

VA Recovery Audit - Contract Implementation Conference Call Summary

Date: 12/3/2001
Time: 1:00 – 2:30 PM (EST)

Attendees *Veteran Affairs*

Thomas Wayburn, COTR, VA Recovery Audit, HAC
Elliott Vanderstek, Chief Accounting Officer, HAC
Rex Gilmore, Program Specialist, VACO/HAS
Joe Enderle, Chief Information Officer, VAOPC Columbus
Jenie Perry, Chief Healthcare Information Systems, AAC

Contractor

Walt Jordan, President, Abacus Technology
John Pieters, Program Manager, Health Net
Joy Wilkie, Director, Managed Care Services, Health Net
Sharon Lopez, DRG Manager, Health Net
Padra Randall, DRG Quality Coordinator, Health Net
Kelly Foydl, Reports Specialist, Health Net

Conference Call Summary

1. Attendee Identification: Participants identified themselves. Minutes of 11/19/2001 were accepted as written.
2. Review of action items:
 - a) Item 1: Medical Documentation
Tom Wayburn will draft a letter incorporating a Privacy Act statement, Congressional mandate, and the VA web site where providers may review a copy of the actual Recovery Contract. (OPEN)
 - b) Item 2: No Payments Indicated for selected VAMC
Joy Wilkie reported that there were 2,076 cases reported on the AAC data file for station 537. Of these 2,076 cases only 149 were inpatient services. The AAC data file for station 580 contained 21 inpatient service cases out of a total of 383 cases. Health Net believes that these stations when compared to the number of cases reported for other similar sized stations should have more inpatient service cases than the number on the AAC data file. Jenie Perry will attempt to validate the number of cases by cross referencing the cases reported by the station to the number of cases on the data file provided to contractor. (OPEN)
 - c) Item 3: Copies of Contracts and Sharing Agreements for State of Alaska
Rex Gilmore stated that at this time VISN 20 would not be providing a copy of the contracts and sharing agreements in effect from FY 1995 through FY 2000. Rex Gilmore stated that a determination as to when VISN 20 would provide documents related to the Recovery Contract will be made in the future. (OPEN)

- d) Item 4: Payment Report
Health Net requested that HAC send the payment report on a daily basis. Tom Wayburn and Joy Wilkie discussed during a separate conference call on 11/19/01 and HAC will begin providing Health Net a daily payment report upon receipt of the first collection . (CLOSED)
- e) Item 5: Response to White Paper on VA DRG pricer calculation
Rex Gilmore stated that HAS is reviewing Health Net's response and a reply will be forthcoming. (OPEN)
- f) Item 6: VA DRG Recovery Contract Meeting
The First Annual VA DRG Recovery Contract review meeting will be held in Denver, CO at the Health Administration Center on January 29, 2002. It is questionable if VA members will have travel funds available to attend the session. Tom Wayburn will survey RASC participants for their capability to participate by satellite conferencing if travel funds are unavailable. (OPEN)

3. New Business:

- a) Item 1: Station Number Verification
Health Net requested verification of VA station numbers for Chillicothe and Dayton, OH and Detroit, MI. Joe Enderle provided the station numbers for Chillicothe (538) and Dayton (552). Tom Wayburn will e-mail Joy Wilkie with the station number for Detroit. (CLOSED)
- b) Item 2: Collection of Identified Overpayment by VA Station
Health Net questioned the process to follow when Station 657 issued a bill of collection to recover a contractor identified overpayment. Tom Wayburn requested the information on the case. Tom Wayburn will contact the Network Coordinator and Station POC regarding the status of collection. (OPEN)
- c) Item 3: Timely Response to Contractor Request for Follow-up Information
Health Net advised that VA stations are not complying with the 5 day turn around time for follow-up requests, such as observation payment calculation, etc. Tom Wayburn will advise the Network Coordinators concerning timely sharing of information. (OPEN)
- d) Item 4: Payment for Invoice 1 and Invoice 2
Walt Jordan asked when and how VA payment to the Contractor for Invoice 1 and Invoice 2 would be made. Elliott Vanderstek stated that there would be two separate EFT payments for the recoveries identified by AIM, one for accepted cases and the other for the rejected cases. Payment is expected to be made today following contractor TIN verification. Walt Jordan will contact Elliott Vanderstek for confirmation. (CLOSED)
- e) Item 5: State Mental Health Institutional payment
Health Net asked if VA facilities should be paying State Mental Health facilities at the 72% payment rate or DRG. Joe Enderle advised that VA pays State Mental Health the same as any other Mental Health provider, absent an agreement, at the 72% rate.

(CLOSED)

- f) Item 6: Partial payment for inpatient care methodology
Health Net asked for clarification regarding DRG payment for authorized partial inpatient stay. Rex Gilmore stated that the VA station should calculate payment based upon the DRG assignment for the length of stay authorized. (CLOSED)

4. Next Call: Monday, December 17, 2001

Tom Wayburn
COTR, Recorder

