

LDO Monthly Meeting
July 13th 2005
2:00-3:30 EST
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PARTICIPANT CODE: 941999

I. Roll Call

Name of Organization		Attendee Name	Name of Organization		Attendee Name		Network
DaVita		Janet Holland	CSC	X	Andy Hanks	X	1
		Bob Lehn		X	Ida Sarsitis		2
		Patrick Fletcher		X	Jay Ellis	X	3
	X	Jason Aronovitz		X	Shannon Wright	X	4
DCI	X	Chris Lovell		X	Crystal Henderson	X	5
	X	Pam Haverman	CMS		Kathy Sagel		6
FMCNA	X	Maureen Herget			Diane Frankenfield		7
	X	Norma Ofsthun		X	Matthew Leipold	X	8
	X	Nancy Lew		X	Terry Conner	X	9/10
	X	Alexis Porras			Pam Frederick	X	11
		Dr. Lazarus			Victoria Schlining	X	12
Gambro		Jose' Nabut		X	Gina Clemons		13
		Kay Hall			Jackie Harley		14
		Lynn Pool			Jefferson Rowland	X	15
		Allyson Todd			Connie Cole		16
RCG		Diane Thierauf			Kathy Hudson		17
		Barb O'Beirne			Craig Hales	X	18
		David Maloney		X	Condit Martak		
	X	Jim Tarwater			Glenda Payne		
		Bill McDaniel		X	Kathleen Eagon		

I. General Program Topics (Gina)

No Topics this month

II. CPM (Diane/Kathy/Vickie/Shannon)

- o CPM Files – Received CPM files from All LDOs – CMS will be following up with additional analysis of data
- o CPM Blackout – Sample of Blackout form – (see attached)
 - Black Out Comments - 821
 - If Q17 (meds/insulin) should be blackened if the answer to Q16 Diabetes is no
 - Q18B3a – Epo less than 1x per week should be blackened
 - Q20CDE – If 20C is not populated then 20 CDE should be black
 - Q 20H If weight is populated the unit of measurement should be black
 - Q20FGHIJK – If no value is available in 20FG, all 20FGHIJK should be black
 - 821
 - Investigate blackout and suppression requirements for lab values in 21 and 23
- o CPM Facility Letter – Jan Deane will be drafting a letter once the blackened
- o 2006 CPM Requirements are currently being collected – if you have any recommendations please send them to Shannon Wright at swright@esource.net
- o Blackened forms will go out to facilities after September 28th. Be prepared to field questions from facilities. CMS is currently working on executive summary to go back to the LDOs.

III. Lab Collection Project: (Kathy/Shannon)

- LDOs would like to know what kind of reports would be coming out and a sample of what the reports would look like.
- CMS will request Networks to standardize the reports where possible and identify how these can be shared with the corporate contacts. Lab Data Collection is voluntary for the Networks to participate. Network 11 is working with the Networks that are participating to develop standardized reports. Network 11 currently have 13 Networks working with them on this process.
 - NW11 has received the corrected LDO data as of last Thursday and it is being evaluated by the statisticians. The reports will be going to the Networks at different times. Jan will share the standard reports to the LDOs so they will be aware of the type of reports that will be going to facilities.
 - We are up to 14 Networks participating in the Elab project and all contracts are up to date and data use agreements are complete. In order to share facility level information across Networks these data agreements have to be shared.
 - CMS still does plan to want to collect electronically lab data next year. The format is still being determined

IV. Fistula First (Gina/Shannon)

- **Action Item:** Need to identify a rule for new facility acquisitions and the timing of when the data is submitted. CMS will need to decide if it is submitted under the 585 or if there is some other specified dates.
 - CMS has heard from the Networks that when they are collecting data from facilities that have been bought by a corporation the facility can't supply quality data because the patients record did not get transferred with the patient. What is the current practice of the LDOs
 - Historical data is not loaded into the corporate system
 - All the items at the facility, hard copy medical records should still be available
 - Per the Networks facilities are reporting that the records are stored off site, due to HIPPA they don't have permission to release this information
 - Per the LDOs, it sounds like there are a lot of variance in understanding of facilities. The facilities are concerned once they have been acquired and are not sure what to release so they don't release any of the information.
- **Reports:** For facilities that have changed affiliations during the Fistula First project. Can historical information be shared with the new affiliation?
 - This is not a problem as long as it is being shared with the facility. Information for an entire year can go back to that facility. CMS is still trying to put into place a code system to share the data at the corporate level
- **Dashboard Changes** – New eligibility criteria applied for the dashboard based on date certified. This will align the expected verses received facility count more inline with what is actually being collected at the facility level
- **Surgeon Data:** Finalized the codes for claims data related to surgeons. CMS is not sure when that data will begin to flow. Reports are being standardized.

V. Core Data Set (Shannon)

- Data Standardization Meeting June 21st and 22nd – Notes from the CDS meeting should be distributed by the end of this week
- How to create the electronic files. LDOs wanted to be able to create logical files. Although the LDOs can send that information there is still some issues at CMS on storage and Network use of data. CMS is trying to work to build out the elements that are core to replace separate project like FF and Lab Data Collection. This year we are working to send the 100% of CPM information to the Networks. In the interim CMS is looking at transmitting the 100% CPM file spec at a quarterly basis.
 - FMCNA does not want to participate in this. There is many people involved in putting all the CPM data into a gigantic file. Anytime the data sources are changed they have to update their systems.
 - DCI could provide the information, their architecture is set up that way
 - DaVita – Not Sure – since they have not participated in the past
 - RCG – Fairly straight forward
 - Gambro – Not represented
 - It would be easy for the LDOs to submit lab data quarterly. This would not be difficult.

VI. Additional Topics:

- 2728 – VISION facilities were having a problem loading information on Question 18 – Prior to ESRD therapy questions, the problem is that the question does not allow a block for less than 6 months. Less than 6 months will be indicated with no answer.
- Glenda – NW14 – The Decreasing patient and provider conflict posters were distributed last week. Networks are responsible for getting the toolboxes out to the facilities. The Networks will be conducting training sessions in their areas. Many of the Networks have expressed an interest to work with the LDO corporations in the roll out of the education. The LDOs would like to have a copy of this in order to support the initiative and educate their regional representatives
- Do LDOs host meeting where they bring facilities into one location. Would it be possible to have a Network representative at their regional meetings to discuss the training for decreasing patient and provider conflict?
 - DCI does not have regional managers but do have meetings with all clinical managers. Glenda will work with Pam Haverman at DCI for this.
 - FMCNA – Maureen will discuss this with the VP of Quality to decide if something can be identified. Glenda will work with Maureen on this. CMS would like for the LDO to incorporate this into their quality and policies so that both the LDOs and CMS is working together on this initiative.
 - DaVita – Glenda should discuss with Janet Holland and distribute the information with other Networks
 - Gambro – Glenda will follow up with Kay Hall
 - RCG – Glenda will follow up with RCG contact
- QNet conference will be September 12 – 16th. LDOs are invited to attend Thursday September 15th to discuss IT projects and update on CROWN web. We will be gathering requirements. If we have enough LDO participation we will have an additional LDO meeting on that day. The website is:
www.qualitynetonline.com