

AUC

Strategic Steering Committee

June 2011

Agenda

- A. Recent AUC Accomplishments
- B. Ongoing and Anticipated Work
- C. Questions or Feedback

A. Recent Accomplishments

1. Development and maintenance of v5010 Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides
2. Testimony and comments to national administrative simplification initiatives
3. National recognition and exposure
4. Continued operational improvements

1. Development and maintenance of v5010 Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides

- Proposed and adopted 5010 technical updates
 - Eligibility Inquiry and Response (270-271)
 - Claims
 - 837 Professional, 837 Institutional, 837 Dental
 - Remittance Advice (835)
- Acknowledgments (proposed and adopted guides, no technical changes proposed)
 - TA1
 - 999
 - 277CA

1. Development and maintenance of v5010 Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides (cont.)

- Additional
 - Updated best practices for 5010
 - Coordinated with MN HIPAA Collaborative on testing for 5010
 - Responded to requests for changes, clarifications
 - Coding clarifications, SBARs, work requests

2. Testimony, comments to national administrative simplification initiatives

- Development and maintenance of EDI standards and Operating Rules
 - AUC letter to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), March 23, 2011
 - Laurie Darst of Mayo provided AUC testimony to National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) Subcommittee on Standards, April 27, 2011

2. Testimony, comments to national administrative simplification initiatives (cont.)

Themes, messages in AUC letter and testimony --

- Concerns regarding potential overlap, duplication among multiple organizations in creating, maintaining rules and standard
- Current process is not efficient
- Need for new approach that promotes:
 - Coordination and timeliness across all organization
 - Improved communication
 - Balanced representation
 - Affordable process and costs

2. Testimony and comments to national administrative simplification initiatives (cont.)

- Acknowledgments
 - Shelagh Kalland presented testimony on behalf of the AUC at the NCVHS Subcommittee on Standards hearing on April 27, 2011
 - Presentation focused on
 - Provider, payer and general industry perspectives of acknowledgements
 - Recommendation that the industry pilot these transactions before CMS requires them under a HIPAA mandate
 - Suggestion -- two of the pilots could be: a) Medicare implementation and b) Minnesota implementation

3. National Recognition and Exposure

- Participation with NCVHS and CMS as previously noted Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is responding to inquiries and coordinating with other states
 - Washington, Oregon, Massachusetts, Texas
- Discussion of Minnesota efforts at national organizations
 - ASC X12
 - Committee on Operating Rules for information Exchange (CORE)
 - MDH participation on CORE Transition Committee
 - WEDI

4. Continued Operational Improvements

- Summaries of forthcoming guide changes being posted prior to actual adoption
- Exploring AUC website improvements
- Updates of policies, procedures, forms
- Greater use of teleconferencing, webinars, voting by email and reduced number of in-person meetings

B. Ongoing and Anticipated Work

- Wildcard:
 - Section 1104 (Administrative Simplification) of the Federal “Affordable Care Act”
 - Possible (but as yet unknown) implications for Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides
- Maintenance, clarification of companion guides
 - In the context of operating rules, national developments
- Other new opportunities, challenges?

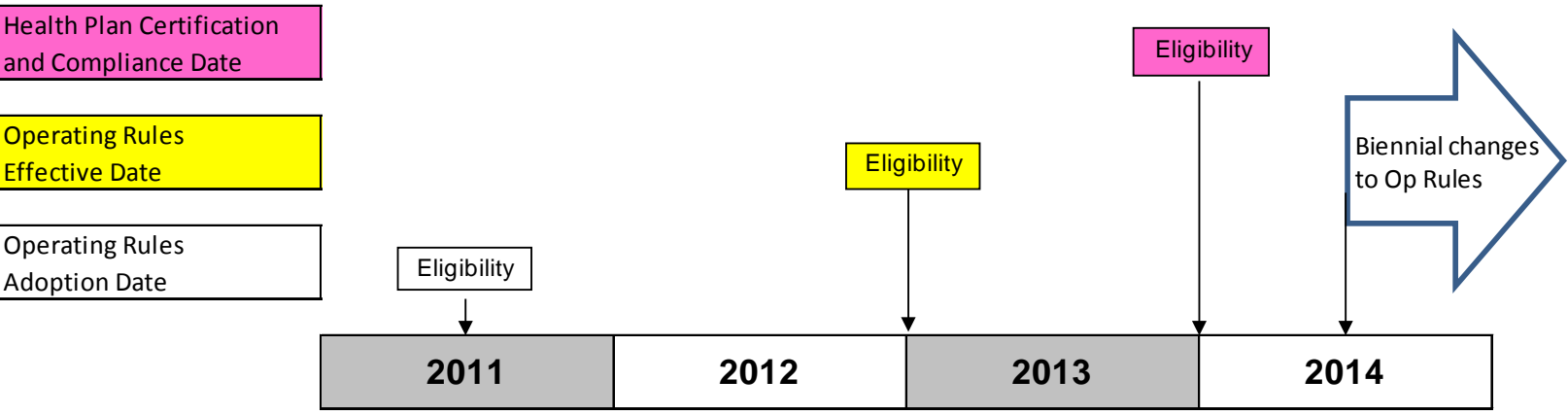
Affordable Care Act -- Section 1104, Administrative Simplification

- Requires adoption of operating rules and new HIPAA standards over four years
- First operating rules to be announced by July 1
 - Eligibility and claims status
- 60 day opportunities to comment on rules
- Unknown at this time: potential implications for Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides
 - Will operating rules require changes to Guides?

