



January 23rd, 2019

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Teleconference/WebEx ONLY - ([Participant Instructions](#))

AUC Eligibility TAG

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting to Order

2. Welcome & Introductions – Please e-mail your attendance to Theresa.noponen@centracare.com

Andrew Dito	Barb Vonasek
Bob Johnson	Dave Haugen
Clark Fenske	Doug Curtis
Jacki Rathke	Quinn Thomas
Rigzin Dolma	Tim Lopez
Joy Nollenberg	Kathy Wrazidlo
Loni Wegman	

3. Anti-trust Statement – <http://www.health.state.mn.us/auc/pdfs/antitrust.pdf>

4. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

5. Service Type Codes Presentation by MDH consultant, Doreen Espinoza

Presentation PowerPoint was sent out, any comments? Nothing new to discuss.

Announcement re: Doreen Espinoza, she was voted in as the next X12 President, please send your congratulations to her.

6. Continued exception from 270-271 exchange requirements for entities not subject to HIPAA

A unanimous approval for the exception, which this group did recommend for another year. However, (and noted on the ballot) *the TAG also recommended strongly that the AUC engage with the exempted payers and others during the coming year to help find a solution for more standard, automated exchanges of eligibility information between the parties.*

Per the notes from our last meeting we asked a few different questions for follow up:

- Approve with the caveat that work be done throughout the next year to identify data elements, usage of 270/271? Work with X12, CMS and other national organizations.
 - Dave is a member of WEDI, has great working relationships with other organizations. Would take to X12 with Doreen being the president. Can they join our next meeting?
 - AUC community, DOL, Department of Commerce?

- End users of the transaction, who might we be able to tap into? TPL, MVA or WC payors and why are they not able to use? Talked with Chip Evelsizer a few years ago. Corvel or Jopari contacts? Not sure if Sherry Wilson is still with Jopari (sherry.wilson@jopari.com).
- Federal HIPAA identified exempt entities are not required to use the 270/271, typically these are TPL, MVA, and WC payors, should we continue to allow this exemption? Do not want to and will work on throughout the year to discontinue as much as possible.
- Why do we continue to allow this exemption? Dave provided some history as to why this came about and slide presentation (separate attachment). We will need to fully vet the transaction and hopefully engage payors to work with us on coming to an agreement on the various data elements, what we can we do, what works or not.
- We should ask these exempted entities to provide reasons for not being able to use 270/271?
- Have they done any research, development to become compliant?
- MN has been including these payors with other transactions, we might have traction in getting them onboard with 270/271, at least open the conversation.
- Document attached from prior discussion with MVA in 2016, good place to start.

7. Other Business

- **Introduction of Bob Johnson** – Has worked in the HIM and EMR line of business, whereas Dave has been focused on Administrative Simplification. Bob will be partnering with Dave; their offices have come together OHIT (Office of Health Information Technology). Welcome Bob!
- **Other business that Eligibility TAG could work on?** In attached presentation from Dave, there are a couple of slides from survey with opportunities for education and work.
 - **The Eligibility Transaction didn't have the same consistent usage as the other transactions. Out of 26 responses, only 11 said they are at 95% electronic usage, 5 in 80-95% range and 10 below 80% or not known.**
 - **Survey responses stated 270/271 was incomplete, inaccurate, insufficient. Providers felt they received better information on the website or via phone specifically noting the 270/271 transaction. What are we missing?**
 - Accumulations of out of pocket, # of visits
 - Query about prior-auth – is 270/271 adequate? A lot of effort would need to be put into this and there are so many options, by CPT, Dx, too many variables. Do we have opportunities to start small? Service Types? Probably too generic.
 - Self-insured vs insured plan
 - **Eligibility Frequency** – Complete the update to our Best Practice
 - **More web documentation available** – electronic changes can take time; do we have interim options for any of our ideas?

8. Meeting Summary & Next Steps

- **Any word on the 278 Work Group?** Dave is not aware.

9. Next Meeting – Teleconference/WebEx ONLY February 27th, 2019 (2-4pm)

2019 Calendar, please mark your calendars accordingly.

- Wednesday, January 23, 2019 (2-4pm)
- Wednesday, February 27, 2019 (2-4pm)
- Wednesday, March 27, 2019 (2-4pm)
- Wednesday, April 24, 2019 (2-4pm)
- Wednesday, May 22, 2019 (2-4pm)
- Wednesday, June 26, 2019 (2-4pm)
- Wednesday, July 24, 2019 (2-4pm)
- Wednesday, August 28, 2019 (2-4pm)
- Wednesday, September 25, 2019 (2-4pm)
- Wednesday, October 23, 2019 (2-4pm)
- Wednesday, November 27, 2019 (2-4pm)
- Wednesday, December 18, 2019 (2-4pm)