

e-Prescribing Workgroup

JULY 8, 2019 PHONE CALL – MEETING NOTES

Materials posted at [Workgroup web page](#)

e-Health Summit recap

Karen reported out that the eRx session at the Summit was a success! Much positive response, especially to Lee's overview of Allina's CancelRx implementation. Karen will arrange a webinar for September/October to share with a broader audience.

Contact Karen if you would like to see the slides.

CMS e-prior authorization NPRM

The MN e-Health Initiatives is conducting a coordinated response for the CMS NPRM on ePA (see info on the meeting agenda). Karen is the point person on this and requested input from the workgroup and subject matter experts to help review responses.

- Lee will recruit an SME from Allina.
- Patrice will participate as a reviewer. She also shared that NCPDP is encouraging broad-based response to the challenges of managing dual workflow, as well as the aggressive timing proposed in the rule.
- Other challenges brought up by workgroup members include varied vendor solutions and problems using prospective due to inaccurate information.
- Suggested outreach to: MMA, MMGMA, MN Council of Health Plans, MHA, DHS, MN Assn of County Health Plans. Karen will reach out.

MDH's deadline for collecting comments is July 26; the CMS deadline is August 16.

Dx code project

Participants:

- The analytic team for this project includes Tricia Krause (Surescripts), Luke Slindee (Optum), Kent Bridgeman (Allina), Jenn Boehne (CVS), and Leann McDowell (HealthPartners). Sarah Derr (MPHA) will work with Brian Isetts and Terry Adam to recruit a UMN resident to participate.
- Karen Soderberg (MDH) and Laura Topor (Granada Health) will participate as conveners and meeting facilitators.

Charter

- A draft charter was shared with the workgroup prior to the call. Karen has some charter edits from Kent; will add a few more edits from this meeting and distribute to the project team.

- The charter needs better-defined metrics/measures (per Kent’s comments); the project team will meet later in July to discuss.

Surescripts data request

- Tricia has submitted a request to Surescripts’ legal team; response is expected soon.

NDC/ICD-10 groupings

- Jenn offered to review/validate the NDC/ICD-10 codes. Others are also welcome to do that; would like to get this done by end of July or early August.
- Luke will modify the list to group by clinical formulation; Karen will distribute that updated list to the project team.

Next steps:

- Tricia will update her request to Surescripts’ legal team to reflect today’s discussion. Response is expected by mid-July.
- Research team subgroup will meet to tighten up the charter. Karen will help coordinate meetings.
- Jenn (and others?) will review the NDC/ICD groupings by end of July.

Other items

MTM

In late June Karen learned that MDH cardiovascular epidemiologists had recently convened a meeting with a group of MN pharmacists (held at UMN). The purpose of the event was to “Align and mobilize pharmacists committed to providing medication management services with Minnesota Department of Health priorities of improving health in patients with high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes.” Steve and Lee attended.

A key concern that arose was the ability to exchange clinical information between providers and pharmacists. Jim Peacock, the lead epidemiologist at MDH, will meet with Karen to review meeting notes and workgroup efforts. We hope to align our efforts, and potentially gain more workgroup participation. Karen will report back at the August or September workgroup call.

Webex

Karen will (finally) move to Webex meetings starting in August.