

Maine Health Care Claims Data Users' Group
Notes – April 4, 2007

Attending: Chad Jolin, Susan Schow, Al Prysunka, Adam Thebeau, Lisa Parker, Jim Kane

The primary topic for discussion during this meeting was regarding the survey results from the MHDO Practitioner Attribution project. The MHDO distributed a four page document covering the Practitioner Attribution Survey Results. Susan Schow led the discussion and went over the content of the documentation explaining the Background, Initial Plan, Recruitment of Volunteers by source, specialty & professional degree. She covered the implementation of the survey and explained issues that were encountered and overcome during the survey process. She revealed the results of the survey to the group and indicated that nearly 11,000 claims records submitted to the DPC with dates between Nov 2006 and Jan 2007 were accurately attribution to a practitioner 96.8 percent of the time. It was also confirmed that taxonomy codes attributed to these providers based on the payer submitted provider specialty codes were 98 percent accurate. The conclusion of the MHDO is that practitioner level identification is accurately represented in the database and will be allowed to be released as of April 2007.

After the presentation, there was much discussion regarding the procedure that the MHDO is developing related to the release of practitioner identifiers. Everyone agreed that the 96.8% accuracy rate was very good, but there was discussions regarding how much of a practitioners' full patient panel this data may represent. Without the inclusion of Medicare, Medicaid, bundled billed provider and uninsured data in this group the feeling was that this data represents about 1/3 of a practitioners full patient panel in many cases and could even be a lot less in some instances.

The DPC informed the group that submission of the payer data is currently on schedule. The DPC also verified the receipt of the Medicaid and Medicare Provider data from the MHDO and the provider linkage staff was evaluating the information.

Al Prysunka gave a status report on addition of the Medicaid and Medicare claims and eligibility data to the DPC data tables. It was noted that the DPC would not see any Medicare test files until the July timeframe and Medicaid test files would follow some time after July.

Possible future topics:

- Development of data use methods/Business Rules

Next Meeting Topics:

- None selected at the meeting

Next Meeting: May 23 9:30-11:30 Location: MHIC Office, Manchester