

**The Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Data Management System (SEER*DMS) Change
Control Board (CCB)
Claims Workgroup
Teleconference Summary
November 20 2017
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. EST**

Representatives from NCI, IMS, the Scientific Consulting Group, Inc. (SCG), and six SEER registries participated in the SEER*DMS Claims Workgroup conference call on November 20, 2017. Participants included:

REGISTRIES:

Detroit
Georgia
Utah
Kentucky
New Jersey
California

NCI: Marina Matatova, Lynn Penberthy, and
Donna Rivera

IMS: Linda Coyle, Chuck May, Suzanne Adams

SCG: Glendie Marcelin, rapporteur

Action Items

- Linda agreed to remind registries that the Claims' Workgroup Goals and Objectives document is on the online portal.
- The Utah registry will finalize the paperwork for their local agreements allowing for integration of Unlimited data.
- Linda agreed to invite the Kentucky registry to participate with upcoming data migration conference calls.
- Linda agreed to follow up regarding the automatic transfer of claims data from 2013–2017 into the New Jersey registry database.
- The California registry will verify whether the claims data they are receiving are being used solely for research purposes.
- Linda agreed to contact the Louisiana registry about participating in the Claims Workgroup.
- The Detroit registry will approach a health system to obtain other claims data (i.e., not Unlimited).
- The Utah registry is working to receive annual access to all-payer claims data; they will send a copy of their data dictionary for the all-payers claims data to the Workgroup.
- IMS is updating the registry dashboard that will be accessible on each registry's homepage (SEER*DMS website).
- Registries should indicate if they would share their checklist spreadsheet, they use to evaluate received data with the Claims Workgroup.
- Participants agreed to seek an individual with expertise in International Classification of Diseases for Oncology (ICD-10) cancer-related coding to speak to the Workgroup.
- Donna agreed to update the Workgroup website.
- IMS will upload the agenda for the December 18, 2017 meeting to Squish.

Short-Term Goals

The objective of the Claims Workgroup meeting was to continue discussing the short-term goals of the Workgroup. Short-term goals were organized into three categories—onboarding, codes and formularies, and workflow.

The first short-term onboarding goal was to:

- *Assess the current landscape—gain an understanding of the status of local agreements in each SEER area to allow for the integration of Unlimited data.*

Kevin said that developing the infrastructure to incorporate additional types of claims datasets into the Claims Workgroup is a future goal. The following updates were provided to the Workgroup regarding local registry agreements allowing for the integration of Unlimited data:

- Utah registry is completing the paperwork for their agreements, which requires additional signatures. The Utah Department of Health requested a change to the agreement, which will be signed off by Carol.
- Kentucky registry has all of their local agreements in place and can receive Unlimited claims data. Because Kentucky is not yet part of SEER*DMS, these claims data can only be used for evaluation purposes.
- New Jersey registry has all of their local agreements in place and claims data have been uploaded into their database.
- Seattle registry does not have Unlimited agreements.
- Detroit registry does not have Unlimited agreements, but hopes to retrieve Unlimited claims data in the future.
- California registry is unclear whether their claims data are being used for the central registry's general operations.
- Georgia and Louisiana registries are receiving claims data. Louisiana is receiving retrospective claims data from 2013–2014.

The meeting participants discussed receiving claims data from healthcare systems. A representative from the Detroit registry solicited advice on requesting healthcare system claims data from sources other than Unlimited. Kevin replied that the request letter should be broad and cover all medical oncology practices. Kevin recommended requesting data from one facility first to test the system before receiving data. Donna asked whether Detroit registry is also requesting Electronic Health Record data. Linda responded that she is in discussion with Detroit regarding this issue; the health system is large and consists of several tertiary hospitals. Donna mentioned that the NCI is developing a strategy to retrieve all types of claims data for streamlining processes across registries. Kevin added that the claims data received from the health systems lack the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System J codes; therefore, does not provide the valuable information regarding individual chemotherapeutic agents.

The second short-term onboarding goal was to:

- *Discuss the impact of different sources and the timelines for receiving claims data (e.g., Utah will receive data in batches submitted yearly).*

Utah is working to receive annual batches of all-payer claims data that will be imported directly into SEER*DMS. A representative from Utah indicated that there is a data dictionary (centralized repository of information about data) for the all-payer claims data.

To simplify the process of receiving different types of data streams, Kevin suggested that registries request that their incoming data be in the American National Standards Institute 837 Medicare file format.

The third short-term onboarding goal was to:

- *Develop a checklist for registries to use to evaluate the data that they receive.*

The checklist would help registries evaluate how well incoming claims data adhere to an established standard, therefore, creating consistency across registries. Kevin recommended that registries model Georgia's checklist spreadsheet that outlines the year data were received and entered into SEER*DMS. For identification purposes, IMS determines which claims have ICD-10 codes that match Patient Set.

Linda mentioned that each registry was sent a checklist spreadsheet with data. Each registry approved their spreadsheet then forwarded it to Lynn. Kevin suggested that the registries share their checklist with the Workgroup.

The fourth short-term onboarding goal was to:

- *Track incoming claims by source (Provider, National Provider Identifier); create a dashboard.*

Registries will be able to monitor the source provider and the time of receipt of data. Registries can access their dashboard on the home page of the SEER*DMS website one week from November 20, 2017.

Next Claims Workgroup Call

The next Claims Workgroup meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2017.