year, the AUC Executive Committee meeting calendar included tentative meeting dates for September 8 and September 14. September 8 is also currently reserved for the AUC Operations regular quarterly meeting. After discussion it was agreed to cancel the Executive Committee meeting on September 8 and to meet only on September 14.</p> <p>Bob Aliperto asked for any updates regarding use of the <a href="#">AUC best practices for Health Insurance Exchange Grace Period Notifications</a>. Ann said that HealthPartners is reporting the grace period via the eligibility response (271) transaction, but that it is not using the remittance advice to provide the notification information. In discussion it appeared that others were similarly using the 271 transaction and not the remittance advice. The topic will be added for consideration for possible discussion at the next regular Operations Committee meeting in June.</p> <p>There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned shortly before 10:30 a.m.</p>
<p>7) Next meeting: May 4, 2015, 8:30am - 10:30am</p> <p>HealthPartners Walnut room</p>	