

# Meeting Minutes

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<b>Meeting Information:</b>	
<b>Meeting Date &amp; Time:</b>	02/04/2016 10:00am - 11:00 am (Central)
<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Network Adequacy Meeting #4
<b>Called by:</b>	Zane Chrisman, Deputy Commissioner, Regulatory Health Link Division
<b>Mode of meeting</b>	In Person or Phone-in
<b>Attendees</b>	Due to technical issues attendee information was not collected for this meeting
<b>Attachments* (Agenda, Handouts, PPTs, etc.):</b>	PPT slide deck provided separately called "20160204_Data_Driven_NA_Regulation.pptx"

*\* Attachments can be submitted by copying and pasting in this document or by submitting as separate document.*

<b>Agenda:</b>

<b>Meeting Notes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tonmoy Dasgupta, IT Oversight &amp; Management, AID called the meeting to order and welcomed participants.</li><li>• AID has published "Initial PY2017 Provider Type-NPI list" on <a href="#">AID's NA webpage</a>. Industry would need to review the document and provide Addition/Deletion feedback through FTP server by February 11, 2016. No extensions are allowed on deadlines.</li><li>• AID stressed the importance of a team approach to reviewing the spreadsheet towards providing feedback. Besides network adequacy SMEs, Data specialists should also be involved.</li><li>• AID pointed out that the grouping of actors for Phase 1 has been changed to "Entities with common ownership". During Phase 2 the grouping would change to "Entities using identical networks". AID stated that it was important needed to keep the groupings across Phases up to date with designated Network Adequacy SMEs or contact personnel (see page 2 of meeting materials). If changes need to be made compliance officer, Thomas Herndon ( <a href="mailto:thomas.herndon@arkansas.gov">thomas.herndon@arkansas.gov</a>) should be notified.</li><li>• One actor per network can provide feedback on only the NPIs within their network. Actors cannot comment on other networks NPIs on the consolidated NPI List who were not contracted to them.</li><li>• John Robinson, explained how the "Initial PY2017 Provider Type-NPI list" was to be used to provide industry feedback. He explained that the NPIs displayed came from the lists that the Industry provided; duplicates were taken out and roughly 27,000 NPIs are on this list. He pointed out the areas where feedback is allowed and they were in the pale orange color on the excel sheet. The area at the top is for making additions. It is important not to change anything with NPI and the associations. The addition process is simple with a few required fields: Provider Type Code, Taxonomy Code, NPI, type the word Add and then NAIC code for the company. An optional field for reason for addition or deletion. Removals are easy just two steps: type Remove on that specific row and option for reason of deletion. If Industry has no feedback you can leave the sheet blank. AID requires each actor from the Industry to provide a sheet back.</li><li>• AID noted that a lot of providers beyond Arkansas borders were on the NPI Lists. AID feels many of these far flung NPIs do not serve Arkansans but the Department did not know how to determine that. The end</li></ul>

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result is that each NPI pool is larger than it should be. By involving data analysts, industry could narrow down the list to be reviewed to NPI's within their network. The bloated NPI lists would get corrected during Phase 2 when NA Statistical data would be submitted.

- AID shared another observation on NPI data consolidation. Arkansas Provider Type definitions never mix facilities with individuals per design. AID observed that sometimes individuals would use facility taxonomy codes and vice versa, that affected their classification into different provider types. The document "PY 2017 Flagged Exclusions for Industry Consideration" is on AID's [webpage](#). This needs to be reviewed by the Industry for Data Quality issues.
- The NPI Relationship data specification feedback received from industry had issues and did not describe how the end result should be presented back to the industry after data consolidation. AID stated that data modelers from the industry are needed to work on the data specifications along with explanations of how the data is to be presented back. Without a feasible feedback, AID will use its original proposal.
- All NA documents, including past meeting minutes and materials can be found on AID's webpage <http://rhld.insurance.arkansas.gov/Default/NetworkAdequacy>

## Important Dates

- **Industry review/comment on Consolidated NPI List: Thursday February 11, 2016.**

Next Meeting – Thursday February 11, 2016 @10 am

Tonmoy Dasgupta, IT Oversight & Management, adjourned the meeting.

# Attachment 1

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