

#1 – Minutes from the June Operations meeting



AUC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2015

**TIES Event Center, Hamline Room
1644 Larpenteur Avenue West, Falcon Heights, MN 55108**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
1. Meeting to order – Ann Hale, co-chair	
2. Anti-trust statement: http://www.health.state.mn.us/auc/pdfs/antitrust.pdf	Ann Hale stated that members must comply with the AUC anti-trust statement during discussion; and to view details please visit AUC website.
3. Introductions – Please email your attendance to ann.hale@state.mn.us Attendance was taken.	On behalf of the AUC, Ann thanked Bob Aliperto for serving as the 2014 co-chair and presented him with a plaque in appreciation for his leadership, expertise, ideas and suggestions resulting a successful 2014 for the AUC.
4. Updates and reports a. Status of AUC testimony to NCVHS b. Brief TAG Updates c. Relevant national activity/updates d. Brief Minnesota legislative updates	<p>a. Status of AUC testimony to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) – Dave Haugen reported that NCVHS is conducting hearings June 16-17 as part of their biennial review process to evaluate and review the adopted standards and operating rules for administrative simplification. He presented the list of questions and data requests posed by NCVHS to the industry and the responses to CMS prepared and approved by the Claims DD TAG, Eligibility and EOB/Remit TAGs. Dave stated that the deadline to submit written comments to NCVHS is June 17. He noted that in addition to the topics named, the AUC experience with acknowledgments and non-HIPAA covered entities has been important and should be considered by NCVHS. The Executive Committee is requesting that Ops review and vote on the AUC response from June 9-15.</p> <p>Ann – extended thanks to TAG co-chairs and parties who worked on preparing the responses for review by Ops and submission to NCVHS so</p>

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quickly. She further stated MN has a lot to say about where we are and what we've done and it is important to provide feedback to NCVHS.

- b. Brief TAG updates – Dave reminded members that the TAG updates are published in the monthly AUC Update (newsletter) and that meeting minutes and meeting information are posted on each individual AUC TAG's webpage.

Ann explained that the voting period for the E-vote request sent to the AUC Ops on May 21 to approve three best practices and C&TC Developmental and Social Emotional/Mental health Screenings SBAR response occurred over the Memorial Day holiday. She received an email from an Ops member expressing concern about the voting deadline and felt it should have been longer to account for members away for the holiday. As a result, an email was sent June 4 extending the deadline through Thursday, June 11.

Pete Anderson, EOB/Remit TAG co-chair, reported that CAQH CORE released the new code combinations and will start looking at new scenarios beginning in July. He further stated that presumably four months from now the business scenario that the TAG submitted, if accepted will come out in CORE's next update.

- c. Dave Haugen reported that HHS announced they are moving forward on HPID certification rule and issued a request for information (RFI) on HPID enumeration structure. Their 60-day public comment period is opened until July 28, 2015. It was agreed that AUC should submit comments. Dave Andersen will convene the HPID TAG to draft comments on behalf of the AUC for Ops review and approval.

Dave Haugen reported that a recent WEDI newsletter discussed several workgroups; some of the issues and topics overlay with the AUC's. He stated MDH will continue to monitor WEDI bundled payments, payment models, and ICD-10 workgroups and asked that AUC members also be mindful of the workgroups' activities and to provide feedback to the AUC on relevant issues or topics that may impact the AUC.

- d. Lisa Wichterman reported that the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) had developed a statutory proposal to address issues in workers compensation e-billing identified at a joint MDH-DLI

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	<p>Workers Compensation Symposium conducted November 5, 2014. The DLI legislation requires attachments with outpatient bills using the 275 transaction no later than July 1, 2016; no later than January 1, 2016, payers must list the name(s) of their Clearinghouse(s), claim number, and name of a contact person on their website(s); and effective September 1, payers must provide the patient’s name and patient control number on or with all payments made to a provider. The proposal includes enforcement authority. In responding to questions, Lisa noted that DLI is proposing version 5010 of the 275 transaction, DLI did not specify a format for sending medical records, and she is not sure whether rules will be developed. She stated the proposed e-billing legislation will be discussed further at an upcoming workers compensation meeting among the payers, DLI and their Commissioner.</p> <p>Lisa requested that any further questions regarding the proposed legislation be sent to her.</p>
<p>5. Discuss payer implementation of AUC Best Practices for Exchanging Grace Period Notification</p>	<p>Status check on implementation of the AUC HIX Grace Period Notification best practices:</p> <p>BCBS has implemented the 270/835 best practices; HealthPartners implemented the 270/271 best practice in March; Medica is looking at implementation.</p>
<p>6. Review AUC schedule and objectives for the remainder of the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Schedule next round of companion guide annual maintenance b. Response to CMS request for comments re HPID c. SIM Data Analytics update/planning d. Acknowledgment TAG re-forming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dave Haugen reported the claims companion guides (837) were published in the Minnesota State Register June 1. b. Dave Anderson will convene the HPID TAG to prepare draft comments to CMS for AUC review, approval, and submission. HPID members will receive meeting notification soon. c. The Executive Committee met with staff of the Minnesota Departments of Health and of Human Services to discuss a possible role of the AUC to help standardize data analytics to be made available to Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) as part of the State Innovation Model (SIM) grant now underway. The Executive Committee will follow-up by requesting that the SIM staff complete and submit an AUC SBAR to determine if their request is in scope for the AUC.

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	<p>d. Ann Hale announced that the Acknowledgment TAG is re-forming. She stated that Minnesota is in the forefront of requiring this transaction and that the TAG had completed important work. She solicited participation and commitment to serving on the Acknowledgment TAG. Contact Ann or Dave H. if interested.</p>
<p>7. Outreach, planning for ICD-10</p>	<p>There is great concern throughout the industry regarding provider readiness for the October 1, 2015 transition to ICD-10. The AUC is sharing it's website with the MN ICD-10 Collaborative. The Collaborative is working with a number of partners to provide outreach and education to small and rural providers.</p>
<p>8. Other Business</p>	<p>Two- and four-digit PMAP codes. Joe Schindler reported that the Health Plans are still meeting with DHS regarding this issue. Andrea Agerlie reported that DHS is working with Trisha Schimers (Allina) on a pilot. They just began exchanging data recently to determine what might be needed. Andrea will prepare an update as needed for September AUC Operations meeting.</p>