

**Minnesota Administrative Uniformity Committee (AUC) Operations Committee
 June 11, 2013
 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, Eagan, Minnesota

Meeting Notes

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1. Minute Taker for Today –Dave Haugen		
2. Welcome and Introductions– Keri Silvernagel	Keri Silvernagel convened the meeting and members introduced themselves.	
3. AUC Anti-trust Statement Reminder – Keri Silvernagel	Keri Silvernagel noted the AUC Anti-Trust Statement on the AUC website.	
4. Attendance Count for Quorum – Dave Haugen	In the interests of time, a quorum count was not taken. It was agreed that the voting items sent to Operations members in advance of the meeting could be voted on via email voting.	
5. Executive Committee – Keri Silvernagel	<p>Keri Silvernagel introduced Ellen Benavides, Assistant Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Ellen thanked the AUC thank the AUC for its work and to encourage them to continue its role as a model leader in health care collaboration and administrative simplification. Assistant Commissioner Benavides also expressed her appreciation for the AUC and MDH long-standing partnership in recognition of the accomplishments in reducing Minnesota’s health administrative costs system-wide and improving the patient health care experience and improved patient outcomes.</p> <p>Assistant Commissioner Benavides discussed the State Innovation Model (SIM) \$45 million grant received Minnesota</p>	AUC Operations members received an email immediately following the

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	<p>from CMS. The SIM is a joint project between the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Human Services Minnesota to drive health care reform and to test the Minnesota Accountable Health Model.</p>	<p>meeting with links to additional information regarding the state’s SIM grant.</p>
<p>6. AUC review/voting (voting dependent on presence of quorum):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised coding clarification grid • Acknowledgment PowerPoint best practice • Revised claims attachment best practice • AUC SBAR process • Revised SBAR form and instructions 	<p>As noted above, the AUC agreed to conduct voting for the items to the right via email.</p>	<p>Requests for email votes were emailed to Operations members on June 12 for the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised Coding Recommendation Grid (Medical Code TAG) • Final Version of the Acknowledgments PowerPoint Best Practice (Acknowledgments TAG) • Revised Claims Attachment Best Practice (Claims DD TAG) • AUC SBAR Process • Revised AUC SBAR Form and Instructions <p>The voting items above were also posted to the AUC website at http://www.health.state.mn.us/auc/info_ops.htm.</p> <p>After completion of the vote, the results were tallied and all voting items were approved. The Operations committee was notified via email on June 26 of the results.</p>

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	<p>challenges such as ID-10 compliance and demonstrating meaningful use of electronic health records. The AUC is also working to streamline the number of meetings but maintain its momentum, relevance, and impact;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The status of enforcement and compliance with the state’s requirements for the electronic exchange of health care administrative transactions. He noted generally high levels of electronic claims, as well as some areas needing continued work. He said that MDH has been collaborating with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) in reviewing compliance for the exchange of workers’ compensation-related medical transactions and to help address challenges in the exchange of these transactions; • That a later meeting agenda item was intended to start conversations with the AUC regarding outreach and events to help address implementation and compliance challenges and to help in realizing the benefits of administrative simplification; • The status of the MDH’s “Prescription Drug Electronic Prior Authorization (Rx ePA) Project” with the AUC. He reported that three meetings of the AUC and interested parties had been held to develop a statutorily-required companion guide for Rx ePA, with one more teleconference planned. He said that the project was nearing completion. • Several upcoming national meetings and resource materials of possible interest. <p>Eligibility, EOB/Remit, Claims DD, Acknowledgments, and Medical Code TAGs</p>	

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	<p>The above TAGs had not met recently and had no report.</p> <p>Health Plan Identifier (HPID) TAG</p> <p>Dave Anderson reported that recent national meetings and webinars have reflected concerns and questions regarding use of HPID. He noted that the Workgroup on Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) and the Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 are also addressing HPID implementation and use. The HPID TAG met April 25 to organize and begin learning about HPID, and began to inventory questions/issues and information needed. The TAG is next scheduled to meet June 20.</p> <p>State Uniform Billing Committee (SUBC)</p> <p>The SUBC had no report</p>	
<p>8. Discussion: possible forums/events/meetings to improve awareness of/compliance with rules, best practices</p>	<p>Dave Haugen discussed needs for events and outreach to improve awareness of and compliance with the state’s administrative simplification requirements, as well as initial planning and brainstorming being undertaken to meet the needs. He noted that there have been a number of important milestones and changes since Minnesota Statutes, section §62J.536 was enacted in 2007, and that it is a good time to reassess communication, technical assistance, and compliance with the law. Despite progress toward meeting the requirements for standard, electronic health care business transactions, there are often still challenges to be addressed and improvements needed. A variety of communication, outreach, convening, and technical assistance is being considered to help meet the challenges. MDH has contracted with GTS Educational Events, the organization that has helped plan the annual “e-Health Summits,” in brainstorming and</p>	<p>A copy of Dave Haugen’s presentation regarding planning for possible events and outreach in support of administrative simplification was emailed to AUC Operations members following the meeting.</p>

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	<p>initial high level planning of outreach and events to help meet the state’s administrative simplification requirements and goals.</p> <p>In discussion, there was general consensus to continue to explore and plan for possible meetings, forums, and communications to meet needs.</p>	
<p>9. Other Business</p>	<p>There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.</p>	
<p>Next regularly scheduled quarterly AUC Operations Meeting:</p> <p><u>September 17, 2013 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm</u></p> <p>Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota River Park 1 Private Dining Room 1750 Yankee Doodle Road Eagan, Minnesota</p>		

Attendance:

It was difficult to take attendance at the meeting due to technical difficulties during the meeting. The following persons emailed MDH after the meeting to indicate their attendance:

Sandra Butz, CentaCare

Judy Gordon, Mayo

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Kristy Sutton, Olmsted Medical Center

Susan Holt, UM Physicians

Barbara Johnson, HCMC.

If you attended the June 11, 2013 AUC Operations, please email Judy Edwards at judy.edwards@state.mn.us so that we can record your attendance.