QH Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE)
Code Combinations Task Group
Tuesday, August 3, 2021 3:00-4:30 pm ET Conference Call
Dial in: 1 (510) 365-3331; Access Code: 595-414-109

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Co-Chairs:
Lynn Franco, *UnitedHealth Group***, and Heather Morgan,** *Aetna*

Time	Agenda Item	Discussion Item or Action Required
3:00	1. Antitrust Guidelines	*Discussion*

3:02	2. Roll Call and Administrative Items
	    ○ Roll call
	    ○ Focus of today's call:
	    ○ Complete housekeeping items
	    ○ **Goal: Publish** *CORE Code Combinations v3.6.4 June 2021* **by 06/01/21 including Compliance-based Adjustments in response to March 2021 Published Lists**
	    ○ Review results of Follow-up Straw Poll and:
	      • Adjudicate recommendations to:
	        ▪ Add nine code combinations that received high support for addition (≥ 65%)
	        ▪ Do not include one code combination that received mixed (51-64%) support on the Follow-up Straw Poll
	      • Agree on final Compliance-based Adjustments to the March 2021 *CORE Code Combinations*
	    ○ Next steps for Task Group
	
	In and Out of Scope Items for Today's Discussion
	
	In Scope
	• Results of the Task Group March 2021 Initial Straw Poll
	• Agreement on how to adjudicate code combination adjustments included on the CBR Follow-up Straw Poll
	
	Out of Scope
	• Processes external to the CAQH CORE Code Combination Maintenance Process
	• Previously completed CBRs and MBR
		Discussion

3:05	3. Summary 04/06/21 Task Group Call (Doc #2)
	    • Reviewed results of March 2021 Initial Straw Poll
	    • Summary of results:
	      • Agreed to add 4 code combinations -- 16/N843, 16/N846, 16/N847, 16/N848 and 51/N849 – that received high support in the Initial Straw Poll.
	      • Agreed to conduct a Follow-up Straw Poll to obtain participant feedback on:
	        • 6 code combinations that received high support (≥65%) on the CBR Initial Straw Poll for addition to CORE-defined Business Scenarios #2 and #3 but had strong opposition from some Task Group Participants
	        • 1 code combination that received mixed support (51-64%) on the CBR Initial Straw Poll
	        • 3 CORE-required CARCs submitted by respondents to the CBR Initial Straw Poll for association with the straw-polled RARCs
		Approved 04/06/21 call summary

3:15	4. Background & Potential Impact: *Task Group Rationale on March 2021 CBR Follow-up Straw Poll Adjustments (Doc #3, Sections 1-3)*	*Discussion*

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3:25	5. Follow-up Straw Poll Results: Code Combinations Included on Follow-up Straw Poll *(Doc #3, Table 3)*	• Agreed to **ADD** 9 code combinations • Agreed to **NOT add** 1 code combination
4:25	6. Next Steps for Task Group • CAQH CORE Code Combinations Task Group Call Schedule: (*See pg. 5 for details*) ○ Tuesday, 05/25/21 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm ET: TENTATIVE • CAQH CORE Code Combinations Task Group Participants: ○ Plan to attend upcoming Task Group calls • CAQH CORE Staff & Co-Chairs: ○ Draft a call summary for today's call ○ Publish *CORE Code Combinations v.3.6.4 June 2021* by 06/01/21	Agreed to next steps

Call Documents
Doc 1: AgendaCCTG05.18.21.pdf
Doc 2: SummaryCCTG04.06.21.pdf
Doc 3: CBRFSPResults05.18.21.pdf

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Source: *CMS OESS*

• Final Rule – Administrative Simplification: Adoption of Operating Rules for Health Care Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) and Remittance Advice Transactions

Source: *CAQH CORE*

• CAQH CORE 360: Uniform Use of CARCs and RARCs (835) Rule (June 2012 v3.0.0)
  ○ *CORE-required Code Combinations for the CORE-defined Business Scenarios*
• All CAQH CORE EFT & ERA Subgroup and Rules Work Group documents related to the development of CAQH CORE Rule 360 including call summaries, analysis documents and Straw Poll/ballot results are available to CORE Participants on the CAQH Member Calendar (email dwilliams@caqh.org if you do not remember your User ID or Password)

Source: *X12*

• Claim Adjustment Reason Codes List and related FAQs

- o   Includes link to the "Online Conference" which includes related documentation (login required)
- **Remittance Advice Remark Codes List and related FAQs**
  - o   Includes link to the "Online Conference" which includes related documentation (login required)

CAQH CORE Code Combinations Task Group Schedule: March 2021 CBR

Date	Objective	Task Group Activity
Wednesday, 03/10/21 – Wednesday, 03/24/21	Complete *Task Group Initial Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations February 2021 v3.6.3*	**Task Group CBR Initial Straw Poll** · Review draft impact analysis and potential Compliance-based Adjustments · Submit write-in CORE-required CARCs for inclusion on Follow-up Straw Poll
Tuesday, 04/06/21 **3-4:30 pm ET**	Review CBR Initial Straw Poll Results and Agree to Subset Compliance-based Adjustments to the *CORE Code Combinations February 2021 v3.6.3*	**Task Group Call #1** · Review results of CBR Initial Straw Poll · Agree on Compliance-based Adjustments based on results · Agree on items to include in CBR Follow-up Straw Poll
Thursday, 04/08/21 – Wednesday, 04/14/21	Complete Rationale Submission Period for *Task Group Follow-up Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations February 2021 v3.6.3*	**Task Group CBR Follow-up Straw Poll Rationale Submission Period** · Submit rationale in support/not in support of code combinations to be included in CBR Follow-up Straw Poll · Rationale will be distributed with CBR Follow-up Straw Poll for consideration by respondents
Wednesday, 04/21/21 – Friday, 05/07/21	Complete *Task Group Follow-up Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations February 2021 v3.6.3*	**Task Group CBR Follow-up Straw Poll** · Review submitted rationale addressing CBR Follow-up Straw Poll code combinations · Complete Task Group Follow-up Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based Adjustments
Tuesday, 05/18/21 **3-4:30 pm ET**	Review any outstanding CBR Follow-up Straw Poll items and agree to final Compliance-based Adjustments	**Task Group Call #2** · Review any outstanding items from CBR Follow-up Straw Poll & agree on final adjustments
Tuesday, 05/25/21 **3-4:30 pm ET**	*If* needed, review any outstanding CBR Follow-up Straw Poll items and agree to final Compliance-based Adjustments	**[TENTATIVE] Task Group Call #3** · *As needed*: Review any outstanding items from CBR Follow-up Straw Poll & agree on final adjustments

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Tuesday, 06/01/21	**Publish *CORE Code Combinations June 2021 v3.6.4***	**Publication of Updated *CORE Code Combinations*** · Publish updated version of the *CORE Code Combinations* with Task Group-approved Compliance-based Adjustments

CAQH CORE Code Combinations Task Group Roster

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