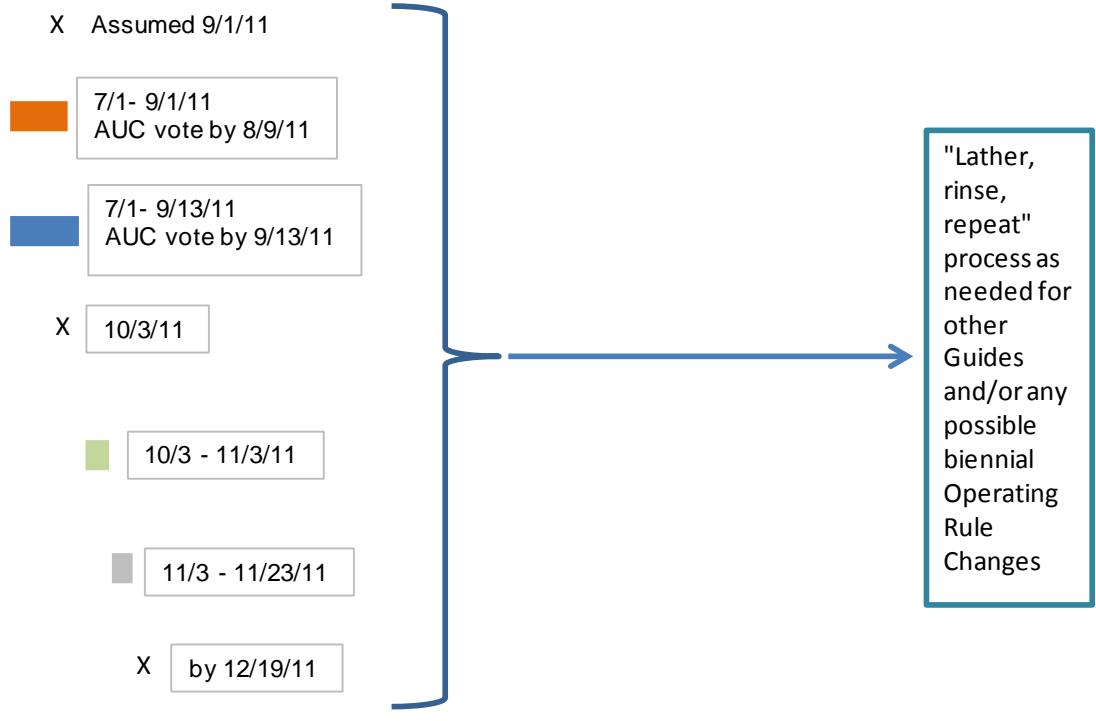
If MN Uniform Companion Guides require changes as a result of operating rules –

- Develop changes with AUC
- MDH Rulemaking
 - A) Publish proposed changes; B) opportunity for public comments; C) review public comments with AUC; D) publish final changes
- Provide industry as much lead time as possible
 - Goal: Complete above process in six months or less
- “Lather, rinse, repeat” for Guides as operating rules are released and/or updated
- See illustrative timetable on next slide

Eligibility Operating Rules -- Illustrative timeframe for possible MDH-AUC response if changes are needed for MN Uniform Companion Guides



- IFR 60 day comments due
- AUC/MDH develop and submit any IFR comments
- AUC/MDH review MN Elig. Guide for any changes
- MN State Register notice of any proposed changes
- 30 day public comment on proposed MN changes
- AUC-MDH review of public comments re prop. changes
- MN State Register notice of any adopted changes



AUC/MDH participation in operating rule development

- CORE recommended as operating rule author for Eligibility, Claims Status, Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA), Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- MDH and Patrice Kuppe (Allina, AUC liaison to CORE) and other AUC members are participating in CORE calls to develop recommendations for operating rules
 - Participants provide regular reports and updates to AUC Operations



Operations and Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Updates

Committee/TAG	Co-chairs (new in blue)
Operations	Paige Hinz (Medica); Laurie Darst (Mayo) ; Beth Stanley (Mayo)
CMP TAG	Leann Ottomeyer (MN Chiropractic Assn.); Steve Kimmel (Fairview)
Acknowledgements TAG	Shelagh Kalland (Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota); Patrice Kupee (Allina)
Claims DD TAG	Carolyn Anderson (Mayo)
Eligibility TAG	Ed Stroot (PreferredOne); Mary Hall (Medica)
EOB/Remit TAG	Peter Anderson (United Health Group); Lisa Wichterman (Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry)
Medical Code TAG	Outgoing: Barb Hollerung (Minnesota Department of Human Services); Gail Cain (Fairview) Incoming: Faith Bauer (Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota) ; Ann Swanson (Medica) ; Jennifer Notch (Fairview)
Legislative TAG	Kathryn Kmit (Minnesota Council of Health Plans); Joe Schindler (Minnesota Hospital Association)
Long Term Care TAG	Jeff Bostic (Aging Services of Minnesota)
Two-digit Code TAG	Trisha Schirmers (Allina)

Operations and Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Updates (cont.)

- Membership and Policies TAG merged with the Communications TAG
 - TAG now called the Communications/Marketing/Policies
 - Reviews of policies and procedures, communications tools, and AUC website
- Other TAG Work
 - Development, maintenance of v5010 Guide previously described
 - Ongoing work on best practices, coding clarifications
 - New/updated products are voted on by Operations Committee and posted on AUC website

Operations and Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Updates (cont.)

Issues, needs

- Continued efforts to automate, streamline obtaining “two-digit PMAP codes”
 - Initial efforts produced best practice for eligibility transaction but could not resolve issues related to desired transmission of codes via remittance advice
 - Additional reviews, discussions with payers, Department of Human Services suggested
- Co-chair needed –
 - Claims DD TAG, health plan representative

C. Questions/feedback?

- Contact your AUC Operations member
- Contact AUC chairs directly with any questions or feedback (contact information on next slide)
- Contact us via AUC email (see next slide)

Thank you for your interest and support!

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