



2008 - 2009 Priorities

Topics Impacting Healthcare IT NCVHS

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Key Topics

- ▣ Health Industry Timeline & 5010 Implementation
- ▣ Standardizing the Acknowledgement Process
- ▣ Real Time Transactions
- ▣ Claims Attachments
- ▣ Health Care Identification Card
- ▣ National Provider Identifier Outreach Initiative



Timeline & 5010 Implementations

- ▣ NCHICA & WEDI Collaboration
 - Based on implementing the 5010
 - Industry consensus that it will take 6 years from NPRM – we find that unacceptable
 - Extended time line awareness is self-fulfilling prophecy of prolonged process
 - ▣ Most of industry will not invest until after final rule
 - ▣ We recommend that NCVHS encourage CMS to move the industry forward before final rule is published



Timeline

- u Need to shorten timeframe from NPRM publication to final rule
- u NCVHS needs to encourage CMS to quickly publish NPRM & determine how to shorten ensuing period to final rule
- u Consensus on developing priorities of new initiatives
 - u NCPDP HIPAA standards coming
 - u Claims Attachments standards
 - u CAQH will publish phase 2 rules
 - u ICD-10 looming
 - u E-Prescribing
 - u Real time adjudication
 - u NCVHS needs to work with industry to establish priorities and set realistic deadlines ... no more contingency periods



Acknowledgements

- u There is a need to know where a transaction is in its life cycle
 - Inventory management
 - Payer/provider reconciliations
- u Lack of standards increases costs and can become critical once clinical data is exchanged
- u We urge NCVHS to work with WEDI on approving voluntary standards and support pilot projects for this and all transactions before full implementation



Real Time Transactions

- ▣ Source of most ROI
- ▣ Every X12 transaction is being reviewed to see if real time needs are being fully addressed
 - Possible new 837, 835
 - Possible new predetermination of benefits transaction
 - ▣ Real time key to CDHC
 - ▣ Real time allows payers to provide best practice and pay for performance feedback BEFORE services are rendered
- ▣ Real time reduces denial management costs
 - Revenue cycle complete before patient leaves office...



Real Time Transactions

- ▣ Commercial payers responding strongly to the value of real time
- ▣ NCVHS should encourage CMS to explore how Medicare and Medicaid can benefit/support real time transactions, and evaluate the barriers to implementation
 - Montefiore is testing with NYS Medicaid real time claims and responses



Claims Attachments

- ▣ In 2008, WEDI will continue its education to:
 - Develop industry implementation strategies
 - Work with NCHICA/WEDI timeline project to model implementation plans
 - ▣ Look at time line implications
 - ▣ Look at clinical implications
 - ▣ Develop a series of white papers as a work product
- ▣ Exploring dedicated web site area to coordinate pilot projects. This “Resource Center” will include issues, challenges and ROI from prior pilots; benchmarking metrics; industry contacts, etc.



Claims Attachments

- ▣ We urge NCVHS to encourage CMS to expedite the publication of the final rule as quickly as possible, particularly in light of the extremely positive results for early implementers thus far.
 - Montefiore was a pilot project participant
 - Montefiore continues exchanging claims attachments with Medicare



Health Identification Card

- ▣ WEDI supported the development of standards for a health id card
 - Key part of real time transactions
 - Starts Eligibility process with payer
 - By standardizing information on the card, payers and vendors can create tools to automate information returned
- ▣ Consumers can use card to provide data to providers without filling extensive forms



Health Id Card ...

- ▣ We would urge the Committee to encourage CMS to consider implementing the ID Card concept in its Medicare and Medicaid operations.



NPI

- ▣ WEDI's NPIOI initiatives educated large numbers of providers on value of obtaining NPI
- ▣ There will be another survey and education seminar in Spring close to the deadline
- ▣ Initiative will continue after May, 2008 deadline to monitor issues and provide industry forums to address solutions to these issues



Thank You

- ▣ Don Bechtel, Michael Ubl, Jim Schuping and myself are pleased to answer any questions you may have...