

Agenda & Minutes

Meeting Information:	
Meeting Date & Time:	9/27/2016 9:30am - 11:00 am (Central)
Meeting Title:	PY2018 NA Planning Meeting #2
Called by:	Zane Chrisman, Deputy Commissioner, Regulatory Health Link Division
Mode of meeting	In Person or Phone-in
Attendees	
Attachments* (Agenda, Handouts, PPTs, etc.):	1) Slide deck used available within http://rhld.insurance.arkansas.gov/Default/NetworkAdequacy as "Presentation" under September 27, 2016 Meeting 2) "Industry feedback & AID Reaction on August 25, 2016 meeting"
Agenda:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion of Industry feedback on contents of first PY2018 NA meeting 2. Addition of Pharmacy and Dental Provider Type taxonomic definitions ("C buckets") 3. Details on "Initial PY2018 Provider Type-NPI list" 4. Details on feedback mechanism for the "Initial PY2018 Provider Type-NPI list" 	

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. • The taxonomic definitions for the three new criteria are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to Dentists – General 2. Access to Dentist – Specialists 3. Access to Pharmacies <p>Mr. Dasgupta explained that the composition of the Dental Specialties originated from the CMS/CCIIO Network Adequacy template categories for Dental specialists. A carrier representative wondered about inclusion of dental surgeons as dental specialists. Mr. Dasgupta said that dental surgeons would fall into the "Other" category since CMS/CCIIO does not specifically ask for dental surgeons. AID decided to limit Dental Specialties to those sought by CMS/CCIIO as it would enable data validation. The "Access to Pharmacies" excluded individual pharmacists since they would all roll up to a Community or Retail supplier.</p> • The logic behind the creation of the PY 2018 Provider Type NPI pools was discussed. Mr. Dasgupta explained that the work done in the previous year towards the creation of the Provider Type-NPI pools was being used. Over that data he explained cleansing deactivated NPIs using the latest NPI registry data. An issuer asked that instead of deleting a deactivated NPI, if the record could be flagged for deletion. The issuer explained that the NPI Registry sometimes did not have correct data and flagging the record would enable the carrier to validate. Mr. Dasgupta acknowledged the comment as valuable but may communicate deactivations using a separate file in order to keep things simple. • The industry feedback on the AID's proposals from the first meeting was discussed. Three insurers had crafted a joint response to the contents of the first meeting. Mr. Dasgupta sought permission to release the joint response document along with AID's comments. The involved carriers did not object to sharing the document. (The document has been attached to these minutes). The issuers reiterated that they would prefer the provider locational data not be made available to the public.

- Mr. John Robinson of AID presented the feedback mechanism using the "Initial PY2018 Provider Type-NPI list" slated for publication on October 14, 2016. He provided a detailed explanation on how to add or remove providers from pools. Provision of a taxonomic code for NPI additions was highly encouraged for communication enhancement but not mandatory. A reason explaining the addition or removal of an NPI to a category is now mandatory. A significant change from the previous years is incorporation of some data validation logic to counter errors during addition and removal of providers from Provider Types. There is a provision for explaining the error if there is one. Carriers should not submit data flagged to be in error because they will be rejected by AID. AID will not accept data through any other mechanism than the template.
- Tonmoy Dasgupta articulated the next steps:
 1. Starting date for industry review of the "Initial PY2018 Provider Type NPI List": Friday October 10, 2016.
 2. Industry feedback on "Initial PY2018 Provider Type NPI List": November 1, 2016.
 3. Next meeting on NA on October 20, 2016, 9:30am – 11:00. Subject to change.
- Tonmoy Dasgupta, IT Oversight & Management, adjourned the meeting at 10:25am.

Attachment1

Name	Organization	Attendance Mode
Amanda Hatfield	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Yes
<u>Benjamin M. Butler</u>	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Yes
Bill Lacy	Arkansas Insurance Department	Yes
<u>Dan Stevens</u>	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Yes
Edie Arey	Delta	Yes
George Gorman	AR Health and Wellness	Yes
J. D. John Robinson	Arkansas Insurance Department	Yes
Jamie Gilmore	AR Health and Wellness	Yes
Jim Gonzalez	Arkansas Insurance Department	Yes
Karen Green	Qualchoice	Yes
Teresa White	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Yes
Tonmoy Dasgupta	Arkansas Insurance Department	Yes
Whitney Howell	Arkansas Insurance Department	Yes
Bryan Meldrum	AR Health and Wellness	Online
Clyde Martin	AETNA	Online
Darcey Gartner	Aetna	Online
Elisa M. White	AR Hospitals	Online
<u>F. B. Sewall</u>	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Online
Geri McKeown	Ameritas	Online
Greg Killinger	AETNA	Online
Jayna Harley	AETNA	Online
Kathy Therien	AETNA	Online
Linda McClary	GEHA	Online
Mary Chmelka	Ameritas	Online
Ragenea K Thompson	United	Online
Susan Shandy	GEHA	Online
Timothy Gauger	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Online