

**Minutes**  
PHDSC Payer Typology Meeting  
April 25, 2012  
1:00 – 2:00 PM EST

Participants: Roxanne Andrews, Patty Andrews, Bob Davis, Laura Delahunt, Marjorie Greenberg, Hetty Khan, Kathy Kosek, Sheila Frank, Castine Verrill, Emily Sullivan, Jonathan Teague, Starla Leadbetter, Regina Haley, Carla Clark, Gordon Freymann, Jessica Toth, Robert Starszak, Donna Royster, Betsy Moles, Bruce Burns

Below is the Agenda for the Call

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 1:05 p.m. Approval of November 30, 2011 Meeting Minutes
- 1:10 p.m. Discussion topics:
- a. Unique Health Plan Identifier Proposed Rule  
<https://federalregister.gov/a/2012-8718>
  - b. PHDSC Strategic Plan: Committee activities
  - c. Typology Education/Outreach
- 1:45 p.m. Next Steps and next meeting date
- 2:00 p.m. Adjourn

Note: Added to the agenda was to discuss a request by the Department of Defense to update the typology codes currently maintained in the Source of Payment Typology.

Discussion

- The November 30, 2011 Meeting Minutes were approved.
- Below is an email sent to the Payer Type Committee requesting a change to the Source of Payment Typology to accommodate new TRICARE needs and discussion points at the meeting.
  - i. Email text: TRICARE has been reviewing the Source of Payment Typology code list, and had some internal feedback that TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR) and TRICARE Young Adult (TYA) were not listed under the DoD Typology codes. In re-reviewing the codes, it was also noted that Dental is only listed with a single code, but we have the TRDP (TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan) and TDP (TRICARE Dental

Plan). Not being directly involved in this group, we were not sure what level of specificity is trying to be obtained. Is the goal truly to sort data by individual benefit level or Program? The reason this is asked is that it may result in coding maintenance responsibilities by someone within the organization, to include the monitoring and updating of codes lists as we add and delete benefit levels.

- ii. Discussion: It is important to note that the original DoD Source of Payment Codes were provided to the Consortium by TRICARE. The TRICARE representatives on the call agreed to formalize the requested change to the Source of Payment Typology. They would be deciding what levels of granularity would be appropriate for this request. The TRICARE representative was also going to provide the Payer Type Committee with the appropriate hierarchy levels for the newly requested codes. Note that there is some confusion about the responsibility of the maintenance being someone on their staff. This will need to be clarified.
- The Department of Health and Human Services published the Notice for Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in the Federal Register for the Unique Health Plan Identifier. It was pointed out by those on the call who had an opportunity to read the rule, that there was a reference to the Source of Payment Typology being included in the Health Plan ID registration system. This was a recommendation by National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics. After some discussion there was agreement that the Payer Type committee should form a special work group to draft a comment to the Health Plan ID rule as it relates to the Source of Payment Typology. The work group is convening for its first call on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. The comment period for the NPRM ends on May 17, 2012.
  - Marjorie Greenberg gave an overview of the Consortium’s strategic plan. She noted that the biggest change was the change from a disease based to a health based model of care in the United States. It was her opinion that the current work of the Standards Committee already fits into that strategic vision for the Consortium. The group agreed that it would be good to schedule a meeting with Anna Orlova to confirm that the work of the Data Standards Committee, including the Payer Type Committee, supported the Consortium’s Strategic vision.
  - The group agreed on the importance of continued education and outreach. There were comments that future enhancements to the Source of Payment Typology User guide will include better definitions for typology concepts as well as better coding examples.
    - i. There was a comment that the “Foreign National” concept in the Typology does not have a definition in the User Guide. The New York State representatives agreed to draft a definition for that concept.
    - ii. Since the last call, Bob Davis created a PowerPoint presentation to provide education on the Typology. How to use this presentation for education and outreach will be discussed on future calls.
  - The next Payer Typology call is not scheduled yet.
  - The Call was adjourned at 2:00 PM.