



**Monthly Meeting Agenda  
February 23, 2009  
2-3pm**

**Attendees:**

Craig Schneider (MA), Linda Green (MA), Bob Woodward (NH), Suanne Singer (MHIC), Tyler Brannen (NH), Bruce Boissonnault (NY), Al Prysunka (ME), Jo Porter (NH), Amy Costello (NH)

**Updates from the States :**

Al (Maine) – Revised data collection rules will bring us close to where Vermont is; Al needs to respond to comments and the board will make decisions in next couple weeks. Medicare part C and D will come directly from payers. There is a new vendor for CMS data starting with 2007 data. Total payment website will launch soon.

Linda and Suanne (MA) – Looking at data release policies and creation of public use files – potential for tiered levels of release rules. Data collection rules look like they will stay the same. Probably won't last past June 30 as a MHIC contract before taking in house. Plan to release data during 2009, after establishment of rules and application process, and data release review board.

Tyler (NH) – Comment period ended February 20 after hearing a couple of weeks ago. Tyler is looking at comments now. Next step is legislative hearing for the rules. In addition, continue to work on capturing data on uninsured; legislation mirrors last year's proposal, requiring providers to submit data; looking to see if other solutions.

Suanne (MN) – in January, completed stakeholder process. MHIC presented to public in last week in January (including privacy advocate). Then open comment period, including 300 comments largely around privacy concerns (and invasion of privacy). Fast track – full formal rules on expedited process – hoping to take to rules judge this month. MN added a number of new fields – trying to keep in line with multi-state harmonization effort. MN should be prepared to submit by July 1, but may not have a rule in place by then. MN will have no release of data; sole purpose is provider/peer analysis. State will not get data; vendor only. Data collection based on data that map to HIPAA standard. Other fields are voluntary. RFP will go out for analytic vendor for peer/provider vendor.

Bruce (NY) – nothing to report

Other potential – WV (nothing new mandated according to governor, but maybe something among payers), PA (Al has been contacted), OR (Denise to talk with folks there), RI (level of activity?)

Next meeting: March 23, 2009

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