

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. 104-191) requirements;
- should allow providers to send electronic attachments with electronic claims; and tested using Medicare population.
- Additional information available at: Attachments Special Interest Group (ASIG) at Health Level Seven (HL7): HIPAA and Claims Attachments, Preparing for Regulation. May, 2004.
http://www.hl7.org/library/committees/ca/HIPAA%20and%20Claims%20Attachments%20White%20Paper_Final_20030826.pdf

*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.
➤ <http://www.snomed.org/news/index.html>;
- 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 Metathesaurus (UMLS®). Comprehensive database with over 100 terminologies, leading vocabularies, classifications, and codes used in healthcare and biomedical research.
➤ <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls>.

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®.

- Full report of the Consolidated Health Informatics. Disability Workgroup. Standards Adoption Recommendation can be found at:
http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/egov/gtob/health_informatics.htm.

Additional resources regarding Health Information Technology in general:

- Consolidated Health Informatics (CHI)
 - Health care component of e-Gov program to streamline citizen-government transactions.
 - http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/egov/gtob/health_informatics.htm
- 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/>
- The Decade of Health Information Technology: Delivering Consumer-Centric and Information-rich Health Care. Framework for Strategic Action.
 - Calls for comprehensive, knowledge-based information system to provide health care information to all who need it.
 - <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”