

VA Recovery Audit - Contract Implementation Conference Call Summary

Date: 12/27/2000
Time: 1:00 – 2:30 PM (EST)

Attendees:

Veteran Affairs

Sheldon Fine, Chief Financial Officer, VISN 21

Jerry Simpson, Austin Automation Center (AAC)

Contractor

Walter Jordan, Principal, Abacus Technology

Joy Wilkie, Director, Managed Care Services, Foundation

James Rosengren, Vice President, VA Operations, Foundation

Julie Susman, President and CEO, Jefferson Consulting Group

Jack Simpson, Director Information Technology, Foundation

Makini Enakaya, Program Manager, Systems, Foundation

John Pieters, Program Manager, Foundation

Padra Randall, DRG Quality Coordinator, Foundation

Conference Call Summary

1. Attendee Identification: Participants identified themselves.

2. Review of action items. Mr. Fine represented the government, opening the conference. Mr. Jordan coordinated discussion of each action item. A complete review of action items was not accomplished due to the COTR or HAC not being on the call. The following comments were made about the action items:
 - a) Item 1: Ms. Wilkie stated that the claims flow-rate is 21 per VAMC per month.
 - b) Item 2: Ms. Wilkie is still working the issue; if data is available as VA personnel have indicated, the contractor should be able to request one set of records per patient. This item should be finalized, as data availability becomes known.
 - c) Items 12–14, 16, 19, 26: Ms. Perry will have the requested information to Mr. Charlip by Friday, 12/29/00.
 - d) Items 23, and 25: Mr. Fine was asked to confirm the regulatory citation and the VAMC POC list with Mr. Simonis. Ms. Wilkie indicated that both are needed by the end of December to format the letters going to the VAMCs.
 - e) Item 27: Mr. Pieters was asked to call Mr. Corn to coordinate the VAMC POC list.

- f) Item 33: Ms. Perry mentioned that charges for AAC services may be moot if on-line access to the AAC is not required by Abacus/Foundation. Mr. Jordan asked if the HAC adds a 9% surcharge to the HCFA rates? Ms. Perry stated that VA (AAC) adds a 9% surcharge to the HCFA rate, but she does not know what the HAC does. Abacus/Foundation needs to know if the surcharge is standard for all VA activities. A subsequent e-mail from Mr. Charlip stated that the HAC does not add a surcharge when they pay claims.

3. New Business:

- a) Post Award Conference Minutes: The conferees had no comments other than looking for the final version of the minutes with Ms. Perry's comments included.
- b) Implementation Conference Call (12/18/00) Minutes: Conferees had not seen the minutes.
- c) IT Visit (Austin): Ms. Perry agreed to a site visit on either January 9/10 or 10/11. Mr. Jordan will coordinate the specific dates with her. Mr. Jerry Simpson at (512) 326-6051 is her alternate POC for the AAC.
- d) Ms. Wilkie discussed the pricer data sent to her. The format is good, but she is missing years 97-98, 98-99, and 99-2000. Mr. Jordan will bring this to Mr. Pectol's attention. Ms. Wilkie also stated that she found the data dictionary for the files.
- e) Ms. Wilkie asked Mr. Fine where adjustments are maintained for payments. He will check to see if they are in the fee file or elsewhere.
- f) Ms. Wilkie will determine if Abacus/Foundation requires on-line access to VA records.
- g) Mr. Pieters was asked to send Mr. Corn a list of critical requirements and dates to be coordinated and answered before the January 8 meeting.

4. Next Call: It was agreed that the next call would be on January 8, 2001, as scheduled. The call-in telephone number is --- --- ----, meeting ID ----.

John Pieters, Program Manager
Foundation, Recorder