INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Business Office Coordinators, HIPAA Coordinators, Information System Coordinators and Headquarters

Minutes for February 3, 2005

HIPAA Business Transactions Awareness Conference Call

Present

ITSC	Catherine Thompkins, Dyanne Leyba
Headquarters	Frank Martin, Elmer Brewster
Aberdeen	Ray Granbois, Joan Azure, Dawn Vallejos
Alaska	Lue Rae Erikson
Albuquerque	*No Response*
Bemidji	*No Response*
Billings	*No Response*
California	*No Response*
Nashville	*No Response*
Navajo	Brenda Tahe
Oklahoma	*No Response*
Portland	David Battese
Phoenix	Violet Kenny
Tucson	Kurt Priessman

Meeting Began at 10:00 AM

Roll Call

Approval of 1/6/2005 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?

Aberdeen	Per Joan, North Dakota Medicaid is still working on errors. Working on South Dakota Medicaid. Medicare Part A going in Rapid City, Pine Ridge, Eagle Butte. Medicare Part B going in Rapid City and Pine Ridge. They will begin testing with Nebraska Medicaid very soon.
Alaska	Lue Rae reports that Oneida still needs to get connected to RPMS. Medicaid has issued a cut off date of March 31, 2005.
Albuquerque	*No report provided*
Bemidji	*No report provided*
Billings	*No report provided*
California	*No report provided*
Nashville	*No report provided*
Navajo	Brenda reports GIMC full production with Medicare A & B. Working on 835 for AHCCCS thru PNC Bank, pending request to go into production. Crownpoint is in production with Medicare and NM Medicaid, testing AZ Medicaid and Quovadx. Tuba City is working through issues with Quovadx. Crownpoint and Chinle are testing 835. Tuba City testing 270/271 with Quovadx, and Chinle will be next.
Oklahoma	*No report provided*
Portland	David reports that Medicaid is running. There are 4 tribes not HIPAA compliant yet, although they are testing. Oregon State has changed the testing process/changing formats. Testing PNC files for POS at Warm Springs, will begin testing private insurance.
Phoenix	Violet states they are full production with Medicare/Medicaid, they were seeing denials on 837P, however, Shonda has put a fix in.
Tucson	Per Kurt, they are in the testing process with AZBCBS. BCBS will need a larger testing file. Are ready to begin testing for private insurance.
ITSC	**(Sandra/Dyanne/Catherine)** 1. National 837 and 835 online training modules- Dyanne Leyba- This is moving forward, are currently reviewing drafts of the documentation. 2. Trailblazers Medicare Part A 837 Status Report. Status of updated copy with Area feedback-Catherine Thompkins- Still taking updates. Please continue review and to update Catherine or Dyanne of any changes. 3. Trailblazers Medicare Part B 837 Status Report- Catherine Thompkins- 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.

	4. <u>Area Training for Reading Error Reports and 837 file submissions-Sandra Lahi-</u> Dyanne has developed training module to assist sites in learning to read 997 error reports, identify error trends, and how to make corrections. Classes are scheduled for March 15/16 in Albuquerque and March 22/23 in Minneapolis. The classes can be registered through the HIS website, under National Programs. 5. <u>835 PNC Bank Project – Catherine Thompkins</u>. PNC is adding the Nashville area for testing. New payers that are up and coming are Med-Impact, Medical, Express Scripts, ND/SD Medicaid, and Aetna. The Aetna file is being reviewed by OIT now. 6. <u>2005 CPT Code Set Updates- Catherine Thompkins-</u> Catherine is gathering information from OIT individuals. Will be contacting the VA to see how they are addressing the issue. Will probably need to use file 200**.**
Follow Up Items	1. <u>Status of National Clearinghouse Contract Discussion- Elmer Brewster –</u>No update
New Items	1. <u>Medicare MMA rule-</u> The new rule allows I H S to bill for Lab, DME, preventative services and ambulance services. OIT is working to include a combination of local routines into a releasable patch. We should know more on this by next week.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/DISCUSSION:

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL: The next call is scheduled for Thursday April 14, 2005 at 10:00 AM (MDT). The call in number is 888-531-9517, pass code: 46879