SEER*DMS Change Control Board (CCB) Users Group
Teleconference Summary
June 9, 2016
3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. EDT

Representatives from NCI, IMS, SCG, and 12 SEER registries participated in the SEER*DMS Users Group conference call on June 9, 2016. Participants included:

Registries:
Alaska
Connecticut
Detroit
Georgia
Hawaii
Iowa
Louisiana
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
Seattle
Utah

NCI: Lois Dickie, Carol Kosary
IMS: Linda Coyle
SCG: Kathy Brown-Huamani, rapporteur

Action Items

- Linda Coyle indicated that IMS would run the summarization polisher in the next month so that all registries have cancer treatment dates on their Summary Tx page.
- Brent will contact members of the MU2 Work Group to schedule a meeting.
- Participants should send suggestions for CCB Users Group meeting topics to Linda.

1. SEER*DMS version 17 – upcoming changes and scheduling updates

Linda indicated that she would like to release SEER*DMS version 17 (v17) updates every other Friday this summer. Initial updates are scheduled for June 10 and 24.

Linda asked participants to consider whether they would like to participate in a work group to define a new workflow for HL7 records.

2. Treatment date collection

NCI SEER is interested in receiving the dates of cancer treatments for as many years as possible with the November data submission. Linda would like to determine the steps required for the registries to submit this information.

Connecticut, Detroit, Hawaii, Iowa, and Utah do not show treatment date information on the Summary Tx page. Seattle, New Mexico, New Jersey, Louisiana, Georgia, Cherokee Nation, and Alaska have these fields on the Summary Tx page. All registries will need to include treatment date information with the submission of the diagnosis year 2015 data. IMS will run the summarization polisher for the five registries without this information on the Summary Tx page. These registries might need to perform an additional review if edits fail as a result of this change. IMS staff do not expect the change to cause many edits to fail.

The years for which treatment date information are available likely will vary by registry because this information was processed by SEER*DMS, which some registries had earlier than others.

Discussion

Registry participants did not expect this request to be a problem. They asked that IMS make the necessary changes as soon as possible.

Some registries, such as Connecticut, have treatment dates available for years prior to the installation of SEER*DMS at their registry. Others registries, however, do not. In addition, some registries have treatment date information for earlier years, but this information is incomplete.

Registries without SEER*DMS v17 might not be able to access the treatment date information in time for the November submission. IMS will need to work with these registries to find a solution.

3. Edits for 2016 Data

All SEER edits for the 2016 data have been submitted. Most of these edits have been written and are being tested. The SEER edits metafile is scheduled for release next week but might be delayed because many problems still need to be corrected. After the NAACCR meeting, a beta version should be available. Linda would like to deploy the new version of SEER edits in the SEER*DMS update scheduled for June 24.