

Technical Advisory Committee on Claims Processing (TACCP)

November 12, 2009
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Hobby Building – Room 102

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AGENDA

Antitrust Statement Review of Ground Rules	Katrina Daniel Senior Associate Commissioner Life, Health & Licensing
Legislative Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HB 2064• SB 0078 -• HB 4290• HB 1342• HB 2256• HB 1888• HB 4341	Steve Browning, Executive Director Texas Health Insurance Pool Amy Einhorn, Healthy Texas Project Manager. Life, Health & Licensing Debra Diaz-Lara, Deputy Commissioner HWCN Division Doug Danzeiser, Deputy Commissioner Life, Health & Licensing Doug Danzeiser, Deputy Commissioner Life, Health & Licensing Margaret Lazaretti, Senior Policy Advisor Life, Health & Licensing Margaret Lazaretti, Senior Policy Advisor Life, Health & Licensing

Sunset	Katrina Daniel
Determine topics for discussion at future meetings and to include in report	
Proposed Calendar of Events	
Open Discussion	

Proposed TACCP Calendar of Events

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Meeting Notes

Welcome

Katrina Daniel welcomed the TACCP members and observers and read the antitrust statement and ground rules.

Legislative Update

House Bill 2064

House Bill 2064 requires carriers to pay a certain portion of prompt pay penalties and interest to the Texas Health Insurance Pool for premium subsidies. Steve Browning, Executive Director, Texas Health Insurance Pool, provided the committee with a draft of the HMO/Insurer Prompt Pay Penalty Reporting Form. The first report and penalty payment to the pool will be due on March 31, 2010 for the reported month of January, 2010. Mr. Browning stated that subsidies will start January 1, 2011. The group discussed the need to educate providers and the extent of information to be disclosed on the explanations of benefits.

Senate Bill 78

Senate Bill 78 created Healthy Texas, a state-wide health insurance program designed to expand insurance coverage to Texas small business owners and their employees. Amy Einhorn, Project Manager, Healthy Texas Program, reported that informal rules were posted in October and the final rule proposal has been filed for publication in Texas Register. Enrollment in Healthy Texas will begin in the summer of 2010.

House Bill 4290

House Bill 4290 expands the definition of utilization review to include retrospective reviews of medical necessity and reviews to determine the experimental or investigational nature of health care services. Debra Diaz-Lara, HWCN Deputy Commissioner, reported that the Utilization Review Advisory Committee will meet the week of November 19 on the draft rule. Anticipated adoption is February –March, 2010.

House Bill 1342

House Bill 1342 requires the use of information technology that provides a participating provider with detailed coverage information at the point of care and consumers with information such as their estimated financial responsibility for health care. Doug Danzeiser, Deputy Commissioner, Regulatory Matters, reported that rules to implement this bill should be published informally in early 2010.

House Bill 2256

House Bill 2256 provides for mediation of out-of-network, facility-based provider billing disputes and requires adoption of PPO network adequacy rules. Mr. Danzeiser reported that informal rules had already gone out regarding the mediation part of the bill and that formal rules on that part should be coming out soon. The mediation part of the bill is immediately effective. An informal draft of the network adequacy rules should also be coming out soon.

House Bill 1888

House Bill 1888 relates to physician ranking and requires issuers to utilize nationally recognized standards adopted by the Commissioner. Margaret Lazaretti, Senior Policy Advisor, reported that rules were posted informally and are currently undergoing legal review.

House Bill 3431

House Bill 4341 relates to the regulation of discount health care programs. Ms. Lazaretti reported that these rules were also posted informally and are currently undergoing legal review. She expects the proposed rule to be filed early next year.

Senate Bill 1731 - 80th Legislature

Susan Carr, Staff Attorney, reported that the reimbursement data collection rule proposal is undergoing legal review. A stakeholder meeting is scheduled for December.

Sunset

Katrina Daniel discussed TDI’s Sunset Review which was extended to the 82nd legislative session.

Topics for Future Meetings and TACCP Report.

The committee members suggested that issues discussed in the last TACCP report that are still unresolved be brought forward along with issues related to the legislation discussed in today’s meeting. Suggested topics include: coding and bundling, silent PPOs, recoupment/recovery of overpayments and audits.

Calendar of Events

The proposed calendar of events included in the meeting agenda was acceptable to the committee members. The final calendar is:

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