

Minutes of the
DESY Customer Meeting
Held at CMS, October 26, 2004

Attendees: Phone/Video: None

CMS: Jack Fletcher, Barbara Roth, Walt Dunick, Brian Baranoski, Rosemary Thommen, Roseanne Dean, Patte Roschitz, Russell Jay Hendel, and Lia Prela

VIPS: Don Flohr, Loreta Schickner

Opening Statement

Jack Fletcher ran the meeting and provided the following highlights:

Operations

- o Processing in general has been very good.
- o All small SAF file requests are completing within a week, as are Denominator, MEDPAR, and Name & Address/Vital STATS requests.
- o Larger SAF files still take longer (100% Outpatient, 5% Part B, and DME-POS).
- o Almost all requests are completing in less than 6 weeks.
- o HICAN finder file processing against NMUD is affected by the NMUD LOAD process, which occurs monthly, sometimes encompassing a few weeks and can delay these requests.
- o User Validation for Release 5.1 started last week and is going to encompass the next 3 weeks.
- o DESY v5.1 Release Date is set for November 15, 2004.
- o Highlights of v5.1 release
 - o Benefits for outside community - LDS format of Denominator and MEDPAR files
 - o Management of requests submitted to DESY - Introduction of a new Approval Process which will be initially applied to NCH Non-HICAN requests.
 - o Improved processing of HICAN only requests for older years of NCH data
- o Barbara Roth announced that she is aware of an issue with the DESY/DSAF hotline and is working with the Service Desk to correct the problem.

Questions

Q: What data is affected by the NMUD LOADS?

A: NCH/NMUD data has a 48-month window for receiving claims, thus, LOADS do not affect years more than 4 years past, currently, and that applies to 1998 through 2000.

Q: How many requests are currently in the system?

A: Approximately 400 requests are currently in process.

Q: What does the NCH weekly proc date mean?

A: CWF loads data into NCH on a daily basis. This daily processing is batched into weeks, which are then bundled and loaded monthly.