

**Meeting Notes
WVA Hospital Billing Workgroup Meeting
February 12, 2024; 1:00-2:00 p.m. PT**

I. Attendance. This meeting was conducted solely by webinar. Participating in all or part of the meeting were the following individuals:

8 <u>Attendees</u>	24 Cinthya Schuder, Conifer Health
9 Jenny Wallace, Virginia Mason Franciscan	25 Melissa Soria, Conifer Health
10 Health	26 Kristina Bender, Conifer Health
11 Carrie Jenner, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health	27 Susan Armstrong, TRICARE
12 Tracy Metzler, Providence	28 Andrew Busz, WA Hospital Association
13 Cathy Falanga, Aetna	29 Nicole Freeto, WA DOH
14 Lisa Flynn, Seattle Childrens	30
15 Joshua Greenwood, Common Spirit Health / VMFH	31 <u>Staff</u>
16 Susan Downey, Seattle Childrens	32 Julia G. Zell, MA, Esq., WVA Executive Director
17 Tawnya Flyberg, Premera	33 Patrick Miller, MPH, WVA Administrative
18 Joel Hesgard, PeaceHealth	34 Director
19 Charmaine Mode, PeaceHealth	35 Cheri Cagle, WVA Stakeholder Liaison
20 Tamara McNiel, Common Spirit Health / VMFH	36 Ashley Ithal, MPH, WVA Program Support
21 Reggie Banks, Common Spirit Health / VMFH	37 Lisa White, JD, WVA Financial Support Specialist
22 Elzbieta Sawicki, Aetna	38 Jody McKechnie, WVA EDI Support
23 Jennifer Simonsen, Kaiser	39 Leslie Walker, CPA, Mason+Rich

II. Notes

Welcome and Introductions

At 1:03 p.m. Ms. Zell called the meeting to order and provided a notice of recording.

Background / Workgroup Purpose / Recap of 01/16/2024

Ms. Zell provided a brief overview of the prior meetings for new workgroup attendees. She stated that the workgroup was created to establish a process by which the Washington Vaccine Association (WVA) can assess for inpatient vaccines that are supplied via the Washington State's Childhood Vaccine Program (CVP). Ms. Zell stated that this workgroup will report progress to both the WVA Executive Committee and Board in February 2024. She provided a brief overview of the history of the WVA and described the dosage-based assessment (DBA) process.

Project Plan Summary

Mr. Miller reviewed the status of the current project schedule. Mr. Miller noted that the WVA will be launching previously discussed website updates to inform hospitals on the DBA process requirements. He stated that last month, the workgroup recommended to use the CMS-1500 for the DBA with appropriate place of service coding for hospitals providing state supplied vaccines. Based on that recommendation, the WVA drafted the proposed Inpatient Billing Guidance document (02.12.2024). He noted that since the January meeting, the WVA has updated the diagnosis codes language. Mr. Busz asked if payers could clarify the need for specific diagnoses codes. Mr. Banks clarified the process by which the diagnoses codes should be included, either as the primary or a secondary code. Ms. Falanga noted that if the nirsevimab immunotherapy for RSV is provided, it is not a vaccine and therefore, the proper coding would be the Z29 code versus the Z23 code should be included on the DBA. The Z23 would be used for vaccines. No additional comments or feedback was received from the workgroup. Mr. Miller stated that new language would be developed regarding the use of diagnosis codes.

Ms. Ithal shared the list of WA DOH Enrolled Facilities (02.12.2014) and provided an update on currently underway hospital outreach efforts.

Mr. Miller reviewed the updated issues list (02.06.2024) with the workgroup. He noted that no future meetings are scheduled but they will be, if needed. He also summarized the current legislative effort to modernize the definition of

71 “vaccine” in the WVA’s authorizing statute to be able to assess for newer forms of immunizations included in the
72 CVP.

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74 Ms. Zell thanked the workgroup for the time and noted that if additional thoughts or challenges arise to please send
75 those to the WVA (compliance@wavaccine.org).

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77 Next Steps / Meeting Frequency

78 Ms. Zell and Mr. Miller summarized the next steps:

- 79 • Meeting notes will be sent.
- 80 • Payer and provider assessments will be conducted.
- 81 • The issues list will be revised.
- 82 • The communications plan will be revised.
- 83 • The Inpatient Billing Guidance Draft document will be updated and finalized.
- 84 • The WVA website will be updated with the Inpatient Billing Guidance document.
- 85 • No additional workgroup meetings are currently scheduled.

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87 **III. Closing**

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89 The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m. PT.

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