

**CAQH Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE)  
CORE Code Combinations Task Group Call Summary  
Tuesday, 04/01/2025, 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET**

**Co-Chairs: Lynn Franco, *UnitedHealth Group*, Heather Morgan, *Aetna*, Tyler Scheid, *AMA***

Time	Agenda Item	Discussion Item or Action Required
3:00	1. Antitrust Guidelines	<u>Discussion</u>
3:02	2. Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved minutes from December 17, 2024, CCTG meeting.</li> <li>Reviewed results of March CBR Initial Straw Poll and adjudicated recommendations to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not consider newly added CARC 307 and updated CARC 216 to the <i>CORE Code Combinations</i>.</li> <li>Add 6 code combinations that received high support for addition (&gt;65%) to <i>CORE Code Combinations</i>.</li> <li>Not add 1 code combination that received low support for addition (&lt;65%) to <i>CORE Code Combinations</i>.</li> <li>Consider 3 code combinations that received high support for addition (&gt;65%) but are suggested for re-polling on the Follow-up Straw Poll.</li> <li>Consider 2 write-in code combinations for the Follow-up Straw Poll.</li> <li>Add 6 error code combinations that received high support for addition (&gt;65%) to the <i>CORE Error Code Combinations</i>.</li> <li>Finalization of the Error Code Combination Evaluation Criteria.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Reviewed Next steps</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal: Publish <i>CORE Code Combinations v3.9.1 June 2025</i> by June 1, 2025, and consistently publish <i>CORE Error Code Combinations v1.0.1 June 2025</i> by June 1, 2025.</b></p>	<u>Discussion</u>
3:05	3. Recap Of Last Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary 12/17/2024 Task Group Call (Doc #2)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed results of MBR Initial Straw Poll and discuss recommendations to:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add 5 code combinations that received high support for addition (&gt;65%) for inclusion in <i>CORE Code Combinations</i>.</li> <li>Do not add code combination that received low support for addition (&lt;65%) for inclusion in <i>CORE Code Combinations</i>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<u>Action Required</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved 12/17/2024 Call Summary.</li> <li>Acknowledged the addition of 1 code combination to CORE-defined Business Scenario 2, and of 4 code combination to CORE-defined Business Scenario 3.</li> </ul>
3:10	4. March 2025 CBR ISP Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 2024 MBR Initial Straw Poll Results Overview (Doc #3)</li> <li><b>Section 1: <i>CORE Code Combinations (835)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Do NOT recommend the addition of 2 new CARCs.</b></li> <li><b>Recommended addition of 9 code combinations.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>CCTG discussion resulted in the recommendation to re-poll 3 code combinations that received high levels of support due to comments received on the Initial Straw Poll. These code combinations will be included on the Follow-up Straw Poll.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Do NOT recommend the addition of 1 code combination.</b></li> <li><b>Consider 2 code combinations on the follow-up straw poll.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Section 2: <i>CORE Error Code Combinations (277CA)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Recommend addition of 6 error code combinations</b></li> <li><b>Support finalization of drafted Error Coded Evaluation Criteria</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<u>Action Required</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed to <b>ADD 6</b> code combinations.</li> <li>Agreed to consider 2 write-in code combinations on the Follow-up Straw Poll.</li> <li>Agreed to re-poll 3 code combinations on the Follow-up Straw Poll.</li> <li>Agree to <b>ADD 6</b> error code combinations.</li> </ul>
3:40	5. Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CORE Code Combinations Task Group Call Schedule (See <a href="#">CCTG Timeline</a>)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next Call: Tuesday, 05/13/2025, 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 in support/not in support of code combinations to be included in the CBR Follow-up Straw Poll:</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<u>Action Required</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed to next steps.</li> <li>The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13, from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm ET.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Complete CBR Follow-up Straw Poll:</li> <li>• CORE Staff &amp; Co-Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Draft and Publish Rationale Submission Form and Follow-up Straw Poll.</li> <li>– Draft call summary and distribute to Task Group Participants.</li> <li>– Publish Error Code Combination Evaluation Criteria by June 1, 2025.</li> <li>– Publish <i>CORE Code Combinations v3.9.1 June 2025</i>, by June 1, 2025.</li> <li>– Publish <i>CORE Error Code Combinations v1.0.1 June 2025</i>, by June 1, 2025.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

Call Documents
Doc 1: Agenda CCTG 01.01.2025.pdf
Doc 2: Call Summary CCTG 12.17.2024.pdf
Doc 3: CBR ISP Results March 2025.pdf
Doc 4: CBR Impact Analysis March 2025.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](#)
- [CORE Claim Acknowledgment \(277CA\) Data Content Rule vHC.1.0](#)
  - [CORE-required Error Code Combinations for CORE-defined Claim Rejection Business Scenarios](#)
- All CORE Code Combinations Task Group documents are available 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](#)
- [Claim Status Category Code List and related FAQs](#)
- [Claim Status Code List and related FAQs](#)

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**CORE Code Combinations Task Group Roster**

CORE Participating Organization	First Name	Last Name
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