Informational Resource Attachment regarding Opportunity to Provide Public Comment regarding Disability and Rehabilitation Services Issues in Health Information Technology and Electronic Health Records.

Deadline for Comment: January 18, 2005

Rehabilitation Services Claims Form Attachment available at: http://www.hl7.org/;*

- developed in response to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) (P.L. 191) requirements;
- should allow providers to send electronic attachments with electronic claims; and tested using Medicare population.

*Please see detailed instructions for access to this document at the end of this attachment.

Consolidated Health Informatics Disability Workgroup Standards Workgroup:
- Considered terminology options for disability content in patient medical record information (PMRI), including
  - Systemized Nomenclature of Medicine – Clinical Terms. (SNOMED CT ®). Hierarchically organized set of medical terms and phrases developed by College of American Pathologists.
  - World Health Organization International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health. (ICF®). Classification that provides unified and standard language and framework for the description of health and health-related states.
    ➢ http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en/;
  - Other sources in Unified Medical Language System Metathesauras (UMLS®). Comprehensive database with over 100 terminologies, leading vocabularies, classifications, and codes used in healthcare and biomedical research.

Selected recommendations of the Consolidated Health Informatics Disability Standards Workgroup included:
- Future study in disability content examine modification of underlying hierarchies of SNOMED CT to support disability terms, concepts, phrases;
- Disability and terminology communities should work together to enhance and further develop existing terminology of the disability domain to support needs of the federal government; and
- Work could be facilitated through complete content coverage analysis of SNOMED CT®, ICF® and other sources in UMLS® to identify gaps for federal disability content.
and full mapping SNOMED CT® and ICF®. The results of this analysis can be used to enhance existing terminologies and classifications, including SNOMED CT® and ICF®.


Additional resources regarding Health Information Technology in general:

- Consolidated Health Informatics (CHI)
  - Health care component of e-Gov program to streamline citizen-government transactions.

- National Health Information Infrastructure (NHII)
  - Calls for comprehensive, knowledge-based information system to provide health care information to all who need it.
  - http://aspe.hhs.gov/sp/nhii/

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  - http://www.hsrnet.net/nhii/materials.htm

- Professional association involvement.
  - National Alliance for Primary Care Informatics (NAPCI)
  - http://www.napci.org/participating.html

*Instructions to access Rehabilitation Service Attachment:
- Go to Health Level 7 website http://www.hl7.org
- On far right, click “Committees”
- Click “Special Interest Group”
- On far left, click attachments
- Scroll down to HL7 documents
- Click on “Additional Information Specification 0003: Rehabilitation Service Attachment”