

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
Business Office Coordinators, HIPAA Coordinators,
Information System Coordinators and Headquarters
Minutes for August 5, 2004
HIPAA Business Transactions Awareness Conference Call

Present

<i>ITSC</i>	Sandra Lahi, Dyanne Leyba, Catherine Thompkins
<i>Headquarters</i>	Frank Martin
<i>Aberdeen</i>	Marie Baker, Ray Granbois, Dawn Vallejos
<i>Alaska</i>	Bob Young, David Garrison
<i>Albuquerque</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>Bemidji</i>	Julie Heisler, Kathy Bristlin, William Bird
<i>Billings</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>California</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>Nashville</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>Navajo</i>	Roland Todacheenie, Brenda Tahe, Tony Davis
<i>Oklahoma</i>	<i>No Response</i>
<i>Portland</i>	David Battese
<i>Phoenix</i>	Violet Kenny
<i>Tacoma</i>	Kurt Priessman

Meeting Began at 10:00 AM

Roll Call

Minutes The Conference Call Minutes for 7/22/04 were approved. They will be posted to the IHS website.

AGENDA ITEMS ADDRESSED

Items of follow up from ITSC Business Transactions Training held in February 2004 – UPDATE STATUS REPORTS.

Item # 1 - 997/824 Error Report software design – Sandra Lahi

ITSC did a final review on 8/5/04 and identified further changes and enhancements. Mike will finalize changes by August 9, 2004. It is available for sites to use. The new server is due to be installed at ITSC on 8/10/04. Mike Pike has also created a user training guide that can be accessed on <http://xsys.navajo.ihs.gov/training> or <http://161.223.30.20/training> . Currently, these training tools require Quicktime to be installed.

Item # 2 -- National Training Online Modules –Phase 4 Completed. Scope of work defined –Still pursuing funding. Sandra Lahi/Kurt Priessman

Sandra stated that the proposal has been finalized. Headquarters East is pushing to get funding prior to fiscal year end. Carl Harper has been contacted for support and to help expedite. These modules will include information for 837 and 835 testing.

Item # 3 -- Indian Health Service CMS representation – Document revised to include Recommendations. Dr Harry notified via email of concerns. – Elmer Brewster

Sandra stated that the Recommendations document has been submitted to Elmer. A CMS contact has not yet been identified. This has become a critical issue to allow ITSC a means to stay ahead of issues and allow time to make fixes/adjustments to RPMS. Delay of this issue directly impacts billing and reimbursements for Areas.

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	Dawn reported that there was nothing new at this time.
Alaska	Bob Young reports that they are not using RPMS, they are however HIPAA approved.
Albuquerque	ITSC was notified that sites are ready to test 835, 270, and 271 to NM Medicaid.
Bemidji	Red Lake is working through issues with Patch 5, having problems with local modifications.
Billings	<i>No report provided</i>
California	<i>No report provided</i>
Nashville	<i>No report provided</i>
Navajo	Roland states Quovadx wants to do a site visit to finalize testing for the 271, 270 complete. They now have the connection established. Brenda reports that GIMC is still working around the QTY segment. Medicare Part B is processing slowly for provider enrollment. A meeting is to be scheduled with AHCCCS to discuss slow response time. They will begin testing with NM Medicaid. Brenda also reported that Medicare is denying claims with any punctuation in the files.

- Oklahoma** *No report provided*
- Portland** David reports testing is going well. They are working on Muckleshoot for Washington Medicaid testing. They are test site for Patch 6, having problems with T10.
- Phoenix** Violet states that 837 testing is doing well. Sites are testing with AHCCCS, for 835. San Carlos had 1st successful file.
- Tacoma** Per Kurt, 837I and 837P are now in production with AZ BCBS. They are having an FTP problem with PNC Bank. They are pending production 835 with AHCCCS.

ITSC

- Sandra Lahi** 1. 837 Third Party Billing, Patch 5 and 6 status
Patch 6 release still pending. The Patch was submitted to verification on 8/5/04. Test sites were Ft. Defiance, Claremore, Wellpinit, Mescalero, and PIMC. Please refer to notes file distributed with the Agenda for items included in Patch 6.
- Dyanne Leyba** 2. 835 PNC Bank Project- Catherine Thompkins
Phoenix area is moving well. PNC is now testing AHCCCS for Phoenix Area at San Carlos, Parker and Hopi. San Carlos had a successful 1st file, upon 2nd successful file they will go into production. Are now adding new test sites: PIMC, Peach Springs, Ft Yuma, Whiteriver, Desert Vision and the Tucson Area.
- Sandra Lahi** 3. Patient Registration Clean up Report. Task Order status.
Final Scope of Work approved on 7/21/2004
- Catherine Thompkins** 4. 2005 ICD 9 Code Set Updates
A meeting was held with I H S National MR Consultants and awaiting the Final draft to the Federal Register. Updates will go through MR Consultants for final approval. Will be sent to test sites by mid September.
- Follow-Up Items** 1. Status of National Clearinghouse Contract Discussion. There was a meeting held on June 23, 2004 in Albuquerque with the NBOCs. Scope of Work submitted to Contracting on July 30, 2004. The target is to have a national contracting mechanism available by the end of September.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/DISCUSSION

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL

The next call is scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2004 at 10:00 AM (MDST). The conference call-in number is: (888) 531-9517 (Passcode: 46879).