

Common Credentialing Advisory Group

Meeting Summary

January 9, 2014, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Oregon Health Authority, 7th Floor Lincoln Building, Portland

Committee Members in Attendance

Debra Bartel	Kevin Ewanchyna
Mike Bond (<i>By Phone</i>)	Kelly Fischer in place of Kathleen Haley
Dennis Baughman (<i>By Phone</i>)	Andre Fortin
Nancy DeSouza	Stephen Godowski
Erick Doolen	Rebecca Jensen (<i>By Phone</i>)
Tooba Durrani	Joan Sonnenburg (<i>By Phone</i>)
Denal Everidge (<i>By Phone</i>)	Laurence Sharp (<i>by phone</i>)

Committee Members not in Attendance

Mike Bond
Jim Dorigan
Jean Steinberg

OHA Staff in Attendance

Melissa Isavoran (OHA/OHPR)
Margie Fernando (OHA/OHPR)

Also in Attendance

Scott Gallant, Gallant Policy Advisors

Note: All meeting materials are on the CCAG Website at: <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/Pages/ccag.aspx>

Welcome and Agenda Review

Erick Doolen welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

Telemedicine Credentialing (Senate Bill 569)

Scott Gallant briefed the committee on the development of the proposed temporary rule for SB 569, Telemedicine Credentialing. He clarified that this rule applies to hospitals within the state of Oregon and does not apply to distant or originating site hospitals outside of Oregon. In June 2014, these rules will merge with SB604 and will go through the public comment period together as one rule. There will be further opportunity to refine this rule before it is finalized.

- More discussion followed on this rule. The group wanted to clarify the distinction between credentialing and privileging in that the originating site hospital still had the ability to make the privileging decision, unless specifically outlined in a hospital to hospital delegation agreement. Some in the group thought that the original intent *did* include out-of-state and overseas providers too. While the rule is not written to be inclusive of out-of state hospitals, it was clarified that hospitals can privilege providers from other states or countries by separate contracts outside of this bill.
- There was inconsistency in reimbursement which this bill did not address.

Rulemaking Advisory Committee Process

Melissa outlined the Rulemaking process and the timeline for SB604. With a proposed effective rule date for SB604 and SB569 being June 1, 2014, the first draft rule for SB604 will need to be submitted by April 10, 2014. She asked the Group if they would like to participate in the rule making process. The Group agreed that the OHA could coordinate with its technical advisors to assist in the details as rulemaking advisory committee (RAC) members, but allow the CCAG to review the draft rules before they are submitted. The group was then asked to provide any recommendations to Melissa on inviting additional folks to the RAC if they felt it necessary. Melissa will consult the OHA's technical advisors on this idea and inform the CCAG on the process.

Primary Source Verification Discussion

Melissa provided a draft spreadsheet outlining requirements for primary source verification. She wanted the Group to be clear on what information needs to be verified by the Health Care Regulatory Boards (HCRBs) versus the vendor eventually selected through the Common Credentialing process. The Group discussed at length many options for the RFI, including primary source verification requirements and the HCRBs role. They also discussed the costs associated with asking the vendor to do all the primary source verification versus allowing the HCRBs to do the initial primary source verification and uploading the information to the vendor. It was decided that Melissa will provide the spreadsheet as an example of one option for how primary source verification could be coordinated, but will ask that the vendor provide other options or the best approach for this coordination.

The following two options were specifically discussed:

- Option A: HCRBs does the initial elements of the credentialing and have a user interface set up with the vendor to upload the information to them. For the smaller HCRBs, they could send a spreadsheet to the vendor regularly.
- Option B: Vendor does all the primary source verification even if the HCRBs do the same thing.

While the conversation quickly turned to implementation issues and how the common credentialing solution could be populated, the Group tabled that discussion for the next meeting. Melissa will be sure to place the topic on February's agenda.

Review of Final Request for Information and Review Plan

Melissa produced a draft RFI which she reviewed with the Group page by page to go over any final changes. She had previously asked the Group to provide comments on the RFI by December 27, 2013. There will be no substantial change other than those resulting from the primary source verification described above. Melissa will make all changes and ensure that the RFI is posted online on ORPIN by January 17, 2014 as planned.

Next Steps and Adjournment

- Margie will send out another meeting poll to secure dates for CCAG meetings beyond February 2014.
- The venue for the next meeting, February 11, 2014, will be changed to Salem. All future meetings will alternate between Salem and Portland location.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Meeting ended at 4:00pm.