

VA Recovery Audit - Contract Implementation Conference Call Summary

Date: 05/12/03
Time: 1:00 – 1:30 PM (EST)

Attendees **Veteran Affairs**
Tom Wayburn, COTR, HAC
Cathy Wasson, ACOTR, HAC
Rex Gilmore, Program Specialist, VACO/CBO

Contractor

Richard Pectol, Vice President, Abacus Technology
Jim Rosengren, Vice President of VA Programs, HealthNet
Padra Randall, DRG Recoupment Manager, HealthNet
Joy Wilkie, Director Managed Care Services, HealthNet
Kelly Foydl, HealthNet
John Bell, HealthNet

Conference Call Summary

- 1) Attendee Identification: Participants identified themselves. Minutes of April 14, 2003 were accepted.
- 2) Review of action items: None
 - a. Item 1: VISN 13/14 Combination
Health Net reported that they had not received the numbers for caseload information for stations in VISN 13 and 14. Tom Wayburn will send the information to Joy Wilkie. (ECD: 06/9/03)
 - b. Item 2: Missing Information
Request listing for records will be issued to the VISN coordinators as soon as it can be reformatted for use. (ECD: 05/19/03)
 - c. Item 3: Reinstate 1998 Pricers
The 1998 Pricer restoration at VA AAC is in final stage of approval. (ECD: 9/30/03)
 - d. Item 4: Alaska providers
A response to providers in Alaska regarding VA payment methodology was issued. Final VA reply is being coordinated. (ECD: 6/9/03)
 - e. Item 5: Contract Restart
Dick Pectol inquired as to when the contract would be restarted. Tom Wayburn stated that direction is expected to be issued by the end of the week. (ECD: 5/16/03)

f. Item 6: 2002 Data

Dick Pectol stated that the 2002 Fee Basis data had not been received.

Tom Wayburn will inquire AAC. (ECD: 6/9/03)

3) New Business

a. Item 1: CMS PC Pricer versus VA Pricer

Contractor asked if VA would approve use of the CMS PC Pricer instead of the VA pricer if the 4th quarter updates for the PC version were available. Tom Wayburn stated that it was determined that the VA Pricer would be used but that he would advise VA Fee Management of the request. (ECD: 6/9/03)

b. Item 2: CHAMPVA Policy Questions

Health Net posed several questions regarding CHAMPVA policy issues. Tom Wayburn asked if the questions/concerns could be related in an e-mail message to him so that he could refer to appropriate CHAMPVA management officials for proper response. Concerns raised dealt with cost-share, exempt facility, recoupment, split billing, and OHI. (ECD: 6/9/03)

c. Item 3: VISN 17 Contracts

Health Net asked for the answer to the VISN 17 contracts question. Tom Wayburn stated it had not been received.

4) Next Conference Call: May 12th, 2003

Thomas Wayburn
COTR