Meeting Information:		
Meeting Date & Time:	07/16/2024 10:00 am - 11:00 am (Central)	
Meeting Title:	Network Adequacy Data Maintenance Planning	
Called by:	Tonmoy Dasgupta, Regulatory Health Link Division	
Mode of meeting	Teams	
Attendees		
Attachments*	Presentation slides.	
(Agenda, Handouts,		
PPTs, etc.):		

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Agenda:

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Commissioner's message.
- 3) Arkansas DOI's position on the CCIIO standards.
- 4) PY2026 CCIIO T&D standards
- 5) what are they and how are they different.
- 6) Timelines on changes.
- 7) Change challenges.
- 8) Timeline for changes to Rule 106.

Important note:

The Provider-Type categories discussed in this July 16, 2024 meeting was reworked and will be superseded by discussions in the Aug 15, 2024 meeting. The initial "seed" template will reflect discussions of the Aug 15, 2024, meeting with enhancements to help issuers process the list.

Meeting Notes

- Meeting was convened by Tonmoy Dasgupta at 10:01 am with John Robinson being the main presenter. Meeting was adjourned around 11:03 am.
- Tonmoy Dasgupta explained that the NA regulatory program built in the year 2015 has come to the cross-roads of change.
 - He explained what AID position was with respect to the CCIIO directive to implement their Time and Distance (T&D) standards communicated through the PY2023 Letters to Issuers (LTI).
 - AID would continue with the PTNP data governance process. The two-stage process from the issuers' perspective would remain the same, but the Provider-Types would change and increase significantly.
- John Robinson presented the various challenges of change and the proposed solutions.
 - He explained AID and CMS-CCIIO had structural differences in their classification design. CMS-CCIIO has a two-level classification system as opposed to AID's single level. That has made clean mapping from AID to CMS specialties impossible for certain AID specialties.
 - He explained how the All Payers Claims Database (APCD) would be leveraged to help in the Data Governance process with AID participating alongside issuers in suggesting change.
 - Two AID specialties would be called over and added to the Federal collection: A) Substance Use
 Disorder Providers and B) Pharmacies.
- John Robinson summarized the proposals as:
 - o PTNP Categories will shift to CMS Specialties
 - o NA Evaluation Criteria will shift to CMS Requirement Categories
 - Process will remain the same with two changes

- Initial list for next round will contain number of issuers listing NPI and last claim date for reference
- O AID will participate in the add/remove round to recommend removal of NPIs with no recent claims
- Rule 106 would be amended but there were too many unanswered questions for a timeline.
- AID repeated multiple times in the meeting that issuer participation in this PTNP round was critical to
 determine unforeseeable problems because issuers were at less risk of a negative impact than the next
 round before PY2026 data submissions for certification review.

Q&A (Paraphrased. Exact verbiage in recording)

- Debbie Bishamber (AETNA): From a practical standpoint, are the issuers required to take the upcoming federal-specialty-NPI list from AID and bump against our provider directories?
 AID: Yes but consult with your data folks if the need is to bump it against the provider directory *and* the claims database.
- Debbie Bishamber (AETNA): Help me understand if the NPI list AID will be soon producing; is it a final list conforming to federal requirements with the corrections from the APCD incorporated?
 AID: The first list AID will be producing will be from all the NPIs & associated specialty(ies) reported by all issuers in past NA template submissions categorized into different federal specialties. This list will then need correction with suggestions from issuers including AID's suggestions for deletions of suspected stale NPIs with no recent year claims.
- Bryan Meldrum (Centene): Why did AID not make it's NA program identical to CMS-CCIIO's in terms of Specialties? What stood out was Substance Use Disorder Providers.
 AID: Substance use disorder is a major societal problem while pharmacies attract significant political attention. In any case these two specialties exist in the current PTNP hence these two specialties will have lighter review load.

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