

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
Business Office Coordinators, HIPAA Coordinators,
Information System Coordinators and Headquarters
Minutes for August 19, 2004
HIPAA Business Transactions Awareness Conference Call

Present

<i>ITSC</i>	Sandra Lahi, Dyanne Leyba, Catherine Thompkins, Yolanda Trent
<i>Headquarters</i>	Frank Martin
<i>Aberdeen</i>	Joan Azure, Dawn Vallejos
<i>Alaska</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>Albuquerque</i>	Gail Townsend
<i>Bemidji</i>	Julie Heisler, Kathy Bristlin, William Bird
<i>Billings</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>California</i>	Toni Johnson
<i>Nashville</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>Navajo</i>	Brenda Tahe, Sharon Sorrell
<i>Oklahoma</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>Portland</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>Phoenix</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>Tucson</i>	Kurt Priessman

Meeting Began at 10:00 AM

Roll Call

Minutes The Conference Call Minutes for 8/5/04 were approved. They will be posted to the IHS website.

AGENDA ITEMS ADDRESSED

Items of follow up from ITSC Business Transactions Training held in February 2004 – UPDATE STATUS REPORTS.

Item # 1 - 997/824 Error Report software design – Sandra Lahi

Finalizing development. It is available for sites to use. Mike Pike has also created a user training guide that can be accessed on <http://xsys.navajo.ihp.gov/training> or <http://161.223.30.20/training>. Currently, these training tools require Quicktime to be installed.

Item # 2 -- National Training Online Modules –Phase 4 Completed. Scope of work defined –Still pursuing funding. Sandra Lahi/Kurt Priessman

Sandra stated that the funding has been issued. Will now pursue proposals. These modules will include information for 837 and 835 testing.

Item # 3 -- Indian Health Service CMS representation – Document revised to include Recommendations. Dr Harry notified via email of concerns. – Elmer Brewster

Per Sandra, the Recommendations document has been finalized by Elmer and Sandra. An email was sent to CMS to set up a conference call. A CMS contact has not yet been identified. I H S needs to become involved with the CMS workgroup for HIPAA.

Reports from Area Office Leads/ITSC – (1) Is there progress with testing the HIPAA transactions for your Area or Facility? (2) Are there any major issues that you need I H S to address regarding RPMS software?

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| Aberdeen | Joan reported that they are testing 837 format with ND Medicaid. They have not yet loaded Patch. Will begin testing Medicare part A claims. Not working on 835 currently. |
| Alaska | <i>No report provided</i> |
| Albuquerque | Gail reports that area is billing NM Medicaid, Medicare Part A & B. Will begin working on 835 for all sites. Zuni is testing AZ Medicaid. Testing Ignacio/Towac for CO Medicaid. Are in beginning stages of testing Salud claims with Navinet. |
| Bemidji | Red Lake is working through testing. Will not add any new testing sites due to Data Warehouse conversion. |
| Billings | <i>No report provided</i> |
| California | Toni stated that Riverside is now in production with CA BCBS. Pit River is processing 835 from MediCal. |
| Nashville | Sandra provided that Cherokee is working on testing with Trailblazer. |
| Navajo | Brenda stated that the area is in production with Medicare A&B, and are still working through the Taxonomy mapping. Still have a slow response time from AHCCCS and have not moved to production for this reason. They are successful with the 835 from AHCCCS. Quovadx testing continues. |
| Oklahoma | <i>No report provided</i> |
| Portland | <i>No report provided</i> |

Phoenix *No report provided*

Tucson Per Kurt, all Medicaid files bombed last week. 837 is in production for Medicare A&B and Blue Cross for 837I, P, and are working through questions with 837D. 835 testing with AHCCCS is pending production for 8/23/04. 835 for Blue Cross is waiting on PGP software.

ITSC

Sandra Lahi 1. 837 Third Party Billing, Patch 5 and 6 status
Patch 6 released on 8/9/04. Remaining items that were designated for patch 6 will be included in the next release. A decision will be made as to whether that will be a patch or a version release. The Addendum for Patch 6 is on the website. If you have local routine that need to be fixed, please let ITSC know.

2. 835 PNC Bank Project- Catherine Thompkins

Dyanne Leyba Dyanne has created a Training Manual for the 835 Transaction. There will be a demo at the Tech Fair. The manual is available on the website.

Catherine Thompkins Phoenix area is moving well. PNC is now testing AHCCCS for Phoenix Area Upon 2nd successful file they will go into production. Deadline for production with AHCCCS is August 31, 2004. PNC will now move to testing with the Tucson area prior to the Web MD contract expiration.

Sandra Lahi 3. Patient Registration Clean up Report. Task Order status.
Final Scope of Work approved on 7/21/2004. Sandra will continue to push for this.

Catherine Thompkins 4. 2005 ICD 9 Code Set Updates
The developer now has these. The updates to the tables should be completed by next week and will be ready to test at any site that would be interested in doing the testing.

Follow-Up Items 1. Status of National Clearinghouse Contract Discussion.
Contracting staff will be in Albuquerque next week to discuss. It is our understanding that an RFC is to go out before the end of September.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/DISCUSSION

A question was asked regarding the capability of RPMS being able to separate out rejected claims from batches for resubmissions rather than resubmitting an entire batch. The concern is over the inflation of A/R due to so many resubmissions.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL

The next call is scheduled for Thursday, September 30, 2004 at 10:00 AM (MDST). The conference call-in number is: (888) 531-9517 (Passcode: 46879).