

Minutes
UDS Technical Support Group
Teleconference Call – Thursday, December 11, 2008

Members/Interested Parties Present:

Guaranty Funds

Beth Gonesh (AGFG - WC)
Darin Miller (OH/WV)
Debbie Price (MD)
Diane Baum (AGFG - WC)
Dimitar Kotsev (GFMS)
Dotty Zoller (TX)
Jim Harty (AGFG)
Jim Winskowicz (GFMS)
John Arment (MI)

June Edge (OH/WV)
Laura Keller (PA – WC)
Linda Baum (NJ – WC)
Mike Surguine (AZ)
Mike Royal (CA)
Mark Might (OH/WV) - Chair

Receivers

Jack McIntosh (Reliance)
Jenny Wilson (Legion)
Joe Vavra (Legion)
Mark Czarnecki (OSD)
Mitch Williams (FL)
Randy Smith (PA)
Rick Clayton (OH)
Rita Ann Lamb (Reliance)
Davis Tharayil (Home)
Richard Wygand (Home)

Consultants

Dale Stephenson (DFS Consulting)
James Dunson (JED Consulting)
Julie Snyder (JAS Consulting)
Rod Nun (ISU)
Steve Green (Lightspeed)
Tom Orser (Inservco)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mark Might at approximately 1:05 p.m.

Roll Call

The list of members who accepted the invitation to participate in the call was read by Mark Might and other participants were asked to identify themselves.

Approval of 06-16-2008 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of the UDS TSG (attachment to Agenda e-mail) were approved.

“E” , “F” and “G” Formats

Julie Snyder, UDS Consultant for the NCIGF, confirmed that these 3 formats have never been adopted by the NAIC in any fashion prior to this time. She reported that since these formats are present in the UDS Claims Manual, they were submitted for review by the NAIC Receivership Technology Working Group as “Informational Purposes Only” formats. We are still awaiting the results of their review as to whether these formats will need approval beyond the Working Group Level.

“I” Record Format

Debbie Price (MD) and Richard Wygand (Home) reported that a draft of the “I” Record (Image File Index) has been completed and sent on to the “I” Record Subcommittee for review. Several participants expressed the importance of getting this record format and documentation completed and submitted to the NAIC for approval.

UDS Training Project

Julie Snyder, Training Project Leader, stated that the “D” Record Training Program is complete and that we are in discussions with the NAIC and the NCIGF as to who will host the training webinars tentatively scheduled for January. A special thanks to the main contributors to that segment of the training program. They are: Jim Hamilton (Co-chair), Paul Radel, Kathy Lavin (GFMS), Darin Miller, Julie Snyder and Mark Might (Co-chair). Julie also reported that development of training materials for the A, B, C, E, F and G Record Formats will begin in early 2009. She stated that there are several vacancies in the Receivership Co-chair positions.

Medicare Secondary Payer Reporting Requirement

Discussion revolved around the complexities in determining who would be responsible for reporting to the CMS in various scenarios. Mark Might proposed that a Subcommittee be formed to review the MSP reporting requirements going on the assumption that Funds or Receivers will be responsible for reporting this information, depending upon the circumstances. This group will compare those reporting requirements to the current UDS information flow to see what changes would need to be made in UDS in order for it to serve as the MSP reporting vehicle. The following participants volunteered to serve on this Subcommittee:
Dale Stephenson, Davis Tharayil, Jim Hamilton, Jim Harty, Jim Winskowicz, John Arment, June Edge, Linda Baum and Steve Green.

Discussion/Approval of Proposed Additional FAQ’s for UDS Claims Manual

- a.) Replacement File Naming Convention – TABLED – Issue regarding the fact that many systems automatically increment the batch number and date (if applicable), which would prevent the utilization of a duplicate file name for the replacement file.)
- b.) Receiver Large Deductible Recoveries – APPROVED as presented (finally!)
- c.) Pre-liquidation Recoveries – TABLED – Needs additional supporting documentation and transaction descriptions for the 3 proposed transaction codes.
- d.) Escheated Funds (TABLED) – Insufficient time to consider.

Other Matters

Next meeting – Due to the time sensitive nature of some of the TSG open items, the next teleconference meeting is tentatively scheduled for the last week in January.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark A. Might
Chair