

VA Recovery Audit - Contract Implementation Conference Call Summary

Date: 3/18/2002
Time: 1:00 – 2:30 PM (EST)

Attendees **Veteran Affairs**

Thomas Wayburn, COTR, VA Recovery Audit, HAC
Jenie Perry, Chief Healthcare Information Systems, AAC
Ryan Lilly, Chief Fiscal Officer, HAC
Rex Gilmore, Program Specialist, VACO/HAS
Elliott Vanderstek, Chief Accounting Officer, HAC
Joe Enderle, HAS Fee Council, OPC Columbus

Contractor

Walt Jordan, President, Abacus Technology
Richard Pectol, Vice President, Abacus Technology
Joy Wilkie, Director Managed Care Services, HealthNet
Sharon Lopez, DRG Manager, HealthNet
Padra Randall, DRG Quality Coordinator, HealthNet
Kelly Foydl, Reports Specialist, Health Net

Conference Call Summary

1. Attendee Identification: Participants identified themselves.
2. Review of action items:
 - a) Item 1: No Payments Indicated for selected VAMC
HAS advised that the manual count of data presented for North Chicago was similar to the data on the AAC data files. The issue of cases verified for North Chicago was accepted and closed. The manual data count for Houston reported approximately 600 cases. The data file from AAC contained 21 cases. HAS is continuing to investigate this discrepancy. (OPEN)
 - b) Item 2: Response to White Paper on VA DRG pricer calculation
The DRG Pricer Issue has been referred to OGC. (OPEN)
 - c) Item 3: Clarification of method used to verify Non-VA PPS exempt status
Tom Wayburn asked Padra Randall for the name and telephone number of a CMS contact to facilitate in obtaining the Oscar report for VA as it is not an electronic document. (OPEN)
 - d) Item 4: Invoicing and Payment
James Davis issued a modification to contract to change the invoicing process. (CLOSED)
 - e) Item 5: Treasury Offset Program
Tom Wayburn reported that field guidance regarding offset procedures was being issued by CFO and that following release of the guidance memorandum

the referrals to TOPS would begin. (OPEN)

3. New Business:

Item 1: Fee Basis Guidebook, Chapter 20, Section XI, Scenario 10
HealthNet requested guidance concerning the notification from COTR that Scenario 10 in Chapter 20, Section XI of the Fee Basis Guidebook was incorrect. The language in Scenario 10 stated that payment was the lesser of the billed charges or full DRG rate. VA policy for payment of transfer to and from Non-VA by a VA station is to pay DRG per diem not to exceed the full DRG rate. Upon notification from the COTR HealthNet pended review of claims for this scenario. HAS stated that guidance would be forthcoming. HAS requested that HealthNet provide the number of cases and dollar value involved for those cases that recovery action was taken on the basis of the incorrect wording in Scenario 10. HAS requested an estimate from HealthNet on the number of cases and dollar value of the potential recovery action based upon the corrected language for Scenario 10. HealthNet will provide these estimates to COTR. (OPEN)

4. Next Call: April 1, 2002.

Tom Wayburn
COTR, Recorder