Updated DOQ-IT Technical Specifications for Potential 2008 CMS EHR Programs Release Notes

Version 2.0

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♦ Disclaimer: No decision has been made at this time on the continuation of the current DOQ-IT (Doctor's Office Quality – Information Technology) Project or the availability of an EHR-based data submission mechanism for PQRI (Physician Quality Reporting Initiative) in 2008. Therefore, it should not be assumed or concluded based on this posting that either DOQ-IT or PQRI EHR data submission mechanism(s) will be available in 2008. However, insofar as these five measures would be used in either DOQ-IT or for EHR reporting for PQRI for 2008, these are the final updated measure and technical specifications for 2008, subject only to minor technical corrections. See accompanying Vendor Notification.

We are pleased to announce the release of the updated HL7 Technical Specifications, Version 2.0. With the recent adoption of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) and Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI), updates have been made to the specifications. Please see the list below for details of changes.

FHS – File Header Segment

Section 2.4.1

Field sequence number 9, File Name / ID, description has been updated to ask for the NPI number instead of UPIN.

ZCR – Primary Practice Segment

Sections - 3.3.1, 4.2.3, 5.3.2, and 6.3.3

Field sequence number 1, Primary_Clinic_Group_UPIN, has been changed to Primary_Clinic_Group_ID. The description has also been updated to require the NPI number instead of UPIN.

Field sequence number 9, Primary_Clinic_EIN, has been added. This field will carry a practice's employer identification number that is also known as the federal tax id. It is not currently a required field, but it can be sent in the messages.

ZPP –Practice Patients Segment

Section 3.3.2

Field sequence number 1, Primary_Clinic_Group_UPIN, has been changed to Primary_Clinic_Group_ID.

Field sequence number 7, Primary_Physician_UPIN, has been changed to Primary_Physician_ID.

The descriptions for these fields have also been updated to require the NPI number instead of UPIN.

ZPT –Practice Patients Topics Segment
Section 3.3.3

Field sequence number 1, Primary_Clinic_Group_UPIN, has been changed to Primary_Clinic_Group_ID. The description has also been updated to require the NPI number instead of UPIN.

DG1 – Diagnosis Segment
Section 3.3.4

Field sequence number 16, Physician_UPIN, has been changed to Physician_ID. The description has also been updated to require the NPI number instead of UPIN.

Field sequence number 21, Confidential Indicator, has been removed from the tech spec. It was previously replaced with action code and updated accordingly in version 1.1.3.

OBX – Observation Results Segment
Section 5.3.3

Field sequence number 16, Physician_UPIN, has been changed to Physician_ID. The description has also been updated to require the NPI number instead of UPIN.

In field sequence 3, Observation_ID_List_Code, component four, Observation_ID_Mod_Code, has been added to carry the observation ID's modifier code.

ORC – Common Order Segment
Sections - 5.3.4 and 6.3.6

Field sequence number 12, Physician_UPIN has been changed to Physician_ID. The description has also been updated to require the NPI number instead of UPIN.

DM Measures
Section 1.4.4

The DM-3 measure, Blood Pressure Management, has been updated in the spec in 1.4.4.3. The measure now states "most recent BP < 140/80 mm Hg" instead of "most recent BP < 140/90 mm Hg."

The DM-5 measure, LDL Cholesterol Level, has been updated in the spec in 1.4.4.4. The measure now states "most recent LDL cholesterol < 100 mg/dl" instead of "most recent LDL cholesterol < 130 mg/dl."

Segment Attribute Table Format

The segment attribute tables in the tech spec have been arranged so the columns are all similar in layout across segments. The structure is now similar to the layout below.

The previous column REQ'D has been changed to OPT and the values contained in the column have been changed to follow HL7 2.4 naming conventions for optionality.

SEQ	DOQIT DATA ELEMENT NAME	HL7 DATA ELEMENT NAME	ITEM#	DT	HL7 LEN	OPT	RP/ #	TBL#	DOQIT LEN