



Draft—Not Yet Approved
**Minutes of the Maine Hospital Association
 State Uniform Bill Committee**
 April 1, 2005
 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Maine Hospital Association

Chair: Suzanne Menard*

Members:

Gini Anderson
 Richard Bean
 Jeannine Bouchard*
 Sandra Bovard*
 David Carrier
 Benton Cash
 Paul Collins
 Cathy Conroy*
 Vicki Cunningham*
 Donna Esterline*
 Stacy Forcier
 Maggie Fortin

Tony Fournier*
 Jean Fredette
 Rebecca Genest
 Kim Gray
 Elizabeth Inman
 Judi Kieltyka*
 Kristin Larkin
 Carol Male
 Melody Morin
 Shellie Nichols*
 Rhonda Obie*
 Cheryl Pelletier*

Linda Quintal
 Michelle Quintal
 Joanne Rawlings-Sekunda
 Cheryl Rood*
 Cristina Ruecker McBreairty*
 Pat Schnable*
 Ann Stengelsen*
 Don Wacome
 Teri Lee Wade (ad hoc)
 Mark Warren
 Christine Wescott

MHA Staff:

Tamara Butts*

Guests:

Vickie Domingue, Mercy*

**Indicates attendance*

Recorded by: Tamara Butts

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Call to Order		Suzanne Menard, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
Minutes of the March 7, 2005 Meeting		MOTION: To approve the minutes from the March 7, 2005 meeting. <u>CARRIED.</u>
Membership Update	Michelle Quintal will no longer serve on the Committee. Vickie Domingue of Mercy was added as a new member.	MOTION: To accept Vickie Domingue as a new provider member. <u>CARRIED.</u>

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<p>NUBC Updates</p>	<p>There was nothing available yet for upcoming May NUBC meeting and the January and March minutes were not yet available.</p> <p>Todd Omundson responded to the questions posed by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICD-10 and 5010 version of 837 are estimated to be released in 2008. • UB 04 and manual will be available in mid April. • 77x should be used only for preventive care services that could not be classified otherwise. Anthem had requested that hospitals bill using the 77x for all preventive services rendered to Health Choice subscribers. Hospitals cannot bill this way. <p>DSMO # 1015 - seeking change to implementation guide to further clarify use of the middle initial. There was also discussion about the problems created by Medicare's lack of naming convention.</p> <p>NUBC calendar was distributed. Suzanne will check the website periodically for updates then distribute to Committee for comment.</p>	<p>Suzanne Menard will send an e-mail to Cathy Conroy explaining the concerns and issues surrounding the use of 77x by Anthem so that Cathy can share with folks at Anthem.</p> <p>Suzanne Menard will ask the NUBC to address the Medicare naming convention.</p>
<p>UB92 Implementation Issues</p>	<p>Partial Hospitalization Issues White Paper Draft – Maggie Fortin will get draft to Tammy Butts to be included in mailing of minutes prior to June meeting.</p> <p>MaineCare Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remittance Advices – all amounts are reported as contractual adjustments so it is not possible to tie out to specific services and copays are not correct. Many providers still have not received any remittance advices. • Block has been lifted so claims can be processed with room rate shown. • Certified hospice claims are suspending. • April 26 meeting (videoconference) to update on claims system implementation. The group suggested that MaineCare have new remittance advice available to show providers what it will look like. • Donna Esterline asked providers to fax a page from their remittance advice to her at 287-1888 so that she can prepare responses to questions about them. • Crossover tapes are not crossing over as they should be. MaineCare plans to instruct providers to send them in on paper. The Committee recommended that MaineCare provide a timeline for correction of this problem since it may be better to wait until the system can read the crossover tapes than submitting on paper. 	

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	<p>Medicare Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee asked for clarification on the appropriate revenue code for material being used in skin grafts. Use revenue code 278 and include the HCPCS code for the specific item being used. 	
Old Business	<p>MHDO Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New version of editor for use with 2005 data has been given to providers – includes new NAIC codes instead of payer names, outpatient data improvements (won't accept negative numbers anymore), and editing for modifiers. Surveyed providers for readiness to use the new editor and found that about half are still not ready to use NAIC codes. They must do this by June. Claims databank should have been ready by April 1, 2005. One major player did not submit a large portion of business and some small players are still missing. MHDO estimates that the database is capturing about 90% of the claims. <p>Hospital Based Billing Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LD 416 was considered by the Banking and Insurance Committee of the Legislature and received an “ought to pass” vote with amendments that say that services provided in a clinic setting must be billed using the CMS 1500. This does not solve the Bureau of Insurance concerns about patients paying too much co-payment and coinsurance. 	
New Business	<p>SUBC Website Update –Suzanne reported that she had provided information to post on the AAHAM website. She asked Todd Omundson for the manual to include on the site and he indicated that the NUBC manual cannot be posted because it requires a subscription fee. Suzanne requested permission to post the NUBC manual as a read only document along with state specific files. Anyone wishing to print the NUBC manual would need to subscribe. She is waiting for response from Todd.</p> <p>Workers' Compensation Discount Update – most hospitals have developed policies to determine which claims to appeal based upon a dollar threshold. Hospitals were told that they cannot file as a class action or group claims of a single carrier. Would like to get a decision from the WC Board before the June SUBC meeting.</p> <p>MaineCare Non-categorical waiting list – There was discussion about what hospitals are doing to process these people who meet MaineCare coverage guidelines but cannot</p>	

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	<p>enroll because numbers are maximized. Some hospitals are letting those people apply for charity care and keeping track of the group separate from their other charity care recipients. Donna Esterline will pass the question along to the appropriate person in MaineCare to help determine the best course of action for hospitals in serving these patients.</p>	
<p>Subcommittee Updates</p>	<p>Education/Manual – Jeannine Bouchard will send electronic files with state manual specific information to Suzanne Menard.</p> <p>Electronic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a Maintenance Release 4/15/05. Cristina Ruecker McBairty is looking for better ways to communicate this information in a timely way to the provider community. For now Cathy Conroy and Becky Genest will each share the information with the hospitals they serve and post to website. In the future will put on list serve and consider putting a message on voicemail. • Anthem Companion Guide to the Implementation Guide will deny claims with more than 50 lines – shouldn't have a limit under HIPAA but for practical reasons recommend that lines be limited to 1,000. <p>Legislative – Sandy Bovard will serve as a watchdog for legislation of interest to the group.</p>	<p>Suzanne Menard will send the Companion Guide reference regarding limit on number of lines to Cristina for review.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.</p>