

EDI MEDICAL BILL TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

July 10, 2008, 9:00 am

PRESENT: Gayle Parrish, Nanci Johnston, Colin Turner, Juerg Kunz, Nathan Johnson, Win Lombardi, Karen Snipes

Teleconference Participants: WCD EDI team, Ingenix, CS Stars, PMSI, Liberty Northwest, Corvel, HealthSystems, Mitchell, Gallagher Bassett, Coventry, Zurich, Progressive Medical, Express Scripts, Bunch & Associates

Colin updated everybody with the current activity. There were about half a dozen 837 files downloaded and run. None have been successful enough to generate the 824 yet and there are a few structural problems to work on. We have also corrected some errors in our programming as a result of the test files. Reporters should expect TA1 or 997/824 acknowledgements in their mailbox for every test file submitted, and they should be picked up (we will not send them out). Incorrect file names are the most common problem causing problems in processing.

Question: What does the file name of a TA1 look like?

Answer: It will look like other file names with the addition of TA1 at the end, instead of 997/824/837. (See the File Naming Convention document on the WCD EDI Web page.)

Question: Could technical/structural questions be directed to Colin? (503/947-7336)

Answer: Yes, Colin will answer any structural questions. Calls regarding what to report, how to report, etc. are still to be directed to Gayle. (503/947-7626)

Gayle encouraged everybody to continue to submit their questions.

Reminders to everybody:

- Be sure to use the same FEIN number in your file name as reported on your Trading Partner Agreement form
- Use the correct mailbox
- Use the File Naming Convention instructions to name your file
- Don't use an extension in the file name
- Send real medical bill data for testing

Colin discussed the loop segment problem that he had noticed with some of the files. He explained that even if WCD has not specified required data fields in a segment which begins the loop containing the required data, the (loop-starting)segment itself must be present, or else a structural error will be triggered. For example, NM1 indicates that a new loop is starting and should be used, with asterisks showing the presence of the fields/absence of data, before the group of REF segments indicating a provider's license number, NPI, etc.

The group said that TX may be instructing reporters to fill a structural field with a blank, rather than just indicating the nonreported data element using an asterisk. This issue would be discussed during the IAIABC teleconference that would be held later during the day. NOTE: The teleconference ran out of time. Gayle will submit the issue to the group for discussion next time.

Gayle encouraged everyone to continue to process their files and send them in. There would be a teleconference on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. If anyone had a specific agenda item they should call or email their item to Gayle.