

HIM/CHA Advisory Group

Meeting Summary: September 16, 2011, 2:30 to 4 PM

Present:

Sue Malone, co-chair, Clinical Information Consulting
Linda Schwab, co-chair, Centura
Christopher Guleff, Presbyterian-St. Luke
Eric Ryland, Denver Health
Carol Stanton, Health Department
Jacquie Zegan, Centura

Via webinar:

Grace Atufunwa, IT Denver Health
Pat Chaloupka, Montrose Memorial Hospital
Joan Dearmin, Grand River Hospital
Nancy Dietz, Estes Park Medical
Carla Forrest
Jenny Gallegos
Kathleen Goedecke
Karen Hatch
Julie Hughes, Parkview Medical Center
Yolanda Keen
Wauleah Larson, St. Thomas More
Terri Owensby
Julie Rocheleau, Valley View Hospital
Pat Vebman

CHA Staff:

Jim Carr, Web Developer
Bob Finn, Director of Information Services
Trish Hamon-Lynch, Tech Support
Curtis Sandlin, Software Engineer

[1] **New Website.** The HIM/CHA Advisory Group has a new website on the CHIMA website. It is located at <http://www.cohima.org/information/information7.html>. Alternatively, you can go to <http://www.cohima.org> and then click on the link on the lower left-hand column titled "HIM/CHA Advisory Group." The website is intended to provide a mission statement, contact information, dates of meetings, summaries of past meetings and copies of handouts and presentations. This will help disseminate information throughout the state for anyone who wishes to access it.

[2] **Revised Patient Discharge Status Codes.** Sue Malone presented the newest revisions to patient discharge status codes. The "Colorado Reference Sheet for Patient Discharge Status Codes for Inpatient Discharges with an Effective Date of 7/1/11" was presented and is posted on the new website for anyone to download.

A Centura coder brought to our attention information from Trailblazer concerning the definition of the words "in custody." The question was posed as to whether we should be using these definitions for purposes of assigning patient discharge status code 21 (discharged to jail, etc.). Sue Malone and Linda Schwab researched this issue and produced the handout titled, "Information Concerning CMS's Definition of 'In Custody' and Its Relation to Patient Discharge Status Code 21." It was their recommendation that the Trailblazer list **not** be used for purposes of assigning patient discharge status 21. The results of the research and the reasoning behind the recommendation is included on the handout, which is posted on the website.

[3] **Revised Point of Origin Codes.** This was moved to the next meeting in November due to lack of adequate time to cover the materials today.