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HEALTHCARE INFORMATION
COUNCIL

Monthly Meeting Agenda November 24, 2008 2-3pm

1-866-210-1669, pass code 5930138#

Attendees:

Julie Bartels (WI), Keely Cofrin Allen (UT), Mark Gaskill (UT), Suanne Singer (ME), Al Prysunka (ME), Samara Viner-Brown (RI), Rick Chambers (NY), Nicole Davis (LA), Amy Costello (NH), Tyler Brannen (NH), Leslie Ludtke (NH), Jeff Ross (VT), Dian Kahn (VT), Marybeth Bonadies (CT)

Updates from States:

Wisconsin – data mart available; testing on December 3; some anomalies in specialty providers, but moving toward production of the data mart

Vermont – claims data rule effective on September 30; began accepting test files on October 14; all test files are coming in

Utah – release policy is being reviewed (looking at Maine as an example); ordering servers; reviewed 8 proposals and deciding next week on contract award.

Rhode Island – Legislation was adopted in June 2008 which looks very similar to Vermont (will be law 23-17.17); Sam is the new Jay – welcome!

New Hampshire – new rules have been drafted but not been adopted (not likely to be adopted before June 2009).

Massachusetts – in response to state budget cuts, healthcare quality and cost council has been dissolved and the state will in-source the claims collection through DHFP (no longer contracting with MHIC); not sure who the contact is for RAPHIC?

Maine – new rules coming that will reflect the harmonization effort with Vermont and NH

Louisiana – finished quality map and presented at NAHDO conference; all claims collected without legislative authority (voluntary); Health Dialog really helped to get Medicare data

Connecticut – watching and waiting with interest – welcome!



NAHDO conference (debrief):

The all payer claims session was well attended. Denise is talking with Doug Emery about Prometheus application.

Question about response to harmonization from the payers: Denise indicated that it is dawning on the payers that APD development can/may mimic the UB process (discharge data). With no standards in place, state-added fields can create headaches for the payers that have to submit data in several different formats – standardization across states can help to alleviate this.

R21 Cancer Surveillance grant

Researchers at UNH have recently submitted an R21 application to NCI/AHRQ for “Cancer Surveillance Using Health Claims-based Data System”.

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RAPHIC/NAHDO applications to AHRQ

NAHDO and RAPHIC staff are submitting a proposal to fund some of the activities identified by RAPHIC as priorities related to standardization and harmonization.

Together, NAHDO, RAPHIC, and other partners will submit an R13 conference grant to AHRQ fund conferences every 6 months – one as part of NAHDO meeting and one stand-alone. Conferences will be vehicles to advance states’ efforts to collect claims in a standardized format – sharing business cases, models for legislation, etc. modeled on the first RAPHIC conference in Beverly MA in April 2008.

Question about whether the work with AHRQ will help states gain access to Medicare data: Al advised Dian to submit an application to Medicare for VT data.

Question about presenting at Academy Health conference: Amy will look at the Academy Health Agenda for the June 2009 conference as well as other health data related conferences for potential to present states and RAPHIC efforts with claims data.

Next meeting: December 22 at 2:00