

**LPO Monthly Meeting
December 10th, 2003
1:00-2:00 EST
Toll Free Dial In Number: (888)476-3752
Participant Code: 352713**

I. Roll Call

Name of Organization	Attendee Name	Name of Organization	Attendee Name
DaVita	Jan Carpoletti	SIMS	Jenna Krisher
	Bob Lehn		Cammie Dunnagan
DCI	Chris Lovell		Shannon Wright
FMCNA	Alexis Porras		Jenna Krisher
Gambro	Jose' Nabut	CMS	Jefferson Rowland
NNA	Tammy Bickimer		Ida Sarsitis
RCG	Scott Burchfield		Diane Frankenfield
	John Levy		Matthew Leipold
RRI	Len Usvyat		Pamela Frederick
			Terry Conner
			Kathy Sagel
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II. Opening Discussion:

- Update on Vascular Access Tool and Data submission

The efforts of the LDO organizations was very successful in meeting the file specifications for sharing the Vascular Access information within the Oct. 31st deadline. Everyone quickly respon to needed changes or updates was quick and information is available for Networks to share with facilities.

- Review of Updated file specification – New requirements
 - Changed date of data submission from the 10th of the month to the 20th of the month – **(change accepted)**
 - Add Network number as a required field **(change accepted)**
 - Add City to the aggregate facility file as a required field **(Remove from file spec since Provnum will now be required if file has already been generated for December data submission, SIMS will accommodate prior to the load.)**
 - Specified that the correct Medicare Provider Number must be sent for the file to be importable **(Accepted – if facility has temporary provider number they should not be included in file / SIMS will only accept 6 digit provider number)**
 - **Any new fields should be added at the end of the file so the DTS packed is not invalid**

- Establishing LPO contacts and the corporate level and determining the proper roles of corporate vs. facility contacts
 - **Currently LDO providers would like to have direct communication for data related problems**
 - **Suggestion that we accommodate an optional field to add contact person in the file spec. This enhancement has been added and file spec updated for review by LPO workgroup.**
 - **The following are currently the contacts for data problems or should be cc'd on reports forwarded to facilities:**

DaVita	Bob Lehn	407-421-3272	BobL@davita.com
DCI	Chris Lovell	(615)-342-0526	chris.lovell@dcinc.org
FMCNA	Jane Brzozowski	(603) 497-4074	Jane.Brzozowski@fmc-na.com
Gambro	Jose' Nabut	(800) 688-4522 x1280	jose.nabut@us.gambro.com
NNA	Tammy Bickimer	(615) 777-8070	Tbickimer@nnacorp.com
RCG	Diane Thierauf	(615) 345-5664	dthierauf@renalcaregroup.com
RRI	Len Usvyat	(646)-672-4082	LUsvyat@rriny.com

- Final determination on a name for the LPO's (Large Provider Organization). There has been some discussion that LDO (Large Dialysis Organization) would be a better term.

LDO (Large Dialysis Organization) is the preferred name

- Establish Monthly Conference Call – LPO/SIMS/CMS

Ongoing monthly conference call will be scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 2:00 – 3:00 EST

- Additional Recommendations:
- **LDO's would like the ability to have feedback for facilities that are well below or well above expectations so they can communicate internally for process improvement**
- **Recommended that file updates be made by LDO working group and will be accommodated by LDO for Jan data collection. Then will re-evaluate spec on a 3-6 month basis unless urgent collection issues arise**
- **Data Validation efforts - Patient level data from LPO's can be used to validate aggregate data. Will need to formulate with the working group a standard validation process which should include a reconciliation process for identifying patients the LDO shows as in unit vs. what is shown in SIMS**
- **Currently there is a variation in submitted data for owned vs. managed facilities. Recommended the workgroup evaluate adding a field to the file spec to designate Managed or Owned. Enhancement submitted to SIMS (1567). The following table shows what is currently being provided by each LDO:**

LDO	Owned	Managed
DaVita	X	
DCI	X	
FMCNA	?	?
Gambro	X	

NNA	X	X
RCCG	X	X
RRI	X	X

III. Prioritize/Review Next Steps:

- Possible change to the way events are sent in from the LPO
 - **Currently we are in the process of standardizing the Roster and event category/definitions. This is being pilot tested including LDO facilities in NW's 4,6,8,and 12.**
 - **An electronic spreadsheet will be available for the facilities to complete electronically, but the information will need to be faxed, or mailed unless they are a VISION facility and have Qnet rights established.**

- An electronic file specification for the CPM data by Feb 2004
 - **LDO's would like to submit CPM data for all patients since this is easier to develop than one that only has the 5% sample.**
 - **Once file spec has been established the LDO's have requested to have 8 weeks to develop prior to data submission**
 - **Information will need to be submitted via Quality Net Exchange since patient specific data is being sharred.**
 - **The following timeline has been established for CMP collection:**

 - **A sub-group has been formed to work on a file spec which includes:**

CPM File Spec Group
Terry Conner, CMS
Diane Frankenfield, CMS
Tammy Bickimer, NNA
Jose' Nabut, Gambro
Bob Lehn, DaVita
Jane Brzozowski, FMCNA
Additional NW staff from CPM/CDC task group