

VA Recovery Audit - Contract Implementation Conference Call Summary

Date: 03/10/03

Time: 1:00 – 1:30 PM (EST)

Attendees Veteran Affairs
Cathy Wasson, COTR, HAC
Rex Gilmore, Program Specialist, VACO/HAS
Jenie Perry, AAC
Mary Johnson, VACO/HIMS

Contractor

Richard Pectol, Vice President, Abacus Technology
John Pieters, Program Manager, HealthNet
Padra Randall, DRG Recoupment Manager, HealthNet
Joy Wilkie, Director Managed Care Services, HealthNet
Kelly Foydl, Reports Analyst, HealthNet
Sharon Lopez, DRG Manager, HealthNet

Conference Call Summary

- 1) Attendee Identification: Participants identified themselves. Minutes of February 10th were accepted as written.
- 2) Review of action items: None
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) Item 1: CHAMPVA Recalculated Claims
Joy Wilkey stated that HealthNet will recalculate CHAMPVA claims. Cathy Wasson requested Dick Pectol to research the cost to remove CHAMPVA and Spina Bifida Program from the contract. Dick Pectol is researching the price. (ECD: 3/21/03)
 - b) Item 2: Percent change for PPS Exempt Payment Methodologies
The change in the percent used for calculating payments for exempt PPS facilities has been provided to the VAMCs by Rex Gilmore. (Closed)
 - c) Item 3: Refunds to Providers
HealthNet is not provided accurate information by the HAC regarding the refunds due to previous access limitations. Cathy Wasson will check with Elliott Vanderstek to see if HealthNet can be provided updated information. (ECD: 3/14/03)
 - d) Item 4: VISN 13/14 Combination
VISN 13/14 does not have claims for this time period due to a centralized payment model. Cathy Wasson will contact the VISN to determine the VAMC that paid the claims. (ECD: 03/21/03)

- e) Item 5: Missing Information
Cathy Wasson has provided Tom Wayburn with the file and he is working with the VISN coordinators to resolve the issue. (ECD: 03/28/03)
- f) Item 6: HealthNet Utilization of Existing Contracts
This issue was raised on the monthly FEE Conference Call. Rex Gilmore will raise the issue on the Friday, March 14th call to determine any examples where HealthNet is not applying the existing contracts. (Closed)

4) New Business

- a) Item 1: Provider Payments
HealthNet raised an issue with the speed at which the HAC is processing provider payments. HealthNet requested that Cathy Wasson check and find out if the process for applying payments could be sped up. (ECD: 04/04/03)
- b) Item 2: TINs Updated with Treasury
Treasury stated to HealthNet that the VA needs to change the TINs. Cathy Wasson will contact Elliott Vanderstek to determine the process. Elliott Vanderstek has the information. (ECD: 4/4/03)
- c) Item 3: Reinstate 1998 Pricers
Rex Gilmore reported that he is working on this issue regarding whether the pricer can be reinstated. (ECD: 4/14/03)
- d) Item 4: Refund Checks
HealthNet reported that some of the VAMCs are not able to produce information regarding refund checks that have previously been sent by the providers. Cathy Wasson reported that in these cases the provider is responsible for providing a copy of the check as proof of payment. (Closed)
- e) Item 5: Consolidated Billing
HealthNet has received a request from a provider to combine all of the overpayments and to make one large payment when the review is complete. Cathy Wasson asked HealthNet to have the provider contact Tom Wayburn for further information. (Closed)
- f) Item 6: Alaska providers
Central Peninsula Alaska is questioning the CMS pricer. Rex Gilmore has contacted CMS and is waiting for a response. (ECD: 4/14/03)
- g) Item 7: Organ Acquisition
The CMS websites stated that payment for organ acquisition is treated as an add-on to the pricer. CMS stated to HealthNet that this service is included in the pricer. Tom Wayburn will follow up on this issue. (ECD: 4/14/03)

5) Next Conference Call: April 14th, 2003

Cathy Wasson
COTR, Recorder