

**-- Meeting Minutes --**  
**Indiana – State Uniform Billing Committee**  
**July 17, 2012**  
**MDwise Offices, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Jim Miller opened the meeting at 2:08 p.m. EDT. Eleven (11) committee members were present in person or by teleconference.

**2. Review of April 24, 2012 SUBC meeting minutes**

The minutes of the April 24, 2012 SUBC meeting were approved as submitted.

**3. SUBC administrative matters**

Jim Miller reported that no further action had taken place with the SUBC-sponsored website. He noted that requests had been made to secure/renew two (2) NUBC licenses that will expire as of 7/1/2012. Renewal of the licenses will provide access to the NUBC website.

**4. NUBC update**

Jim Miller gave an update on two recent NUBC conference calls (4/18/12 and 5/16/2012) as follows:

- a) New value coding to identify coinsurance and Lifetime Reserve (LTR) amount for claims spanning three or more years – deferred until June 2012;
- b) Readmission coding to reflect readmissions (both planned and unplanned) that occur within 30 days of a prior hospital stay – deferred until August 2012 meeting;
- c) Creation of bill type 089X (Special Facility-Other) for strictly outpatient services – deferred until a later date; and
- d) Use of Alternate Care Sites (ACSs) in cases of disasters and how to bill and be reimbursed for providing care outside of an evacuated or damaged facility – deferred to individual state's emergency disaster readiness planning.

***UB-04 Change Implementation Calendar:***

Effective 7/1/12:

- New bill type (FL04) for Licensed Freestanding Emergency Medical Facility
- Change designation of Freestanding Birthing Centers (084X) to outpatient
- New occurrence span code (81) for antepartum days at reduced level of care (FL35-36)
- New hospital condition code for out-of-service area discharges (FL 18-28)
- Addition of bill type frequency 7 to discharge hour reporting (FL04, FL16)

Effective 10/1/12:

- New occurrence code (55) for Date of Death (FL31-34)

Effective 7/1/13:

- Change designation of 089X (Special Facility-Other) to strictly outpatient

**5. Old Business**

- a. Version 5010 implementation: A brief discussion ensued regarding full conversion to HIPAA Version 5010 standards. Tonya Satterfield commented that Emdeon was still transmitting 4010A1 transactions and that issues existed regarding certain payers accepting 837 transmissions.
- b. ICD-10 preparedness: A brief discussion ensued regarding ICD-10 preparedness. Virginia Hudson of HP confirmed that CMS had announced an intent to delay ICD-10 implementation to 10/1/2014 – 12 months after the original implementation date of 10/1/2013.
- c. Transition to Medicare A/B MAC – Jurisdiction 8: A discussion ensued regarding the transition to WPS (Wisconsin Physician Services) as the Medicare A/B MAC for Jurisdiction,

which encompasses Indiana and Michigan. The transition for Part A services occurs on 7/23/12, while the transition for Part B occurs in August 2012. Sherri Hampton reported some issues involving EDI/clearinghouses interface with WPS. Jim Miller stated that he would attempt to add a representative from WPS to the SUBC committee – to ensure periodic updates on FISS or Medicare in general.

- d. POA indicator reporting to Medicaid: A discussion ensued regarding the new Medicaid requirement to report POA (Present On Admission) coding on all hospital inpatient claims. Tonya Satterfield reported that St. Vincent's has added POA coding to all hospital records, including St. Vincent facilities designated by Medicare as critical access hospitals (which are exempt from POA reporting by Medicare). Virginia Hudson and Chris Kern agreed that the requirement was too new to report any widespread problems or issues within the Medicaid hospital provider community.
- e. Admitting diagnosis on Medicare outpatient claims: Jim Miller noted that this agenda item was requested by a SUBC committee member, and without that member's input, the nature of the issue was unknown. He asked that the item be tabled until the next meeting.

#### **6. New Business**

- a. Changes in pathology billing: Jim Miller reported on House Resolution (No. 2461) entitled "Physician Pathology Services Continuity Act." He noted that the Act would allow continuance of Medicare paying independent labs directly for pathology services – that billing of such is burdensome to small and rural hospitals. As of 7/1/12, independent labs may no longer bill Medicare directly for the technical component of physician pathology services furnished to hospital patients.
- b. Date of Death occurrence coding: Jim Miller reiterated that a new occurrence code (55) for Date of Death (FL31-34) would be required as of 7/1/2013. He speculated that the new coding was implemented to alleviate long-standing problems with inappropriate reporting of beneficiary deaths (via inaccurate discharge dispositions) and its impact on Social Security payments to living beneficiaries.

#### **7. Open Discussion**

- a. The committee then discussed identified four issues not on the meeting agenda
  - i. Identified problems with the Medicare DDE screens and their inability to accommodate coding for reason for visit when using emulated keystrokes – particularly problematic with heads scans and x-rays;
  - ii. New paper claims to be approved by NUCC;
  - iii. UB-04 expanded field lengths to accommodate enough characters to fill field space; and
  - iv. Changes in Medicare therapy units/charges and capped amounts (at \$3880) and associated medical review to ensure medical necessity – scheduled to take effect 10/1/12.

#### **8. Next Steps – Next Meeting**

Discussion ensued regarding the next SUBC meeting – proposed for October 23, 2012. Michael Puskarich of VNS, Inc. had previously offered to host an SUBC meeting. Jim Miller will contact Mr. Puskarich and confirm meeting date and location with SUBC committee members.

#### **9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Miller, Indiana SUBC Chairperson