

# VA Recovery Audit - Contract Implementation Conference Call Summary

Date: 06/09/03  
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**

Rita Abi, President, Abacus Technology  
Richard Pectol, Vice President, Abacus Technology  
Padra Randall, DRG Recoupment Manager, HealthNet  
Joy Wilkie, Director Managed Care Services, HealthNet

## **Conference Call Summary**

- 1) Attendee Identification: Participants identified themselves. Minutes of May 12, 2003 were accepted without correction.
- 2) Review of action items: None
  - a. Item 1: VISN 13/14 Combination  
Health Net reported receipt of the numbers for caseload information for stations in VISN 13 and 14. (Closed 06/09/03)
  - b. Item 2: Missing Information  
Medical records listing was issued to the VISN coordinators. Health Net reports that document submission is being received. (Closed 06/09/03)
  - c. Item 3: Reinstate 1998 Pricers  
VA has approved and funded restoration of the FY 1998 pricer at AAC. (Closed 06/09/03)
  - d. Item 4: Alaska providers  
Final VA reply to FCA inquiry is being coordinated via OGC. A copy of the letter will be sent to HNFS. (Closed 06/09/03)
  - e. Item 5: Contract Restart  
Abacus reported receipt of order to resume contract work for fee caseload. (Closed 06/09/03)
  - f. Item 6: 2002 Data  
Abacus reported receipt of FY 2002 Fee Basis data. (Closed 06/09/03)

- g. Item 7: CMS PC Pricer versus VA Pricer  
VA issued corrected order to contractor to allow use of CMS PC Pricer with 4<sup>th</sup> quarter updates. Abacus acknowledged receipt. (Closed 06/09/03)
- h. Item 8: CHAMPVA Policy Questions  
COTR advised HNFS to send outstanding questions regarding CHAMPVA policy by e-mail. (Closed 06/09/03)
- i. Item 3: VISN 17 Contracts  
COTR advised that the question concerning VISN 17 contracts remained pending. (ECD: 06/23/03)

### 3) New Business

- a. Item 1: Medicare FI payment to Hospitals in Alaska  
HNFS advised that they have been closely coordinating with Medicare FI for State of Washington an in-depth review of the information submitted by Marty Michiels, Financial Consultants of Alaska, regarding Sitka Hospital. HNFS advised that the Medicare FI has concurred that they incorrectly processed payments to Sitka Hospital and probably other hospitals in the State of Alaska that resulted in Medicare overpayments for these facilities. The Medicare FI will be issuing a written letter regarding this determination. COTR requested HNFS to forward a copy of the Medicare FI letter when it is received. (Closed 06/09/03)
- b. Item 2: FY 1995- 1997  
COTR stated that the determination regarding FY 1995-1997 continuation of processing or refunding collectible amounts has yet to be made and that it is dependent upon the methodology. HNFS stated that overpayments for these years was calculated per VA instructions to use the pricer operating amount plus the 9% VA surcharge rate. COTR sent an e-mail to HNFS today (06/09/03) asking for clarification. COTR requested that HNFS reply to the e-mail with the methodology used. (ECD: 06/23/03)

### 4) Next Conference Call: TBA

Thomas Wayburn  
COTR