

VA Recovery Audit - Contract Implementation Conference Call Summary

Date: 3/26/2001
Time: 1:00 – 2:30 PM (EST)

Attendees *Veteran Affairs*

Ralph Charlip, Director, Health Administration Center (HAC)
James Davis, Contracting Officer, HAC
Thomas Wayburn, COTR, VA Recovery Audit, HAC
Elliott Vanderstek, Chief Accountant/AFO, HAC
Anthony Byrum, Programmer, OCIO/HAC
Domenico Ventura, Contracting Officer, VACO

Contractor

Walter Jordan, Principal, Abacus Technology
Richard Pectol, Vice President, Abacus Technology
John Pieters, Program Manager, Foundation
Joy Wilkie, Director, Managed Care Services, Foundation
Padra Randall, DRG Quality Coordinator, Foundation
Minh Tompkins, Manager Government Contract Administration, . Foundation
Sharon Lopez, DRG Manager, Foundation
Mary Ann Keyes, Abacus Technology
Julie Susman, President, Jefferson Consulting Group

Conference Call Summary

1. Attendee Identification: Participants identified themselves.
2. Review of action items:
 - a) Item 1: Collection Process Change -
 1. Contractor noted an exception with the minutes dated 3/19/2001, Section 2, Review of action items, paragraph (a), Item 1: Collection Process Change , Section 1, part (4), which reads: "All other case referrals - Contractor will invoice VA only for cases actually collected. VA acknowledges financial liability upon establishment of an administrative offset and VA payment is due to the Contractor when the offset is successfully collected. The HAC Contracting Officer will prepare a letter to the Contractor with the terms of agreement." There is a difference of opinion regarding the understanding of the March 14th conference call that was not resolved. Contractor will submit to James Davis, Contracting Officer, their interpretation of this part as discussed during the March 14, 2001 conference call.
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 2. VA/HAC requested a separate conference call to discuss another issue. The

participants requested to attend were: Walter Jordan, John Pieters, Ralph Charlip, James Davis, Tom Wayburn. The call was scheduled following conclusion of this teleconference.

b) Item 2: HAC Data Availability

1. HAC data issues are resolved except for:

- a.) Leading zeros in DX and PX codes dropping upon import. It was suggested that the HAC file be imported into an Excel document with the field character description set to "text", which will prevent the leading zero digits being omitted. If this does not work, contact Tony Byrum, HAC programmer.
- b.) HAC requested the file format for the last two characters for the vendor identification number. This field may contain spaces as an acceptable field identifier. Contractor requested that the last two digits be placed into a separate data field. Tony Byrum will create the field.
- c.) The complete HAC data file is ready for downloading. Contractor will contact HAC when ready to receive the data file.

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c.) Item 3: Cross-reference and availability of FEE and NVH data

1. Mary Ann Keyes had requested file definition for the Participant and Specialty codes listed on the AAC data. Tom Wayburn had provided the definitions, with caution that the data field is not a required data entry and may or may not be useful, by e-mail to Mary Ann this morning. Mary Ann will review and advise of use status.
2. All other AAC data issues have been closed per Contractor except for the Fiscal Year payment issue. The Fiscal Year payment issue concerns Contractor request for all cases with a date of service within the scope of review (FY 1995-2000), including those paid during a future fiscal year. VA has provided data for all cases paid during the scope of the review. This issue will be discussed at a later date.

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3. New Business: None

4. Next Call: To be announced.

Tom Wayburn
COTR, Recorder