

Maine Health Care Claims Data Users' Group
Notes – September 20, 2006

Attending: Michael Delarenzo, Chad Jolin, Rich Linehan, Chris McCarthy, John Currie, Susan Schow, Nancy Kiernan, Dana Ivers, Al Prysunka, Karl Finison, Adam Thebeau.
On the Phone: Dick Fournier and Scott & John from Databay Resources.

The primary topic for discussion during this meeting was regarding the payer supplied provider specialty codes. How the DPC uses the descriptions to link the codes to an appropriate Taxonomy code so that like providers can be bucketed together. Adam Thebeau walked the group through a process flow diagram that outlined the process used by the DPC to do this linkage work. After that there was a number of questions ranging from how the DPC received specialty code and description updates from the payers to how is the DPC handling changes being made to the Taxonomy code file.

The discussion/s related to the use of the Taxonomy code file have been brought back to the DPC to research further.

Al Prysunka gave a status report on addition of the Medicaid and Medicare claims and eligibility data to the DPC data tables. It was discussed that provider files for these two entities would be forth coming and the DPC will work to perform provider linkage work prior to any claims data being updated into the system. It would appear that the earliest the DPC would see any of the claims and/or eligibility data loaded into the system will most likely be in the first quarter of 2007.

Possible future topics:

- Attribution
- Code resolution
- Cross walking of codes
- Mapping analysis of Local procedure codes

Next Meeting Topics:

- Discussion of DPC Identified IP Linkage to Hospital IP data

Next Meeting: October 25 9:30-11:30 MHIC Offices, Manchester