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**CAQH Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE) Code Combinations Task Group
Results: Task Group Initial Straw Poll on Potential Compliance-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations for
CORE-defined Business Scenarios v3.8.1 February 2024**

1 Follow-up Straw Poll Results

This document provides the results of the *CORE Code Combinations Task Group Follow-up Straw Poll (FSP) on Potential Compliance-based Adjustments to the CORE Code Combinations v3.8.1 February 2024*. More information about the potential Compliance-based Adjustments considered by the Task Group can be found [here](#).

2 Respondent Breakdown

17 organizations responded to the CCTG FSP, representing 68% of the Task Group’s active membership. The breakdown of respondents by stakeholder type is shown in Table 1.

Table 1: 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	17 (68%)
Health Plan/Health Plan Association Responses	7 (45%)
Provider/Provider Association Responses	2 (12%)
Vendor/Clearinghouse Responses	3 (18%)
Government Responses (State Medicaid Agencies, etc.)	2 (12%)
Other Stakeholder Type Responses (SDO/Regional Entities, etc.)	3 (19%)

*NOTE: Active participants attend most Task Group calls and responded to most Task Group Straw Polls for the last 5 Compliance-based Reviews.

3 Overview of Results for CBR Follow-up Straw Poll

The CBR FSP included one code combination written-in by a Task Group Participant on the CBR Initial Straw Poll. The code combination proposes pairing newly added RARC N893 to the existing CORE-required CARC 163 in CORE-defined Business Scenario #1.

Table 2 shows support and anonymized comments received for the polled code combination in the March 2024 CBR FSP. The polled code combination received 100% support from the Task Group and is recommended by CORE staff and CCTG Co-chairs for **addition** to the *CORE Code Combinations*. Additional details about the code combination and support broken out by stakeholder type are shown in the Appendix of this document.

Table 2: Code Combination Write-in included on the March 2024 Follow-up Straw Poll Receiving >65% Support for ADDITION to the CORE Code Combinations
Proposed for **ADDITION** to the *CORE Code Combinations*. Breakdowns of responses by stakeholder types are in the APPENDIX.

Line	Support %	Business Scenario	CARC	RARC	CAGC	Comments For	Comments Against
1	100% Recommendation: ADD to CORE Code Combinations	1	163 <i>Attachment/other documentation referenced on the claim was not received.</i>	N893 <i>Missing/incomplete/invalid child medical evaluation form/checklist.</i>	CO or PI	<i>One organization noted that the code combination fits well into Business Scenarios #1.</i> <i>One organization noted that this code combination will be applicable to processing systems.</i>	N/A

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4 Next Steps

- Results were shared with CCTG Participants via email on Thursday, May 9, 2024. Given clear support for the addition of CARC 163 / RARC N893 to CORE-defined Business Scenario #1 CORE Staff and the CCTG Co-chairs have proposed to cancel the scheduled May 14, 2024 CCTG Meeting.
 - CCTG Participants can dissent to the addition of CARC 163 / RARC N893 to the *CORE Code Combinations*. If dissent is submitted by the close of business Monday, May 13, 2024, the CCTG call will be held as scheduled.
 - If a CCTG Participant does not submit dissent by COB May 13, 2024, the addition of CARC 163 / RARC N893 to the *CORE Code Combinations* will be approved and the scheduled CCTG call will be canceled.
- Approved adjustments to the *CORE Code Combinations* will be included in *CORE Code Combinations v3.8.2 June 2024*, which will be published by June 1, 2024.

5 Appendix

Table 3: Polled CBR Submissions (All were polled to be included in CORE Business Scenario #1: Additional Information Required-Missing/Invalid/Incomplete Documentation)

CARC #	CARC Description	RARC #	RARC Description	Type of Adjustment	% Support	# Abstentions	Key Comment Issues	Recommendation
CORE-defined Business Scenario 1								
163	Attachment/other documentation referenced on the claim was not received.	N893	Missing/incomplete/invalid child medical evaluation form/checklist.	Addition	100%	2	n/a	Add to <i>CORE Code Combinations</i> .

Table 4: Support for Code Combination Write-in Included on the March 2024 Follow-up Straw Poll by Stakeholder Type

Proposed Code Combination	% Support	% Health Plans	% Providers	% Other
CARC 163 / RARC N893	100%	100%	100%	100%