

CAQH Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE)
Code Combinations Task Group
Tuesday, November 30, 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	<i>Discussion</i>						
3:02	2. Roll Call and Administrative Items (Heather Morgan, Aetna) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roll call ▪ Focus of today's call: ▪ Complete housekeeping items ▪ Goal: Publish CORE Code Combinations v3.7.0 February 2022 by 02/01/22 including Compliance-based Adjustments in response to November 2022 Published Lists and Market-based Adjustments submitted during the 2021 public submission period. ▪ Review results of Initial Straw Poll and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adjudicate recommendations to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Add one code combinations that received high support for addition (≥ 65%) in Section 1 ▪ Add ten code combinations that received high support for addition (≥ 65%) in Section 2 ○ Agree to conduct Follow-up Straw Poll that includes "write-in" CARCs and any code combination ▪ Next steps for Task Group 	<i>Discussion</i>						
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3:05	3. Summary 09/14/21 Task Group Call (Doc #2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed results of July 2021 Follow-up Straw Poll • Adjudicate recommendations to: • Add 2 code combinations that received high support for addition (≥ 65%) 	<u>Action Required</u> Approved 09/14/21 call summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve Pat Wijtyk (ASC X12) • Seconded by Laura Caldwell (GDIT) 						
3:15	Background & Potential Impact: Task Group Rationale on November 2021 CBR/MBR Initial Straw Poll Adjustments (Doc #3, Sections 1-5)	<u>Action Required</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to ADD 9 code combinations <u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Wijtyk stated that the proposed RARC N857 to CARC 96 in CORE Business Scenario #3 is not an accurate reflection of the code reason and asked for reconsideration and repolling. • Pat also stated that RARC N600 and CARC 242 were not a valid combination 						

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4:25	<p>5. Next Steps for Task Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAQH CORE Code Combinations Task Group Call Schedule: (See pg. 4 for details) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Tuesday, 01/18/22 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm ET II. [TENTATIVE] Tuesday, 01/25/22 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm ET • CAQH CORE Staff & Co-Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Draft a call summary for today's call ii. Publish <i>CORE Code Combinations v.3.7.0 February 2022</i> by 02/01/2 	<p><u>Action Required</u> Agreed to next steps</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meg Kutz (Anthem) noted that the Tuesday, 1/18/22 call is during the HL7 working group meeting and the 1/25/22 is during the X12 meeting. Bob Bowman (CORE Director) noted that the tentative call on 1/25 will likely not be needed. • Susan Langford (BCBS-TN) noted her attendance.

Call Documents
Doc 1: AgendaCCTG11.30.21.pdf
Doc 2: SummaryCCTG09.14.21.pdf
Doc 3: CBRMBRISPRResults11.30.21.pdf

Source:

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- [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](#)
 - Includes link to the “Online Conference” which includes related documentation (login required)
- [Remittance Advice Remark Codes List and related FAQs](#)
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CCTG November 2021 CBR/MBR Schedule

Date	Objective	Task Group Activity
Friday, 11/12/21 – Wednesday, 11/24/21	Complete <i>Task Group Initial Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based and Market-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations October 2021 v3.6.5</i>	Task Group CBR/MBR Initial Straw Poll <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review draft impact analysis and potential Compliance-based Adjustments Review submissions to 2021 Market-based Industry Survey and corresponding business cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Task Group Initial Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based and Market-based Adjustments
Tuesday, 11/30/21 3-4:30 pm ET	Review CBR/MBR Initial Straw Poll Results and Agree to Subset of Compliance-based and Market-based Adjustments	Task Group Call #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review results of CBR/MBR Initial Straw Poll Agree on Compliance-based and Market-based Adjustments based on results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree on items to include in CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll
Thursday, 12/2/21 – Wednesday, 12/8/21	Complete Rationale Submission Period for <i>Task Group Follow-up Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based and Market-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations October 2021 v3.6.5</i>	Task Group CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll Rationale Submission Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit rationale in support/not in support of code combinations to be included in CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rationale will be distributed with CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll for consideration by respondents
Wednesday, 12/15/21 – Friday, 01/7/22	Complete <i>Task Group Follow-up Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based and Market-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations October 2021 v3.6.5</i>	Task Group CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review submitted rationale addressing CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll code combinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Task Group Follow-up Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based and Market-based Adjustments
Tuesday, 01/18/22 3:00-4:30 pm ET	Review CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll Results and Agree to Final Compliance-based and Market-based Adjustments to the <i>CORE Code Combinations October 2021 v.3.6.5</i>	Task Group Call #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review results of CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree on final Compliance-based and Market-based Adjustments
Tuesday, 01/25/22 3:00-4:30 pm ET	<i>If needed</i> , review any outstanding CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll items and agree to final Compliance-based and Market-based Adjustments	Task Group Call #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>As needed</i>: Review any outstanding items from CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll & agree on final adjustments

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CAQH CORE Code Combinations Task Group Attendance

CAQH CORE Participating Organization	First Name	Last Name
Aetna	Heather	Morgan
Aetna	Kellene	Parthemore
American Medical Association (AMA)	Tyler	Scheid
Anthem Inc.	Meg	Kutz
ASC X12	Pat	Wijtyk
Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association (BCBSA)	Gail	Kocher
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee	Susan	Langford
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)	Matthew	Klischer
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)	Charlene	Parks
Centene	Monica	Hughes
CIGNA	Megan	Soccorso
CIGNA	Emell	Eley
Conduent	Debra	Strickland
HEALTHeNET	Christopher	Gracon
Michigan Department of Community Health	Diana	Fuller
Peraton	Gigi	Mendenhall
Prior Auth Now	Jeffrey	Blasinski
TrialCard	Dean	Randall
UnitedHealth Group	Pamela	Jeroszko
Work Group for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI)	Robert	Tennant