

Reminder:

The next regular quarterly meeting of the AUC Operations Committee will be held 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the Hamline Room of the TIES Event Center, 1644 Larpenteur Avenue West, Falcon Heights, MN 55108.

The meeting will include two key voting items, so your attendance to ensure a quorum and voting will be important.

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Comments or questions about this newsletter? Please contact us at the [AUC mailbox](mailto:health.auc@state.mn.us): health.auc@state.mn.us.

Want to request that the AUC address an issue? Submit an “SBAR.”

We occasionally receive questions about how to bring health care administrative simplification issues and questions forward to be addressed by the AUC. The answer is relatively simple: submit an “SBAR.” See the following article for more information.

The AUC has adopted a single standard form to request that it address health care administrative simplification issues and questions. The “AUC Business Need Explanation Form,” which is often referred to as the “SBAR,” ensures that the AUC has the information needed to appropriately respond to and address the issue. The term “SBAR” is simply an acronym for the first letters of four types of information to include on the form, as shown in the table below:

S	Situation: Describe the type of problem or issue, e.g., medical coding, clarification/interpretation of practices or requirements, other administrative simplification. Answer the question: What is the current business practice/need and why is it a problem or an issue?
B	Background: Provide additional background regarding the issue and any relevant history, especially regarding how the issue is pertinent to the industry and/or to your organization at this time.
A	Assessment: Explain why the issue should be addressed by the AUC. How would addressing the issue benefit health care administrative simplification in Minnesota? What is the negative impact if the issue is not addressed by the AUC?
R	Recommendation: Provide any recommendations to address the issue, and explain how the recommendations contribute to overall administrative simplification.

Submit an SBAR (continued)

SBARs can be used to request AUC reviews and explorations of a number of health care administrative simplification issues. SBARs have been submitted seeking: guidance regarding billing codes for new types of health care services; creation of or updating of other standard health care forms and business processes; and recently, the AUC's recommendations regarding the standard data content and format for lists of attributed members enrolled in Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs). Anyone requesting recommendations on medical coding issues should also submit a completed AUC "[Medical Code Technical Advisory Group \(TAG\) Decision Tree](#)" with additional information for consideration by the Medical Code TAG.

The SBAR form, related instructions, a description of the SBAR submission and review process, and the Medical Code TAG Decision Tree, are available on the [forms page of the AUC website](#), at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/auc/forms.htm>.

SBAR status and updates

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is updating the AUC website to display the status of SBARs currently under review, including whether they have been referred to an AUC TAG for discussion, and other information. In addition, a new section will be added to this monthly newsletter in the near future to provide the latest information and updates about SBARs being addressed by the AUC. For any questions regarding SBARs or the SBAR process, please contact david.haugen@state.mn.us or judy.edwards@state.mn.us.

Coding Corner

The Coding Corner is a collection of updates, tips, and pointers intended to help address common medical coding issues and to pass along coding news and updates suggested by the AUC's Medical Code TAG and other sources.



ICD-10 coding and Zika virus

Concerns about the spread of the Zika virus in the Americas and its possible consequences have dominated much of the health news this year. In the wake of these concerns, a number of organizations have provided information and guidance about ICD-10 coding for Zika-related conditions. A table with several coding recommendations follows below, based on a variety of sources.

Coding for	Code
Those infected with the Zika virus	A92.8 ...Other specified mosquito-borne viral fevers
Expectant mothers with the Zika virus, by trimester	098.51 ... Pregnancy complicated by viral disease (use 6 th digit to designate trimester) 098.511- ... first trimester 098.512- ... second trimester

Coding for	Code
	O98.513- ... third trimester
Zika virus during childbirth	O98.52 ... other viral diseases complicating child birth
Newborn born with microcephaly	Q02

Sources:

Code cracker: Coding zika virus. February 10, 2016. Accessed at the [AHIMA website](#):

<http://journal.ahima.org/2016/02/10/coding-zika-virus/>.

How to Code the Zika Virus in ICD-10. February 9, 2016.

Accessed at [nextech website](#):

<http://www.nextech.com/blog/how-to-code-the-zika-virus-in-icd-10>.

ICD-10 and the Zika Virus: Another Public Health Crisis. January 25, 2016. Accessed at : [ICD-10 monitor website](#):

<http://www.icd10monitor.com/enews/item/1565-icd-10-and-the-zika-virus-another-public-health-crisis>.

Zika Virus Outbreak: Keep Calm, Treat Patients, and Code.

February 10, 2016. Accessed at: [AAPC website](#).

<https://www.aapc.com/blog/33685-zika-virus-outbreak-keep-calm-treat-patients-and-code/>.

Qualifiers for ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes on Electronic Claims

Note: The following article was published in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) MLN Connects Provider eNews February 11, 2016.

As you submit electronic claims for services, remember that:

- Claims with ICD-10 diagnosis codes must use ICD-10 qualifiers; all claims for services on or after October 1, 2015, must use ICD-10
- Claims with ICD-9 diagnosis codes must use ICD-9 qualifiers; only claims for services before October 1, 2015, can use ICD-9

Use ICD-10 qualifiers as follows (FAQ 12889):

- For ASC X12 837P 5010A1 claims, the HI01-1 field for the Code List Qualifier Code

must contain the code “ABK” to indicate the principal ICD-10 diagnosis code being sent. When sending more than one diagnosis code, use the qualifier code “ABF” for the Code List Qualifier Code to indicate up to 11 additional ICD-10 diagnosis codes that are sent.

