



Health Record and Payment Integration Program Advisory Committee

October 18, 2018

Meeting Summary

Key discussion items include:

- The meeting included a presentation by Bob Morrow of the Maryland Insurance Administration who provided an overview of Maryland prompt payment requirements under §15-1005 of the Insurance Article (presentation slides available [here](#)). The presentation highlighted entities subject to comply with the statute and general requirements, including the 30 days processing timeframe after receipt of an undisputed/clean claim. Representation from certain carriers commented how the majority of claims are processed considerably faster, noting that ~88 percent are adjudicated during the “first-pass” and the remaining require manual intervention.
- The Advisory Committee worked on Version 4 of the discussion items/grids, which included discussion about benefits, barriers/challenges, and solutions as it relates to revising prompt payment requirements. There was general consensus that no statutory change is needed to meet the original intent of the law.
- Deliberation of funding sources for a health record and payment integration program was considered highlighting challenges with understanding attributable costs and difficulty in demonstrating return on investment, particularly given significant investments made within the industry. Dr. Bruce Taylor commented that although the law aims to assess feasibility in establishing a free web-based portal for providers to create and maintain health records and submit claims to third party payors, the law still allows for charging reasonable transaction fees on a non-profit basis. Advisory Committee members commented about the opportunity cost of pursuing such a solution given existing investments made within the State to achieve widespread adoption of electronic health records as well ongoing efforts at the federal level.
- Discussion regarding integration of multiple vendors with the State-Designated Health Information Exchange put emphasis again on scope of use cases for pre or post-adjudicated claims and need to evaluate prioritization.
- *Action Items: MHCC plans to form a Draft Recommendations Subcommittee to collaborate virtually over the next month. The subcommittee will develop a preliminary list of informal draft recommendations for discussion by the Advisory Committee. The preliminary list will serve as a working draft to guide deliberations among the Advisory Committee at the next in-person meeting. If you would like to participate on this subcommittee, please email Justine Springer at justine.springer@maryland.gov.*
- *Upcoming meeting: The Advisory Committee will convene again at MHCC offices on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm EST. Meeting materials will be posted in advance on the Advisory Committee [web page](#).*