

AUC Operations Committee – Meeting notes from September 8, 2015 Meeting

<b>AUC Operations Meeting 9-8-15 Agenda items</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
1. Meeting to order – Ann Hale, co-chair		
2. Anti-trust statement: <a href="http://www.health.state.mn.us/auc/pdfs/antitrust.pdf">http://www.health.state.mn.us/auc/pdfs/antitrust.pdf</a>	Must comply with applicable laws; refer to anti-trust statement on the AUC website.	
3. Introductions - Please e-mail your attendance to <a href="mailto:health.auc@state.mn.us">health.auc@state.mn.us</a>	Send your name and information to AUC inbox in order to be recorded as attending meeting.	
4. Review and approve minutes from the last meeting	Ann Hale asked if there were any corrections or notes to the minutes from the last meeting. There were none. The minutes will be approved via an e-vote.	Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) staff will send out the minutes for an email vote.
5. Council of Health Plans -- single standard form for home health prior authorization	<p>Kathryn Kmit presented an AUC Business Need Explanation Form (aka “SBAR”) submitted on behalf of the Council of Health Plans. The SBAR recommended use of a single, uniform prior authorization form that had recently been developed by the Council and other stakeholders for home care services in Minnesota.</p> <p>As background, Kathryn stated that the Council and the Home Case Association (HCA) have been meeting for over a year. The HCA receives prior authorization request forms from health plans in a variety of formats to complete when requesting home health services. Members of the Council of Health Plans developed a standardized, uniform form for home care agencies to use when seeking prior authorization for home care services. Kathryn further stated she received an email from Kathy Messerli of the Minnesota HCA, stating HCA supports the development of a single standard form and its approval by the AUC. Accompanying the form is a set of instructions and explanation of how the form is to be completed.</p>	MDH will send an email voting request to the Operations Committee members regarding the formation of a temporary TAG to review and approve the home health prior authorization form. The proposed TAG will include county-based purchasing organizations and DHS.

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	<p>After further discussion a motion was made and seconded to create a temporary AUC Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to further review and discuss the form, and to invite the Minnesota Department of Human Service (DHS) and “county-based purchasing organizations” to participate on the TAG. The motion to create a TAG will be voted on via an email vote.</p>	
<p>6. Vote on Grand Itasca membership to AUC</p>	<p>Ann Hale reported that two organizations, a provider organization -- Grand Itasca, and a payer organization – South Country Health Alliance, had recently submitted requests for AUC membership. In its membership request, Grand Itasca indicated that will provide representatives for Claims DD and Medical Code TAGs. South Country Health Alliance indicated that it would participate on Claims DD and EOB/Remit TAGs.</p>	<p>Operations members will be polled in an email vote to approve the proposed two new members.</p>
<p>7. Possible role for AUC in SIM Data Analytics standardization</p>	<p>Heather Petermann, Manager of the Care Delivery and Payment Reform at DHS, presented an SBAR requesting formation of a TAG to recommend single, uniform formats for data being sent from health plans to providers participating in accountable health arrangements.</p> <p>Heather explained that providers participating in accountable health models need data (“data analytics”) on the populations they are managing in order to achieve the goals of accountable health arrangements. These providers currently receive a variety of demographic files from health plans, containing name, date of birth, address, beneficiary contact information, and associated responsible providers and payers for enrollees.</p> <p>However, the data are sent in a variety of nonstandard formats, with varied field definitions, across nonstandard timeframes, causing “costly challenges, potential errors and lack of understanding in interpreting</p>	<p>An email voting request will be sent to Operations members for a vote on forming the requested TAG.</p>

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	<p>and using information which diminishes the value and power of data analytics.”</p> <p>The request recommended formation of an AUC TAG to suggest more standard member contact, demographic, and associated responsible provider data as part of data analytics furnished by health plans to providers participating in accountable health models.</p> <p>A number of questions seeking clarification of the request were addressed in discussion. A motion was made and seconded to form a TAG to recommend standards for member contact, demographic and other data exchanges from payers to providers participating in accountable health arrangements. An email vote will be conducted to determine whether Ops approves the formation of the TAG.</p> <p>Ann Hale thanked Heather for her time and effort spent in completing the SBAR, and in addressing additional questions submitted to her by the AUC Executive Committee prior to her presentation at the Operations meeting.</p>	
<p>8. Update on workers’ compensation e-billing</p>	<p>Lisa Wichterman, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) updated the Committee <a href="#">regarding a law enacted during the 2015 legislative session</a> with changes for the exchange of workers’ compensation health care administrative transactions. The law requires that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting September 1, 2015, workers' compensation payers must provide the patient's name and patient control number on or with all payments made to a provider;</li> <li>• No later than January 1, 2016, each workers' compensation payer must post certain information on its Web site or otherwise provide the information to health care providers;</li> <li>• Beginning July 1, 2016, health care providers must electronically submit copies of medical records or reports that substantiate the</li> </ul>	<p>Operations members were advised at the meeting to submit any questions or concerns regarding the DLI update on workers’ compensation e-billing to Lisa Wichterman. Her email address is <a href="mailto:lisa.wichterman@state.mn.us">lisa.wichterman@state.mn.us</a>.</p>

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	<p>nature of the charge and its relationship to the work injury using the most recently approved version of the ASC X12N 275 transaction.</p> <p>Several questions and concerns were raised regarding the requirements, especially regarding the information to be included in the 275 transaction, and the relationship between the DLI 275 requirement and the possible adoption of national standards for electronic claims attachments as mandated under the ACA. Lisa noted that DLI is working with the industry on these issues and is exploring options for additional outreach and education, including a possible symposium.</p> <p>Lisa also requested members articulate concerns or questions to her in an email, and asked that the emails include as many details and be as specific as possible.</p>	
<p>9. Electronic prescription drug prior authorization</p> <p>10. Additional updates and reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Companion Guide annual maintenance</li> <li>b. Voting items and voting</li> <li>c. Brief TAG Updates</li> <li>d. Relevant national activity/updates</li> </ul>	<p>Dave Haugen of MDH noted that the time available for the meeting had nearly ended and that he would send an email to members with the slide deck version of the agenda being used at the meeting. The slide deck included several other additional updates and information.</p> <p>Dave stated that several additional voting items had been planned for the meeting. However due to lack of time to complete the agenda, the additional voting items and relevant background will be sent as a series of email votes to Operations members.</p> <p>Ann Hale thanked everyone for their work and in helping make the AUC a leader in health care administrative simplification. She noted that several email votes are pending, that voting is an important part of the AUC process and a privilege of membership. She reminded members to participate in the upcoming votes, and thanked them again for their work and for their contributions.</p>	
<p>11. Other Business</p>	<p>Ann Hale briefly noted that a payer co-chair is needed for 2016.</p>	

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	Mary Myslajek announced that the state Uniform Billing Committee meeting is scheduled for September 17 at 1pm-2 pm; the meeting will be teleconference only. Further meeting details have not been announced yet.	
<p><b><u>Next Meeting:</u></b>                      2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.,                      December 8, 2015                      (In-person &amp;                      Teleconference/WebEx)</p> <p>TIES Event Center, 1644                      Larpenteur Avenue West, Falcon                      Heights, MN 55108</p>		