

**INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE**  
**Business Office Coordinators, HIPAA Coordinators,**  
**Information System Coordinators and Headquarters**

**Minutes for January 6, 2005**

**HIPAA Business Transactions Awareness Conference Call**

**Present**

<i>ITSC</i>	Sandra Lahi, Catherine Thompkins, Dyanne Leyba
<i>Headquarters</i>	Frank Martin, Elmer Brewster
<i>Aberdeen</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>Alaska</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>Albuquerque</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>Bemidji</i>	Briand Morrison
<i>Billings</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>California</i>	Toni Johnson
<i>Nashville</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>Navajo</i>	Sharon Brokeshoulder
<i>Oklahoma</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>Portland</i>	David Battese
<i>Phoenix</i>	Violet Kenny, Lori Aguilar
<i>Tucson</i>	<i>No Response</i>

**Meeting Began at 10:00 AM**

Roll Call

Approval of 12/9/2004 Minutes - Group

**Reports from Area Office Leads/ITSC –**

(1) Is there progress with testing the HIPAA transactions for your Area or Facility? (2) Are there any major issues that you need I H S to address regarding RPMS software?

<b>Aberdeen</b>	<i>No report provided</i>
<b>Alaska</b>	<i>No report provided</i>
<b>Albuquerque</b>	<i>No report provided</i>

<b>Bemidji</b>	Briand stated that there was no new report
<b>Billings</b>	<i>No report provided</i>
<b>California</b>	Toni reported that Medical is doing well with 837. Testing with UGS- the CLIA number still an issue, Northern Valley getting really close to finalizing testing. Has found some info regarding a free clearinghouse for BCBS of CA. Toni will check into further. Medi-Cal is going well.
<b>Nashville</b>	<i>No report provided</i>
<b>Navajo</b>	Sharon Brokeshoulder reports GIMC full production with Medicare A & B. Working on 835 for AHCCCS thru PNC Bank, pending due to firewall issue. Crownpoint is in production with Medicare and NM Medicaid, testing AZ Medicaid and Quovadx. Tuba City is working through issues with Quovadx; files were missing the Tax ID? Ft. Defiance is in production with Medicare, NM Medicaid, AHCCCS and Kidscare, working smoothly. Winslow in production with Medicare A & B and AHCCCS. They are beta testing the ADA 2002. Kidscare working for Leupp, Dildon, Campus Care, Memorial Hospital, dental claims are going well. They have not tried 835 yet due to problems with AZ payments. Chinle is testing with Quovadx, still having problems with N3, N4, REF02, and NM109 segments. AHCCCS claims are passing. NNMC in production with Med A & B with no problems. They are in production with NM Medicaid and AHCCCS and working well. Kayenta is in production with Medicare A&B and AHCCCS with no problems. Having to delete items 9, 10, and 11 from page 3 for PI and is time consuming.
<b>Oklahoma</b>	<i>No report provided</i>
<b>Portland</b>	David reports that he is working with two Oregon tribal sites and one in Washington. Washington State will no longer accept NSF as of March. Needs CLIA fix also and Radiology fix to bill for MMA services
<b>Phoenix</b>	Charolett states that they are in full production with Medicare A&B and AZ Medicaid. They are working on NV Medicaid and Medi-Cal. They are posting for AZ Medicaid for part B. They will begin 835 with NV Medicaid pending PNC trading partner agreement. They will begin 837 testing for PI with Proxymed via Claimsnet when contracting issues are resolved.
<b>Tucson</b>	<i>No Report Provided</i>
<b>ITSC</b>	<b>(Sandra/Dyanne/Catherine)</b> 1. <u>National 837 and 835 online training modules- Sandra Lahi</u> - This is moving forward, we have identified the individual IHS staff that will be interviewed by the contractor to work with and the first newsletter should be released in February.

	<p>2. <u>Trailblazers Medicare Part A 837 Status Report. Status of updated copy with Area feedback-Catherine Thompkins-</u> The list was sent out to the sites, and the sites responded well. The amount of the compliant sites looks good. There is a small amount of sites that still need to convert. Please continue to update Catherine or Dyanne of any changes.</p> <p>3. <u>Trailblazers Medicare Part B 837 Status Report- Catherine Thompkins-</u> This list was also sent out to the sites for feedback. This is also looking good. Please continue to update Catherine or Dyanne of any changes.</p> <p>4. <u>Area Training for Reading Error Reports and 837 file submission-Sandra Lahi-</u> Dyanne is in the process of developing a training module to assist sites in learning to read 997 error reports, identify error trends, and how to make corrections. Classes will begin in early February 2005. The Areas who have requested this training is Aberdeen, Oklahoma, Bemidji and Phoenix.</p> <p>5. <u>835 PNC Bank Project – Catherine Thompkins.</u> There is no new update due to the year end freeze at PNC.</p> <p>6. <u>2005 CPT Code Set Updates- Catherine Thompkins-</u> The new release was missing the update for the HCPCS codes and caused the existing codes to deactivate. ITSC also wanted to test the patch with an EHR site since they use a different type of file for EHR. ITSC is working on the replacement patch which should be ready to test by end of the week.</p>
<p><b>Follow up Items:</b></p>	<p>1. <u>Status of National Clearinghouse Contract Discussion- Elmer Brewster</u> –The acquisition folks have the documentation that is needed to proceed with the contract negotiations. Contract decision is not yet made</p> <p>2. <u>HIPAA Website update- Frank Martin-</u> The website is now updated, live, and running. It is now separated into sections to ease navigation and will improve new employee training.</p>

**QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/DISCUSSION:**

<p><b>NEW ITEMS:</b></p>	<p>1. <u>NPI –Catherine Thompkins-</u> CMS held a roundtable discussion on December 15<sup>th</sup> for the implementation of NPI (National Provider Identifier). The final rule states that the compliant date is May 2007. I H S will have to meet individual payer implementation dates to comply with NPI. It is advised that providers apply for the NPI as soon as available to eliminate delays on claims once payers implement. There will be some RPMS system accommodation and training guides for implementing will be available. This item will remain on this agenda to provide periodic updates to the field.</p> <p>2. <u>Medicare MMA rule-Sandra Lahi-</u> The new rule allows I H S to bill for Lab, DME, preventative services and ambulance services. OIT is</p>
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	<p>working to include a combination of local routines into a releasable patch. We should know more on this by next week.</p> <p>3. <u>Conference Calls- Sandra Lahi</u>- With input from the participants, it has been decided that the HIPAA Business Awareness Conference Call will now be held once monthly.</p>
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**NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:** The next call is scheduled for Thursday February 3, 2005 at 10:00 AM (MDT). The call in number is 888-531-9517, pass code: 46879