

# Pharmacy Utilization Meeting

August 4, 2023

## Attendees

Linda Coyle (IMS)  
Jennifer Stevens (IMS)  
David Angelaszek (IMS)  
Emily Carver (IMS) – absent  
Kevin Ward (Georgia) – absent  
Randi Rycroft (Idaho)  
Serban Negoita (NCI)  
Peggy Adamo (NCI)  
Marina Matatova (NCI) – absent  
Jennifer Hafterson (Seattle) – absent  
Tiffany Janes (Seattle)  
Kaitlin Akif (NCI) – absent

- David gave an update that the polisher to populate the pharmacy fields has been released and is currently being used to update data as new pharmacy transaction records are loaded. The polisher was run over the database to populate the fields using data that was loaded prior to the polisher's release.
- Linda wanted to use the time to discuss the CCAB meeting on September 12, 2023. Pharmacy data and the new fields in SEER\*DMS will be discussed in that meeting.
- The current plan for the meeting is:
  - Linda writes up a summary of the pharmacy workgroup's efforts. She will share the summary with the workgroup.
  - The summary will be posted to Squish for registries to review after workgroup approval.
  - The Pharmacy Utilization workgroup document will be posted to that squish issue as well.
  - Registries will be asked to come to the CCAB meeting with questions and comments.
- There was a discussion about what users should have access to the pharmacy tab. Randi indicated epidemiologists and managers.
- Serban thinks it would be good to keep access to the fields restricted for now.
- **Action:** David will submit an internal issue to review the current permissions for the pharmacy tab and tie it to the view pharmacy data permission.
- Serban asked about the possibility of including Unlimited claims and Optum Medical claims in the submission linkage file.
- Jennifer commented that we would need to know the desired data items.
- Serban asked if we could review the available data items in a meeting.

- Linda commented there is going to be a discussion on claims during a recurrence meeting on August 21, 2023. It would be natural to discuss the data items then.
- Serban agreed that would be fine.