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1 Straw Poll Background

This document provides the results of the *CAQH CORE Code Combinations Task Group Initial Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations v3.7.1 June 2022*. The Straw Poll addressed potential Compliance-based Adjustments to the *CORE Code Combinations v3.7.1 June 2022* to ensure alignment with the publication of updates to the CARC and RARC lists on 08/01/22.

The Task Group Initial Straw Poll was sent to Task Group Participants on Wednesday, 08/10/22 with a completion deadline of 5 pm ET on Wednesday, 08/24/22. *Doc#1: Draft Impact Analysis: Potential Compliance-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations v3.7.1 June 2022* was sent to the Task Group as references to assist in completing the straw poll.

If Compliance-based Adjustments result from this CBR, they will be published by Monday, 10/03/22 as the *CORE-required Code Combinations v3.7.2 October 2022* and will supersede all previous versions of the *CORE Code Combinations*.

2 Straw Poll Format

The *Task Group Initial Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations v3.7.1 June 2022* had one section which addressed:

- Section 1: *Potential Compliance-based Adjustments for CARC Added to the Published List*

For the newly added CARC that met the evaluation criteria for addition to the *CORE Code Combinations*, respondents were asked to list any additional codes (i.e., RARCs or CORE-required CARCs respectively) that they recommended associating with the CARC in the *CORE Code Combinations*. Additionally, respondents were given the option to comment on their organization’s position.

Table 1: Summary of Recommended Compliance-based Adjustments to *CORE Code Combinations v3.7.1 June 2022* by Type of Code List Adjustment

Type of Code List Adjustments	Total Published Code List Adjustments	Recommended Potential Impact on <i>CORE Code Combinations</i>
Code List Deactivations in August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 CARCs deactivated • 0 RARCs deactivated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • N/A
Code List Description Modifications in August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 CARC description modified • 0 RARC descriptions modified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • N/A
Code List Additions in August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 CARC added • 0 RARCs added 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new CARC potentially meets the CORE Code Combinations Evaluation Criteria and can be considered for addition. • N/A

3 Summary of Respondents

Responses to the Task Group straw poll were received from **60%** of the active CAQH CORE Code Combinations Task Group participating organizations and **5** key industry stakeholder types.

Table 2: Responses from Task Group Participating Entities by Number and Entity Type

Number of Active* Task Group Participating Entities	25
Total Number of Individual Organizational Responses	15 (60%)
Number of Health Plan/Health Plan Association Responses	4 (28% of respondents)
Number of Provider/Provider Association Responses	2 (13% of respondents)
Number of Vendor/Clearinghouse Responses	2 (13% of respondents)
Number of Government Responses (Medicaids, etc.)	2 (13% of respondents)
Number of Other Stakeholder Type Responses (SDO/Regional Entities, etc.)	5 (33% of respondents)

***NOTE:** Active participants attended the majority of Task Group calls and responded to a majority of Task Group Straw Polls for the last 5 Compliance-based Reviews.

4 Summary of Results – Section 1: Potential Compliance-based Adjustments for CARCs Added to the Published List

Section 1 of the initial straw poll asked respondents to indicate their organization’s support for adding 1 code combination using new CARC P32 to CORE-defined Business Scenario # 3 (*Billed Service Not Covered by Health Plan*). As seen in Table 3 below, the code combination received low support (< 65%), as such CAQH CORE staff and co-chairs DO NOT recommend adding the combination to the *CORE Code Combinations*.

The straw poll also asked respondents to submit any additional RARCs that their organization supported associating with the new CARC in the *CORE Code Combinations*. No additional RARCs were submitted. The initial straw poll also noted that, should the Task Group support addition of the new CARC code combination, CAGCs would be included in accordance with the associated CARC’s CORE-defined Business Scenario per [CORE Code Combinations Evaluation Criterion #17](#). Respondents were asked to provide any comments their organization had regarding association of the CAGCs with the new CARC P32, no such comments were submitted.

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Table 3: Support for Adding Code Combinations with New CARC P32

CARC #	CARC Description	RARC #	RARC Description	% Support	# Abstains	Key Comment Issues (Based on Submitted Comments/Analysis)	Co-Chair & CAQHCORE Staff Recommendation	Task Group Decision
CORE-defined Business Scenario # 3 (Billed Service Not Covered by Health Plan)								
P32	Payment adjusted due to Apportionment.	N/A	N/A	10%	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One respondent commented that since this CARC implies that payment was made, it is not a rejection and therefore should not be added to any of the business scenarios A respondent commented that the CARC defines this as an adjustment, an allocation based on some proportions. The noted that they are unsure how this adjustment type qualifies under Business Scenario #3. One respondent stated that this code was specifically requested due to the section that states, "there can be court ordered liability based on settlement terms and can be for any state/jurisdiction. This liability can be shared between insured, claimant, estate, other insurer, other entity, etc." As such, the respondent asserts that this is not the case of a non-covered billed service. 	Do Not Add to CORE Code Combinations	

5 Next Steps

If needed, a follow-up straw poll for the August 2022 Compliance-based Review will be distributed to the Task Group on Monday, 09/12/2022. The follow-up straw poll will include any code combination adjustments the Task Group agrees to re-poll.

If needed, prior to distribution of the follow-up straw poll, Task Group Participants will be asked to submit any rationale they have in support of/not in support of any code combination adjustments to be included on the follow-up straw poll. These comments will be distributed with the follow-up straw poll for consideration by the respondents. Comments must be submitted to CAQH CORE by **5 pm ET, Friday, 09/23/22** to be distributed with the follow-up straw poll. CAQH CORE will distribute a template form on Friday, 8/31/22 that participants can use to submit rationale.

If needed, the CAQH CORE Code Combinations Task Group will meet on Tuesday, 09/27/22 to review the results of the follow-up straw poll and reach agreement on the final Compliance-based Adjustments to the *CORE Code Combinations v3.7.1 June 2022*. If needed, updated *CORE Code Combinations v3.7.2 October 2022*, reflecting Task Group-approved adjustments, will be published to the CAQH CORE website by Monday, 10/03/22.

Appendix A: Summary of Results - Codes Submitted in Response to Potential Compliance-based Adjustments

A.1. RARCs Submitted for Association with Straw-pollled CARCs

The initial straw poll also asked respondents to submit any additional RARCs their organization supported associating with new CARC P32. No RARCs were submitted.

Appendix B: Summary of Results – By Stakeholder Type

Table B.1: Support for Adding New CARC P32 by Stakeholder Type

CARC #	CARC Description	RARC#	RARC Description	% Total Support	% Support Health Plans	% Support Providers	% Support Other
<i>Potential CORE-defined Business Scenario #3: Billed Service Not Covered by Health Plan</i>							
P32	Payment adjusted due to Apportionment.			10%	33.33%	0%	0%

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