

**CAQH Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE)  
Code Combinations Task Group  
Tuesday, 8/8/2023, 3:00-4:00 pm ET Conference Call  
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3:00	<b>1. Antitrust Guidelines</b>	<i>Discussion</i>
3:02	<b>2. Roll Call and Administrative Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roll call</li> <li>• <b>Goal: Update CORE Code Combinations v3.7.4, June 2023, by October 1<sup>st</sup> including Compliance-based and Market-based Adjustments in response to June 2023 Published Lists, the 2023 MBR, and incorrectly polled combinations from the November 2022 Straw Poll.</b></li> <li>• Review results of CBR/MBR Initial Straw Poll and adjudicate recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Add 5 combinations that received high support for addition (&gt;65%)</li> <li>b. Do NOT add 4 combinations that received low support for addition (&lt;65%)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Next steps for Task Group</li> </ul>	<i>Discussion</i>
3:05	<b>3. Summary 12/06/2022 Task Group Call (Doc #2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed results of CBR Initial Straw Poll <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Adjudicated recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not add one code combination that received low support for addition (&lt;65%)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• The group agreed to not add one code combination that received low support for addition (&lt;65%). The updated CORE Code Combinations v3.7.3 February 2023 was published in February 2023.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: There were no adjustments made between v3.7.3 and the current version, CORE Code Combinations v3.7.4, June 2023, as there were no code list updates that meet CORE's criteria for consideration.</i></p>	<u>Action Required</u> Approved <a href="#">12/06/2022 call summary</a> .  Motion to approve- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margaret Weiker (NCPDP)</li> <li>• Seconded by Pat Wijtyk (ASC X12)</li> </ul>
3:15	<b>4. Background and Potential Impact: Results of CBR/MBR Initial Straw Poll</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CBR/MBR Additions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 2 CBR code combinations received &gt;65%</li> <li>b. 3 MBR code combinations received &gt;65%</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CBR/MBR Non-Additions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 4 CBR code combinations received &lt;65%</li> </ul> </li> <li>• (<a href="#">Review Document #3: CBR/MBR ISP Results July 2023 for more information</a>)</li> </ul>	<u>Action Required</u>  Agreed to <b>ADD 4</b> code combinations.  Agreed to <b>re-poll 1</b> code combination: CARC 96/RARC N887.  Agree to <b>NOT ADD 4</b> code combinations.

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3:30	<b>5. Next Steps for Task Group</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAQH CORE Code Combinations Task Group Call Schedule: (See 4 for details)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Tuesday, 9/12, 3:00-4:00pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CAQH CORE Combinations Task Group Participants:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Plan to attend upcoming Task Group calls.</li> <li>b. If needed, submit rationale for/against code combination adjustments to be included in the Follow-up Straw Poll: 08/09-08/18.</li> <li>c. Complete CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll: 08/22-09/01</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CAQH CORE Staff &amp; Co-Chairs:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Draft and Publish Follow-up Straw Poll.</li> <li>b. Draft call summary and distribute to CCTG Participants.</li> <li>c. Publish <i>CORE Code Combinations v3.7.5 October 2023</i>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><u>Action Required</u> Agreed to next steps.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The rationale form will be sent to CCTG participants and open for comment from August 9-18<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Next meeting: Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm-4:00pm ET</li> </ul>

Call Documents
Doc 1: AgendaCCTG08.08.2023.pdf
Doc 2: SummaryCCTG12.06.2022.pdf
Doc 3: CBR/MBR ISPResultsJuly2023.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 Payment & Remittance \(835\) Uniform Use of CARCs and RARCs Rule](#) (August 2022 vPR.1.1)
  - [CORE-required Code Combinations for the CORE-defined Business Scenarios](#)
- All CAQH CORE Code Combinations Task Group documents are available to CORE Participants on the [Participant Dashboard](#)
  - Please email [CORE@CAQH.ORG](mailto:CORE@CAQH.ORG) if you do not remember your User ID or Password

**Source: X12**

- [Claim Adjustment Reason Codes List and related FAQs](#)
- [Remittance Advice Remark Codes List and related FAQs](#)

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**CCTG July 2023 CBR/MBR Schedule**

Date	Objective	Task Group Activity
07/18-07/28/2023	Complete <i>Task Group Initial Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based/Market-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations v3.7.4, June, 2023</i>	Task Group CBR/MBR Initial Straw Poll <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review draft impact analysis and potential Compliance-based/Market-based Adjustments</li> <li>Complete Task Group Initial Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based/Market-based Adjustments</li> </ul>
08/08/2023 3:00-4:00 pm ET	Review CBR/MBR Initial Straw Poll Results and Agree to Subset of Compliance-based/Market-based Adjustments	Task Group Call #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review results of CBR/MBR Initial Straw Poll</li> <li>Agree on Compliance-based/Market-based Adjustments based on results</li> <li>Agree on items to include in CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll [if needed]</li> </ul>
08/09-08/18/2023	Complete Rationale Submission Period for Task Group Follow-up Straw Poll on Potential <i>Compliance-based/Market-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations v3.7.4, June, 2023</i>	Task Group CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll Rationale Submission Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit rationale in support/not in support of code combinations to be included in CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll</li> <li>Rationale will be distributed with CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll for consideration by respondents</li> </ul>
08/22-09/01/2023	Complete Task Group Follow-up Straw Poll on Potential <i>Compliance-based/Market-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations v3.7.4, June, 2023</i>	Task Group CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review submitted rationale addressing CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll code combinations</li> <li>Complete Task Group Follow-up Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based/Market-based Adjustments</li> </ul>
09/12/2023 3:00-4:00 pm ET	Review CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll Results and Agree to Final <i>Compliance-based/Market-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations v3.7.4, June, 2023</i>	Task Group Call #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review results of CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll</li> <li>Agree on final Compliance-based/Market-based Adjustments</li> </ul>
10/02/2023	<b>Publish <i>CORE Code Combinations v3.7.5, October, 2023</i></b>	Publication of Updated <i>CORE Code Combinations</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publish updated version of the <i>CORE Code Combinations</i> with Task Group-approved Compliance-based/Market-based Adjustments</li> </ul>

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