

SEER*DMS Change Control Board (CCB) Users Group
Teleconference Summary
May 11, 2017
3:00 to 4:00 p.m. EDT

Representatives from NCI, IMS, SCG, and 15 SEER registries participated in the SEER*DMS Users Group conference call on May 11, 2017. Participants included:

REGISTRIES:

Alaska
Connecticut
Detroit
Georgia
Hawaii
Iowa
Kentucky
Louisiana
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
Seattle
Utah
Cherokee Nation
Minnesota

NCI: Peggy Adamo, Steve Friedman,
Carol Kosary, Marina Matatova

IMS: Linda Coyle, Dave Anette, Chuck May,
Nicki Schussler

SCG: Kathy Brown-Huamani, rapporteur

Action Items

Participants agreed to the following action items:

- Each registry should review the Emark list and note fields that are not needed.
- The Claims Workgroup registries will receive and review the Unlimited Systems data.
- Registries should review the auto-linkage data prior to the next Auto-linkage Workgroup meeting.
- The Auto-consolidation Workgroup members will review the 2015 document from the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR).
- Registries not belonging to the Tiger team will review and run the Report 153B for their staff.
- Marina Matatova agreed to submit hotel recommendations to NCI and send a draft meeting agenda to registries in preparation for the face-to-face SEER*DMS meeting on July 12–14, 2017.
- Linda agreed to provide an update on the status of the Social Security Administration (SSA) linkage.
- Linda should add Detroit to the Case Upload Workgroup.
- Registries should inform Marina Matatova if anyone planning to attend the July in-person meeting will not be handling his/her own travel.

Workgroup and Team Updates

MU2 Workgroup

The MU2 Workgroup, led by Brent Mumphrey, met on April 27, 2017. Action items from this meeting are noted in Squish issue 5344. A Squish email group was created for Workgroup members. The next MU2 Workgroup meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2017.

Claims Workgroup

Registries participating in the Claims Workgroup will receive Unlimited Systems data. Georgia has already received these data. The workflow of claims data was discussed during the last Claims Workgroup meeting. The Claims Workgroup meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2017. Georgia will provide an update at that meeting.

Discussion

Marina Matatova inquired about the structure, plans, and goals of the May 15 meeting. Linda responded that the meeting is intended to identify the Workgroup's objectives.

Auto-Linkage Workgroup

The Auto-linkage Workgroup has not convened yet. Registries should assess data in preparation for the first meeting of this Workgroup. IMS has added features to SEER*DMS to improve auto-linking control so that test servers can be used. A configuration parameter was added that controls when a record is linked. IMS also is setting up scripts for each registry's test server.

Discussion

The Auto-Linkage Workgroup could operate as a Tiger team in the future. The first step is to inform registries how auto-linking works and determine if finer controls are needed for auto-linking. After July 2017, the Workgroup can receive feedback through Squish on testing of the changes made for auto-linkage. The CCB can discuss auto-linkage changes after the data have been viewed by the registries.

Auto-Consolidation Workgroup

The Auto-Consolidation Workgroup met on May 9, 2017 to discuss administrative issues and ideas for improving auto consolidation. The notes/minutes from this meeting are posted on Squish issue 5345. An action item for this Workgroup is to review the 2015 report of the NAACCR Auto-Consolidation Workgroup to learn from the challenges encountered by the NAACCR Workgroup. The next Auto-Consolidation Workgroup meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2017.

Productivity Reports Tiger Team

Linda received information from Georgia regarding Report 153B, which recommended methods for comparing individual productivity to benchmark values. A developer at IMS will review this report to determine the best approach for implementing these methods. Linda requested that registries not belonging to the Tiger team review Report 153B.

Case Upload System

Several registries have systems that function as "gatekeepers," that is, systems designed to process data before it is sent to SEER*DMS. During the April 2017 CCB meeting, several registries (Georgia, Iowa, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Utah) volunteered to participate in a workgroup on these "gatekeeper" systems. Georgia volunteered to deliver a demo, and New York submitted a poster slideshow illustrating their system. A presentation of current case upload systems used by registries and discussion of these systems and approaches for improving them is planned for the July 12-14, 2017 meeting. It is important that registry staff involved in processing data records outside of SEER*DMS attend the July meeting either in-person or via WebEx.

SEER*DMS Face-To-Face Meeting Update

Hotel recommendations are pending NCI approval. Marina is awaiting approval of the draft meeting agenda, but agreed to distribute the draft agenda and hotel recommendations to registries.

Future CCB Calls

The scheduled July CCB conference call has been cancelled. Several Workgroup meetings are scheduled during May and June.

Discussion

In response to participants' request, Linda agreed to cancel the CCB call scheduled for June 8 and send them updates by email only.