

Welcome to the summer 2006 edition of the New Hampshire Comprehensive Health Care Information System Newsletter. You will be notified through e-mail each time the newsletter is posted to www.nhchis.org. In this edition we have primarily focused the articles on Medicare Part D requirements and carrier status.

NH CHIS CURRENT SYSTEM STATUS

Current NCDMS Status:

During the past calendar quarter NCDMS has been running in a production mode with around 33 carriers required to submit data.

Currently NCDMS has received production data files from all but one carrier required to submit data.

Since accepting files we have received over 1000 submitted or re-submitted data files covering the time period of Jan 2005 through May 2006. Remember, the May 2006 production paid data is due to us by June 30, 2006.

During the last quarter we have had no reported significant downtime or maintenance shutdown periods.

What's on Tap?

We continue to work with the data that you have submitted. Once reports have been produced using this data and approved by the NH DHHS they may be made available in some fashion on our User's Group home page.

NH CHIS CURRENT DATA STATUS

Current Data Status:

We have been collecting live data from the carriers since September 2005. There have been tremendous efforts made to submit quality data in a timely fashion. Currently 83% of all the carriers have submitted complete 2005 medical claims paid data. However, only 67% are current with their 2006 medical claims data.

Eligibility and pharmacy claims compliance for 2005 data is at 80% - 85% level. However, they are in the 70% - 75% range for 2006 data.

The New Hampshire Department of Insurance has been monitoring the compliance situation very closely. This spring the Department has taken compliance action on carriers that have had major amounts of data and files overdue at this point. The Department is continuing to monitor the status of files and will take action on any carriers that remain with compliance issues after June 30th. To view the latest status of your file submissions compared to the other carriers please visit the following link:

www.nhchis.org and click on the data status report link near the bottom of the page. This report is updated nightly.

GENERAL DATA RULE NOTES

Medicare Part D

To conform to changes that were recently enacted in the Maine's data collection rule the New Hampshire Department of Insurance has instructed us to inform all carriers selling a Medicare Part D product must send the Medicare Part D records as part of the normal data feeds. The product code will be reported as 'MD' for ME003 and PC003. This is consistent with the product code used in Maine. This change has been implemented and data must be sent to the MHIC immediately. If you have any questions please contact us at nhinfo@ncdms.org

Adjustments in Claims Data

The senior analyst at the MHIC continues to work on the roll up process for your medical claims files. We are responsible for applying the adjustments to provide a consolidated data set for researchers. Adjustments depend heavily upon the version number (MC005A) that indicates the most recent data for that claim line. Currently more than half of the carriers have their 2005 paid data in a "consolidated" state which represents over 75% of the claims volume. Difficulties occur when carriers do not use the version number to identify adjustments.

We are contacting a number of you to discuss what we are seeing in your data so that you can assist us in determining the best method to identify the active payment values for a claim line as of a given paid date. This is a tedious research process that will benefit all in the future use of the information for research purposes.

Users' Group Meeting

A Users' Group meeting was held in Concord, NH on June 27. The agenda for that meeting can be found on the Research Users' Group web page on <http://www.nhchis.org/rUsersGroup.html>. The presentations given at the meeting will be posted on the web site by the second week of July. If you are interested in receiving periodic updates related to the Users' Group, please contact us at users_news@nhchis.org.

DATA RELEASE RULE

NH Data Release Rule Approved

Earlier this year, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services adopted a rule for the public release of the claims data. A link to that rule can be found in He-W 950 found at <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/he-w900.html>

KEY EMAIL ADDRESSES

- nhinfo@ncdms.org for general questions
- WebAdmin@ncdms.org for questions or issues regarding the web site, including the data upload process and encryption software.
- nhdata@ncdms.org for questions or issues regarding a Data Submission or data file status. This includes questions about sending data via the web.

Thank you for your time and support for this project and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

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KEY DATES:

**ALL OVERDUE FILES ARE DUE NOW
UNLESS YOU HAVE AN APPROVED
EXTENSION**

06/30/2006 – May Paid Claims and Eligibility Due

07/31/2006 – June Paid Claims and Eligibility Due