

Agenda & Minutes

Meeting Information:	
Meeting Date & Time:	10/20/2016 9:30am – 10:30 am (Central)
Meeting Title:	PY2018 NA Planning Meeting #3
Called by:	Zane Chrisman, Deputy Commissioner, Regulatory Health Link Division
Mode of meeting	In Person or Phone-in
Attendees	Attachment 1
Attachments* (Agenda, Handouts, PPTs, etc.):	1) Slide deck used available within: http://rhld.insurance.arkansas.gov/Default/NetworkAdequacy as "Presentation" under October 20, 2016 Meeting
Agenda:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions & housekeeping 2. Data submission details 3. Update details of "Initial PY2018 Provider Type NPI List" 4. Next step in the process 5. Other discussions 	

Meeting Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonmoy Dasgupta, IT Oversight & Management, Regulatory Health Link Division (RHLD) welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. • Mr. Dasgupta reiterated the importance of an accurate contact list as critical for communications. The Network Adequacy Contact List is currently published on RHLD website at: http://rhld.insurance.arkansas.gov/Default/NetworkAdequacy. Jim Gonzalez (Jim.gonzalez@arkansas.gov) remains the RHLD contact for all modifications to the list. • A few minutes was spent familiarizing the group with the available information on the Regulatory Health Link Division (RHLD) website at http://rhld.insurance.arkansas.gov/Default/NetworkAdequacy : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Arkansas Network Adequacy Architecture" as a good primer document. ○ Past meeting slides, notes and industry feedback are maintained in chronological order. ○ Data specifications and templates are available at: http://rhld.insurance.arkansas.gov/Info/Public/Templates • Mr. Dasgupta recapped the progress in the Network Adequacy process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Initial PY 2018 Provider Type NPI list was updated October 19, 2016. ○ Industry Review for Additions/Deletions begins October 20, 2016. ○ PY 2018 Industry Provider Additions/Deletions due November 4, 2016. • Some time was spent on the rationale of the efforts to refine the Provider lists. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Provider Type NPI list is an input for the average distance calculations that are required for submission to AID. ○ This effort reduces the number of justifications for misclassified Providers later in the process. ○ These Provider Type grouping may be leveraged and utilized by other stakeholders such as Medicaid. • There was a thorough discussion of the Data Submission process and the details within the slides.

- Changes in the “Initial PY 2018 Provider Type NPI list” include:
 - Some of the providers, whose classification was changed in the prior plan year by industry, were missed in “Initial PY2018 Provider Type NPI List”. They have been included on the updated list dated **10/19/2016**.
 - If an industry led Provider Type re-classification does not have a qualifying taxonomic association in the NPI Registry, the taxonomic field has been left blank in this year’s list. There are approx. 500 such records.
 - A tab (sheet) called “Removals” have been added. This is based on deactivation data from the NPI Registry. There are 38 such records
 - Two new fields have been added
 - “New for Plan Year”
 - “Multiple Qualifying Taxonomies”
 - Note that a NPI may repeat within a Provider Type if there are multiple qualifying taxonomies. If you desire to remove such NPI from a Provider Type, you have to request removal **from all** qualifying records.
 - Supplying a suggestive taxonomy, though optional in carrier responses, is helpful descriptive information that may be used if the Provider Type definitions were to change in the future. Mr. Dasgupta urged industry to supply it whenever possible for any addition.
- Industry questions and concerns during the meeting included:
 - An attendee wanted to confirm if a Provider with multiple taxonomies could all be in one C-bucket or more than one C-Bucket. **Mr. Dasgupta confirmed that such situations were valid.**
 - A concern was voiced as to the date of the last update of the RHL D Provider List as it did not have the recent July 2016 graduates included: **It was mentioned that the Additions/Deletions process by the industry should remedy those concerns.**
 - A comment was voiced for focusing on only the primary Taxonomy of a provider: **Mr. Dasgupta affirmed that a single taxonomic code may not be sufficient to describe a Provider. The NPI Registry was designed to accommodate up to 15 taxonomies for each provider for that very reason. AID would not reject multiple taxonomies a Provider may choose to describe themselves by. The update process with the industry should correctly place the Provider (NPI) within the C-buckets based on other information available to the carriers.**
- Next steps for industry include:
 - Review “Initial PY2018 Provider Type NPI List” posted in <http://rhld.insurance.arkansas.gov/Default/NetworkAdequacy>
 - Add/delete suggestions, if any, on the above document is due to AID by **Friday, November 4, 2016.**
 - Next NA meeting is tentatively set for on **Thursday, November 17, 2016, 9:30am – 11:00am.**
- Tonmoy Dasgupta, IT Oversight & Management, adjourned the meeting at 10:08am.

Attachment1

Name	Organization	Attendance Mode
Benjamin M. Butler	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Yes
George Gorman	AR Health and Wellness	Yes
J. D. John Robinson	Arkansas Insurance Department	Yes
Jim Gonzalez	Arkansas Insurance Department	Yes
Karen Green	Qualchoice	Yes
Mark Johnson	Qualchoice	Yes
Tonmoy Dasgupta	Arkansas Insurance Department	Yes
Whitney Howell	Arkansas Insurance Department	Yes
Chantel Allbritton	Arkansas Insurance Department	Yes
Donna Lambert	Arkansas Insurance Department	Yes
Zane Chrisman	Arkansas Insurance Department	Yes
Bryan Meldrum	AR Health and Wellness	Yes
Jayna Harley	AETNA	Online
Jamie Gilmore	AR Health and Wellness	Online
Edie Arey	Delta	Online
Elizabeth Whittington	UAMS	Online
Darcey Gartner	AETNA	Online
Jeff Brinsfield	Qualchoice	Online
Jennifer Wessel	UAMS	Online
Liz Hubbard	Qualchoice	Online
Katherine Therrien	AETNA	Online
Zorina White	AETNA	Online
Geri McKeown	Ameritas	Online