

**CAQH Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE)  
Code Combinations Task Group  
Tuesday, 12/5/2023, 3:00-3:30 pm ET Conference Call  
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**Co-Chairs: Lynn Franco, *UnitedHealth Group*; Heather Morgan, *Aetna*; Erica Martin, *AMA*; Tyler Scheid, *AMA***

Time	Agenda Item	Discussion Item or Action Required
3:00	1. Antitrust Guidelines	<i>Discussion</i>
3:02	2. Roll Call and Administrative Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roll call</li> <li>• Review results of CBR Initial Straw Poll and adjudicate recommendations to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Add 7 code combinations that received high support for addition (&gt;65%)</li> <li>– Do NOT add 2 combinations that received low support for addition (&lt;65%)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Review Emergency Code Combination Addition (ECCA) request</li> <li>• Next steps</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal: Update CORE Code Combinations October 2023, v3.8.0 by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, including Compliance-based Adjustments in response to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Published Lists.</b></p>	<i>Discussion</i>
3:05	3. Summary 09/12/2023 Task Group Call (Doc #2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed results of CBR/MBR Follow-up Straw Poll               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Adjudicated recommendations:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CBR/MBR Non-Additions</li> <li>▪ 15 CBR code combinations that received &lt;65% support</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Review Document #3: CBR/MBR FSP Results August 2023 for more information</a></li> </ul>	<u><i>Action Required</i></u> Approved 09/12/2023 Call Summary.  Motion to approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved by Robert Tennant (WEDI)</li> <li>• Seconded Pamela Jeroszko (UnitedHealthGroup)</li> </ul>
3:15	4. Background and Potential Impact: <a href="#">Results of CBR Initial Straw Poll (Doc #3)</a>	<u><i>Action Required</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed to <b>ADD</b> 7 code combinations.</li> <li>• Agreed to <b>NOT ADD</b> 2 code combinations.</li> </ul>
3:30	5. Emergency Code Combination Addition Request (ECCA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed the ECCA request and the CCTG Co-chair and CORE staff's decision that the request did not meet the necessary criteria.</li> </ul>	<u><i>Discussion</i></u>
3:45	6. Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CORE Code Combinations Task Group Call Schedule: (See <a href="#">CCTG Timeline</a> for details)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Tuesday, 01/16/2024, at 3:00 pm ET.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CORE Combinations Task Group Participants:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Plan to attend upcoming Task Group calls.</li> <li>– Submit rationale for/against code combination adjustments to be included in the Follow-up Straw Poll: 12/07-15/2023.</li> <li>– Complete CBR Follow-up Straw Poll: 12/20/2023-01/09/2024.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• CORE Staff &amp; Co-Chairs:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Draft and Publish Follow-up Straw Poll.</li> <li>– Draft call summary and distribute to Task Group Participants.</li> <li>– Publish <i>CORE Code Combinations v3.8.1 February 2024</i> on February 1, 2024.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<u><i>Action Required</i></u> Agreed to next steps.  <u><i>Discussion</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The updated <i>CORE Code Combinations v3.8.1 February 2024</i> was published on February 1, 2024.</li> </ul>

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Call Documents
Doc 1: AgendaCCTG12.05.2023.pdf
Doc 2: SummaryCCTG09.12.2023.pdf
Doc 3: CBR ISP ResultsDecember2023.pdf
Doc 4: CAQH CORE Code Combo Emergency Update November 2023.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](#)

**CORE Code Combinations Task Group Roster**

*Please refer to 04/02/2024 CCTG Call Agenda for the most up to date CCTG Roster*

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