



## HB 10-1332 Colorado Medical Clean Claims Transparency and Uniformity Act Task Force

January 24, 2012

Time: 2:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Location: Colorado Medical Society, 7351 E Lowry Blvd., # 100, Denver, CO 80230-6083  
Founders Board Room (on the first floor)

Call-in number: 1-800-406-9170, ID 3891479554#

Facilitator: Barbara Yondorf, Yondorf & Associates

### Preliminary Agenda

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| 2:00 – 2:05 PM | <b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>  |
| 2:05 – 2:15 PM | <b>Housekeeping</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approve December 2011 meeting minutes</li><li>• Review of agenda</li><li>• Meeting procedures</li><li>• New member recognition</li></ul>  |
| 2:15 – 2:30 PM | <b><u>Framework for today's discussion</u></b> – <i>Barbara Yondorf</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basic vs. comprehensive edit sets</li><li>• Initial vs. sustaining edit set</li></ul> |
| 2:30 – 4:30 PM | <b><u>Decision Rule Discussion</u></b> ( <i>see page 7 - 8</i> )  |
| 4:30 – 4:45 PM | BREAK (LIBATIONS & SNACKS)  |
| 4:45 – 6:30 PM | <b><u>CCI Proposed Consensus recommendations regarding guiding principles, definitions, and rationale, for A-P.</u></b> – <i>Beth Wright &amp; Mark Painter</i>                                       |
| 6:30 PM        | Adjourn   |



## HB 10-1332 Colorado Medical Clean Claims Transparency and Uniformity Act Task Force

January 25, 2012

Time: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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### Preliminary Agenda

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM – 8:10 AM Housekeeping

*Committee Reports: introduce committee members; committee principles (if applicable); committee scope of work; report of activities to date; recommendations (draft and final); issues to be resolved or investigated; questions for the full task force; next steps.*

8:10 AM – 11:00 AM Committee Reports

Correct Coding Initiative (CCI)—*Beth Wright & Mark Painter*

- Continuation of A-P discussion
- Hierarchy discussion
- **CCI PROPOSED CONSENSUS RECOMMENDATION(S)**

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Data Sustaining Repository (DSR) – *Mark Rieger & Val Clark*

- Discussion of a single Technical Vendor
- Discussion of essential functionalities of DSR

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM Lunch

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM Data Sustaining Repository (cont.)

2:00 PM BREAK

2:15- 3:30 PM Other Committee Reports

- Professional Society Outreach\_(PSO) – *Tammy Banks*
- Project Management—*Barry Keene*
- Finance—*Barry Keene*

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM Public Comment

3:45 PM – 3:50 PM      New Business  
   • February Agenda

4:00 PM                      ADJOURNMENT

## Hotel Options

Hilton Garden Inn-Cherry Creek  
600 S. Colorado Blvd.  
Denver, CO 80246  
[\(303\) 754-9800](tel:3037549800)

Holiday Inn Select - Denver-Cherry Creek  
455 S. Colorado lvd.  
Denver, CO 80246  
[\(877\) 410-6681](tel:8774106681)

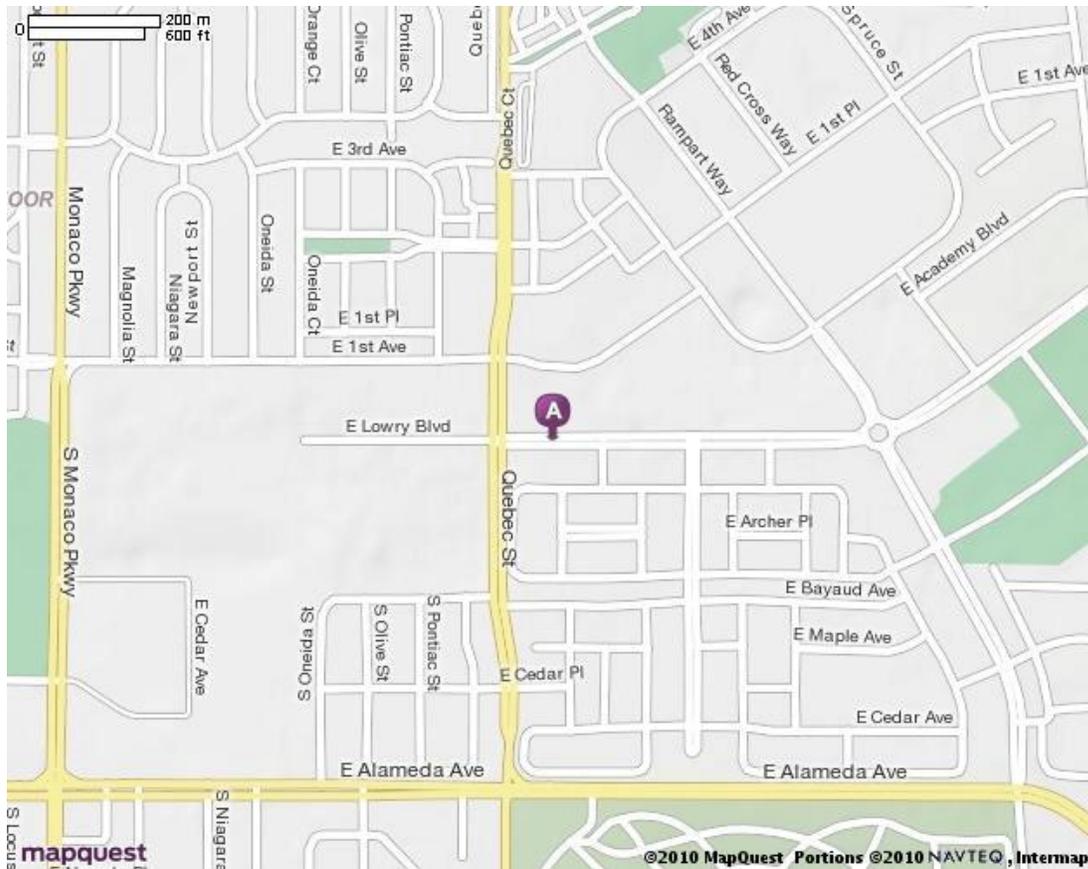
Hampton Inn & Suites - Denver-Cherry Creek  
4150 E. Kentucky Ave.  
Glendale, CO 80246  
[\(303\) 692-1800](tel:3036921800)



