

CAQH Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE) – Code Combinations Task Group

Task Group Rationale: *Task Group Follow-up Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations v.3.8.1 February 2024*

Rationale Background

During its April 2nd call, the CORE Code Combinations Task Group (CCTG) reviewed the results of the *CCTG Initial Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based Adjustments to the CORE-required Code Combinations v3.8.1 February 2024*. Based on the Initial Straw Poll results and Task Group consensus reached on the call, the Task Group accepted the addition of three potential Compliance-based adjustments to the *CORE-required Code Combinations v3.8.1 February 2024* (see the Call Summary for the April 2nd Task Group call [here](#)).

On the call, the Task Group agreed to conduct a Compliance-based Review (CBR) Follow-up Straw Poll (FSP) to obtain participant feedback on **one code combination** that was written-in by a Task Group Participant. Task Group Participants were asked to submit any rationale IN SUPPORT or NOT IN SUPPORT of adding the written-in code combination to the *CORE-required Code Combinations*. The *Task Group CBR Follow-up Straw Poll Rationale Submission Period* opened on April 4 and closed on April 12. A summary of responses by stakeholder type is included in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Summary of Respondents to March 2024 CBR FSP Rationale Submission Period by Stakeholder Type

Stakeholder Type	# (%) of Respondents
Total # of Responses	8 (100%)
Number of Health Plan/Health Plan Association Responses	2 (25%)
Number of Provider/Provider Association Responses	1 (12.5%)
Number of Vendor/Clearinghouse Responses	1 (12.5%)
Number of Government Responses	2 (25%)
Number of Other Stakeholder Type Responses	2 (25%)

Code Combinations Proposed by CCTG Participants Included in the Follow-up Straw Poll

Respondents recommended pairing CARC 163 with the newly added RARC N893 in CORE-defined Business Scenario #1. This code combination is described in **Table 2**. Three organizations provided a rationale IN SUPPORT of, and one organization provided a rationale NOT IN SUPPORT of, adding this code combination. **Table 2** includes rationale comments received in support and not in support of adding it to the *CORE Code Combinations*.

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Table 2: Code Combinations Written-in for Inclusion on the March 2024 CCTG CBR FSP with Participant Rationale

Line	Business Scenario	CARC	RARC	ASC X12 CAGC	Support For	Not in Support For
1	1 <i>Additional Information Required-Missing/Invalid/Incomplete Documentation</i>	163 <i>Attachment/other documentation referenced on the claim was not received</i>	N893 <i>Missing/incomplete/invalid child evaluation form/checklist.</i>	CO or PI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>One organization noted that the language is easily understood by providers.</i> • <i>One organization said the code combination is applicable for processing systems.</i> • <i>One organization commented that the code combination fits well in Business Scenario #1 and should be added.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>One organization noted that this CARC and RARC pairing is not specific enough to identify the existing issue.</i>

Note: 3 organizations submitted a response to be on record but did not provide rationale.

Next Steps

- March 2024 CCTG CBR FSP will open to CCTG Participants on April 22 and close on May 3. Please coordinate within your organization to submit only **one** response.
 - Please consider the rationale submitted by Task Group Participants while formulating your response.
- Results of the CCTG CBR FSP will be reviewed during the next CCTG call on Tuesday, May 14 between 3:00-3:30 pm. A Zoom meeting invite and documents will be distributed to Task Group Participants prior to that call.
- The goal is to publish *CORE-required Code Combinations v3.8.2 June 2024* containing Task Group-approved compliance-based adjustments will be published by June 1, 2024, to ensure compliance is met.