

Meeting Notes – AUC Executive Committee 5/2/16

5/2/16 Agenda item	Notes and follow-up
A. Meeting to order – Tony Rinkenberger	The meeting was called to order.
B. Anti-trust statement	The AUC anti-trust statement was noted.
C. Updates/Old business	
1. Review of notes from the previous meeting	The April 4, 2016 Executive Committee meeting was canceled due to a light agenda.
2. Update – companion guide maintenance	Dave Haugen of the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) discussed the status of companion guide annual maintenance.
3. TAG/SBAR update	Dave Haugen provided an update regarding recent AUC Technical Advisory Group (TAG) activity.
D. New business	
1. AUC response to X12 proposed TR3 for reporting premium payment grace period	Dave Haugen reported that the Eligibility TAG was conducting an email vote to approve the TAG's response to X12's proposed TR3 for reporting premium payment grace period. If approved by the TAG, the AUC Operations Committee would vote on the response to submit by an X12 deadline of May 9.
2. EOB/Remit Educational Best Practice Example	Dave Haugen presented a best practice being completed by the EOB/Remit TAG to help inform and educate regarding use of the 835 remittance advice transaction for recoupment of overpayments. He suggested that Pete Anderson, co-chair of the EOB/Remit TAG, present the best practice at the next AUC Operations Committee meeting scheduled for June 4 as an example of educational products to be developed more generally across a range of administrative transactions. The Executive Committee agreed, and Dave will contact Pete to request that he present the best practice at the next Operations meeting.
3. NCVHS, CORE problems/opportunities –	Dave Haugen briefly summarized a report of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics

<p>opportunities for the AUC? Increase adoption/use of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Acknowledgments (per NCVHS) b. Enrollment/disenrollment (834) and health plan premium payment (820) (per NCVHS)? c. Eligibility (270/271), prior auth (278), claim status inquiry (276/277) per CAQH/CORE? 	<p>(NCVHS) on its hearings conducted June 16 and 17, 2016 regarding the state of HIPAA mandated standard health care administrative transactions.</p> <p>In its report, NCVHS noted that while “Testifiers at the ... hearing acknowledged that there is evidence of savings through the adoption and implementation of standards for the HIPAA named transactions ... achieving the potential savings have been limited by a number of factors, including variability in the level of implementation and inconsistency in the method of implementation of the transaction standards and operating rules.”</p> <p>The report’s recommendations included increasing the adoption and use of several standard, electronic administrative transactions. These transactions could also be considered for expanded adoption and use as part of Minnesota’s health care administrative simplification efforts. The report also noted the importance of continued education efforts for best use of transactions already adopted.</p>
<p>4. MDH community engagement</p>	<p>Dave Haugen described efforts by units at MDH to develop and implement community engagement projects to more fully partner with and help address needs of a variety of community needs. Dave and Judy Edwards of MDH will be exploring possible administrative simplification community engagement projects in the near future.</p>
<p>5. Planning for next Ops meeting on June 14</p>	<p>The Executive Committee discussed initial Operations Committee agenda items for the June 14 Operations meeting, including the EOB/Remit TAG educational best practice described above. The agenda will be reviewed in more detail at the Exec Committee meeting planned for June 6.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning/discussion of survey of AUC re. use of transactions and barriers ▪ Other 	<p>MDH is continually seeking to learn more about the barriers and challenges to the effective use of administrative transactions. It is carrying out annual “customer satisfaction” surveys of AUC members, as well as participating in annual EHR surveys of clinics around the state to also learn about their use of key administrative transactions, but is interested in</p>

	gathering additional information to use in addressing challenges and barriers, and in working with the AUC to address the challenges.
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Meeting to order – Tony Rinkenberger	Tony Rinkenberger called the meeting to order.
Anti-trust statement	Tony Rinkenberger noted that the meeting was being conducted consistent with the AUC anti-trust statement .
A. Updates/Old business	
1. Review of notes from the previous meeting	The notes of the May meeting will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.
2. Update – companion guide maintenance	Dave Haugen of the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) reported on the status of annual companion guide maintenance. In particular, he noted that proposed revisions to the 837 Dental companion guide (v11) erroneously included reference in an appendix to use of the K3 segment for reporting tooth number, and that the final version of the adopted revisions to the guide (v12) would not include the references to using the K3 segment for reporting tooth number. Dave will also contact Allina and seek any additional clarification regarding its “no” vote on a recent AUC email vote of the v12 837 Professional and 837 Institutional companion guide revisions approved by the majority of AUC members to be adopted into rule.
3. TAG and SBAR update	Dave Haugen briefly summarized recent AUC Technical Advisory Group (TAG) activity, which is also being regularly reported in the AUC monthly newsletter.
B. New Business	
Planning for June 14 AUC Operations meeting Tentative action items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pete Anderson will present the EOB Remit TAG best practice on use of the 835 overpayment recoupment 	Dave Haugen briefly summarized the June 14 AUC Operations meeting agenda to the left. Dave Anderson also noted that the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) will be issuing recommendations to the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regarding adoption of “phase IV” of national operating rules mandated under the ACA. He suggested that if the NCVHS

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<p>(Pete has a scheduling conflict and would like to present during the first half of the meeting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and revote on the following companion guide issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remove instructions in the appendix of the 837D guide regarding use of the K3 segment for reporting tooth number ○ Allina no vote (I will be discussing with Allina next week and will have more information) • TAG and SBAR updates • Other 	<p>recommendations are available for the Operations meeting that they should be included on the meeting agenda. The meeting agenda was approved with Dave Anderson’s suggested addition.</p> <p>The Executive Committee also briefly discussed a state law enacted in May that delayed the effective date of requirements for the exchange of electronic attachments for workers’ compensation-related medical claims from July 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017. Dave Haugen pointed out that the national standards setting and advisory organizations, X12, HL7, and WEDI, were collaborating on a white paper providing background and education regarding electronic attachments. Dave will send the latest copy of the white paper to the Executive Committee for review.</p>
<p>Speakers/presenters for MHA conference in November</p>	<p>Dave Haugen reported that the Minnesota Hospital Association had contacted the AUC seeking presenters at the Minnesota Healthcare Financial Management Assn. (HFMA) meeting scheduled for Nov. 3 to provide a summary of AUC activities and updates. Dave Haugen and Judy Edwards will be available for the meeting, as will a member of the Executive Committee.</p>
<p>C. Other business</p>	<p>There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.</p>
<p>D. Next meeting: July 11, 2016 8:30am - 10:30am</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Health Partners 8170 Bldg, 1st Floor - Walnut Room</p>	