### Map of Colorado Medical Society

7351 E Lowry Blvd # 100, Denver, CO  
80230 - (720) 859-1001

**NOTES:** COPIC Insurance building at corner of Quebec St. and E. Lowry Blvd. **Founders Board Room is on the first floor.**



## 2012 Meeting Schedule

**January 24 - 25\***

February 22

March 28

**April 25\***

May 23

June 27

**July 18\***

August 22

September 26

**October 24\***

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# DECISION RULE FOR DISCUSSION AT JANUARY 24-25, 2012 TASK FORCE MEETING<sup>1</sup>

**Adopt the following decision rule<sup>2</sup> for selecting, adding, deleting, modifying and reconciling conflicting edits:**

Setting the Stage	
1.	Agree on Decision Rule purpose: to establish a process for determining 1) the edits to be included in the initial base set and initial complete set of standardized payment rules and claim edits, and 2) how decisions will be made to update, modify, add to, or delete edits after the initial complete set has been established.
2.	For A-P edits (e.g., unbundle, mutually exclusive, age, gender, place of service, etc.), develop definitions, including purpose, rationale, and guiding principles.
Creating the Initial Base Set <sup>3</sup>	
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start with national sources that have definitive edits and are not benefit-related (e.g., Medicare G codes).</li> <li>• For a given edit set, if there is only one national industry source with definitive edits that fits the definition/rationale, use that edit set.</li> <li>• If there are multiple definitive national sources (e.g., HCPS and NMMS) for the same edit set (e.g., age), and if all are consistent with the definition/rationale for the edits under consideration, and if the edit set is not benefit-related, then establish and use a hierarchy agreed upon by the Task Force for each edit set (e.g., CPT, then NMSS, HCPS, then NCCI, etc.). <i>[NOTE: There is not agreement by the co-chairs regarding use of hierarchies for edits.]</i></li> </ul>
Adding Edits Not Covered by the Base to Establish a Draft of the Initial Complete Set <sup>3</sup>	
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For a given edit, if there is only one third-party that has done sourcing for that edit and if the edit is not covered by the initial base set, and if the edit fits the definition/rationale, and the original source does not object to how the sourcing has been done <i>[NOTE: Needs to be discussed]</i>, then include the edit in the initial complete set.</li> <li>• For edits not covered by initial base set where there is multiple sourcing for the same edit, select edits to get to complete set using national hierarchy approach described above to select among edits developed through third-party sourcing (e.g., for edits developed through sourcing, start with edits based on CPT materials, then NMSS, etc.) <i>[NOTE: There is not agreement by the co-chairs regarding use of hierarchies for edits.]</i></li> </ul>
Finalizing the Initial, Complete Edit Set	
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make draft initial set available for testing, review and comment by vendors, payers, providers and others. Make it possible for interested parties, including the Task Force itself, to run various scenarios against the draft edit set.</li> <li>• Require recommendations from the public for additions, deletions, and modifications to draft set to be based on a</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> This discussion item is based on a discussion at the co-chairs meeting held December 13, 2011, with additional refinements to further flesh out the proposal and edits suggested by some co-chairs after the meeting upon review of the write-up.

<sup>2</sup> The Task Force has sometimes used the term “dispute resolution” to describe the way to resolve issues about what should be included or excluded. The co-chairs propose using the term “decision rule.”

<sup>3</sup> **Important:** HB 1332 defines the base set as those rules and edits “identified through existing national industry sources.” It defines the complete set to include the base set plus other edits to address professional services not covered by the base set. With respect to professional services not covered by the base set, it says the Task Force shall consider “commercial claims editing systems that source their edits to national industry sources on a code and code edit pair level in order to create a complete set of payment rules and claim edits.” (See page 10 of the act.)

	<p>claim that: the change better fits the definition/rationale; an edit does not work for a commercial population; or an edit is altogether missing from, but does not duplicate an edit, in the set. <i>[NOTE: Needs to be discussed.]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After considering comments and recommendations from the public and weighing the results of the Task Force’s own modeling and testing, finalize the initial complete edit set.</li> </ul>
<b>Updating the Complete Set after Initial Set Has Been Established by the Task Force</b>	
5.	<p>Direct the DSR manager to update, on a quarterly basis, those edits straightforward enough that they can be handled as part of quarterly maintenance (e.g., if an initial set of A-P edits comes from a national industry source and the source updates its edit set, the Colorado complete set of edits will be updated accordingly).</p>
6.	<p>Convene a panel to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add or delete edits not straightforward enough to be handled as part of quarterly maintenance (e.g., an alternative edit becomes available from a new sources and it must be determined whether the new edit or the existing edit in the DSR library should be included in the library).</li> <li>• Maintain an open public process for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Edits that could not be handled by the panel.<sup>4</sup></li> <li>✓ Resolution of concerns brought to the panel.</li> <li>✓ Changes to some element of the Decision Rule (e.g., change in the hierarchy of national sources for an edit set.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<sup>4</sup> What are examples of edits that could not be handled by the panel?