- For ASC X12 837I 5010A1 claims, the HI01-1 field for the Principal Diagnosis Code List Qualifier Code must contain the code “ABK” to indicate the principal ICD-10 diagnosis code being sent. When sending more than one diagnosis code, use the qualifier code “ABF” for each Other Diagnosis Code to indicate up to 24 additional ICD-10 diagnosis codes that are sent.
- For NCPDP D.0 claims, in the 492.WE field for the Diagnosis Code Qualifier, use the code “02” to indicate an ICD-10 diagnosis code is being sent.

Accessed at: at <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/FFSProvPartProg/Provider-Partnership-Email-Archive-Items/2016-02-11-eNews.html?DLPage=1&DLEntries=10&DLSort=0&DLSortDir=descending#Qualifiers%20for%20ICD-10%20Diagnosis%20Codes%20on%20Electronic%20Claims>

TAG Updates

Information about AUC committees and Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) and their activities, including meeting minutes, can be accessed from the [AUC TAG page](#) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/auc/activity.htm>).

Meeting agendas and other materials are posted on the AUC website in advance of meetings. TAG meeting schedules and information are also available on the [AUC calendar page](#) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/auc/calendar.htm>).

With the exception of the Medical Code TAG, TAG meetings are generally conducted via teleconference rather than in-person. All AUC meetings are open, public meetings.

Eligibility TAG

The TAG met February 24 and discussed two primary topics: exploring possible modifications to the 270-271 eligibility inquiry and response transaction to meet the needs of payers currently not subject to federal HIPAA transactions and codes sets requirements; and the use of AAA codes to indicate errors in eligibility inquiries and descriptions of the errors. The TAG agreed that seeking modifications of the 270-271 will be challenging, but that it will continue to explore any possible options and next steps that might be feasible. TAG member Tim Lopez provided a summary of the AAA segment. The TAG is scheduled to next meet on March 23, to continue to explore the two issues, as well as any other industry “pain points” or concerns.

Medical Code TAG

The MCT met twice since the last installment of this newsletter, on February 11 and February 23. The primary purpose of the meetings was to review and address comments submitted as part of a public comment period on proposed revisions to the 837-Professional and 837-Institutional Minnesota Uniform Companion Guides, as well as to review other requests for coding changes in the guides. The TAG will be continuing its work when it next meets on March 10.

EOB/Remit TAG

The TAG met on February 16 and discussed several hypothetical provider overpayment and recoupment scenarios, and the appropriate data to be sent the 835 Payment Advice transaction in each case. The TAG will continue discussions of the scenarios to use in developing a best practice with recommendations and instructions for use of the 835 in cases of overpayments and recoupments at its next regularly scheduled meeting on March 21.

Executive Committee

The Committee met February 1 and discussed plans for the next regular quarterly Operations Committee meeting scheduled for March 8. The Committee plans to meet briefly via phone and Webex only on March 7 for any final updates and planning needed prior to the March 8 Operations meeting.

TAGS that did not meet in February 2016

- Claims DD
- Acknowledgments
- ACO Data Analytics
- Operations

National news



WEDI SEEKS INDUSTRY INPUT ON TOPICS OF CONCERN TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

The Workgroup on Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) is surveying the industry to obtain feedback about topics of most concern to health care professionals. The anonymous survey is open to providers, health plans, vendors and clearinghouses and can be accessed at the [WEDI survey website](#) until March 11.

The survey will measure interest in specific topics related to health care: administrative processes and efficiencies; operating rules; interoperability; privacy and security; and payment models. The

survey results will be used in developing WEDI workgroup initiatives in the coming months.

industry-survey-to-gauge-levels-of-interest-in-focus-areas.

For more information, see the [WEDI website](http://www.wedi.org) at:
<http://www.wedi.org/home/wedi-releases->

AUC March- April 2016 Meeting Calendar

AUC meetings currently scheduled for March and April 2016 are listed below. For more information, please see the [AUC calendar page](http://www.health.state.mn.us/auc/calendar.htm) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/auc/calendar.htm>)

Date/Time	Event	Location
March 8 2:00pm - 4:00pm	Operations Committee Meeting Operations Committee Meeting Information	TIES Event Center, Larpenteur Room 1644 Larpenteur Avenue West, Falcon Heights, MN 55108
March 10 9:00am - 12:00pm	Medical Code TAG Meeting Medical Code TAG Meeting Information	HealthPartners-Bloomington 8170 Building, 1st Floor - St. Croix Room
March 21 1:00pm - 2:30pm	EOB/Remit TAG Meeting EOB/Remit TAG Meeting Information	Teleconference & WebEx only
March 23 2:00pm - 4:00pm	Eligibility TAG Meeting Eligibility TAG Meeting Information	Teleconference & WebEx only
April 4 8:30am - 10:30am	Executive Committee Meeting Executive Committee Meeting Information	HealthPartners-Bloomington 8170 Building, 1st Floor - Walnut Room
April 6 9:00am - 10:30am	Claims DD TAG Meeting Claims DD TAG Meeting Information	Teleconference & WebEx only
April 14 9:00am - 12:00pm	Medical Code TAG Meeting Medical Code TAG Meeting Information	HealthPartners-Bloomington 8170 Building, 1st Floor - St. Croix Room
April 18 1:00pm - 2:30pm	EOB/Remit TAG Meeting EOB/Remit TAG Meeting Information	Teleconference & WebEx only
April 27 2:00pm - 4:00pm	Eligibility TAG Meeting Eligibility TAG Meeting Information	Teleconference & WebEx only