

CMHAMM IS Work Group Meeting Minutes 3/24/04

CEI – Joanne Holland, Chuck Dougherty, Tracey Partridge
Gratiot – Scott Overfield, Heather Betts Manistee-Benzie – Brenda Monk
Ionia – Lori Richardson Newaygo – Randy Betts, Debbie Cline

1. Residential Unbundling – Gratiot is questioning whether the affiliation should go back to October 1st for reporting. The original group decision was to report back to January 1st. However, Judy Webb put out a memo indicating this will affect the Medicaid re-basing. This was not the original statement put out by DCH representatives. CEI will attempt to get clarification as to the impact on re-basing if the affiliation only reports back to October 1. A question was also asked if boards within the affiliation have to be consistent with how far back they report. Group members would prefer that all boards use the same timeframe for retroactively reporting the unbundled Specialized Residential services.
2. New Work Group Charge – Chuck Dougherty presented the Work group report to Core Group in February. Discussions with Core Group led to the development of a new work group charge. The charge is to develop policies and procedures for the consistent deployment of technology between affiliation members. Suggestions were made for clarification in the charge, which Chuck Dougherty will present to Core group on April 7th.

The group discussed points to consider and some preliminary ideas on what to include in the policy and procedure. These points are listed below:

- Cost may be a potential factor

- The right level of monitoring is needed, define the scope

- Affiliates should talk within departments when recommending new software

- Criteria for recommendations should be developed

- A cost analysis may be a part of the recommendations, both short and long term

- Boards should be moving towards consistent technology

- Identify the future technological goal for optimal efficiency

3. 02/03 DCH Data Update – CEI continues to work with DCH on validating the 02/03 data. The affiliate September Professional file that was submitted contained the same data as what was stored in the DCH warehouse. The Institutional file, however, had discrepancies. The file produced and reported to DCH was not a valid 837. DCH never rejected the file, but did not store many of the records in the warehouse. Redix is working an upgrade to the software to correct the problem. These services will need to be resubmitted once the Redix upgrade is received at the end of March. DCH will also be correcting their process for the Institutional file validation.
4. Validation of 837 (Redix vs. Roger) – Andy Igel was obtaining more information from Dale Howe regarding cost and content of his software. Andy was not present, therefore, Lori Richardson will check with him on the details. Boards would like to have made a decision within the next 30 days on which software to go with.
5. Video Conferencing – Brenda Monk received the billing information needed from CEI. She is waiting for a new quote and expects the equipment will be installed within the next 90 days.

6. Status of Dental reporting – John Hill has obtained much of the information from Netwerkes for reporting dental. There were some issues involved with the reporting. CEI will determine the current status and Lori Richardson will follow-up with Netwerkes if necessary. To date none of the boards have provided any Enhanced Dental. Newaygo anticipates providing some before the end of the FY. It is unclear from DCH if boards should be testing Dental submissions.
7. Electronic Imaging – Brenda Monk requested this item be added to the next agenda. MB has made significant process in the installation of their new software and would like to share some of the results.

Next Meeting – April 28th, 10:00 – 12:00 at Gratiot CMH

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