
NUBC: Overview and Recent Issues

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- Established in 1975
 - Joint effort of AHA and HFMA
- Do you remember the UB-82?
 - First national uniform bill
 - 13 form designs were previously developed and discarded
 - Another version (14th) was tested in Georgia and later Wyoming
 - CMS (HCFA) agreed to five-state pilot test of the UB-16
 - Compared with UBF-1 in New York
 - Final UB-82 adopted in May 1982
 - Established eight-year moratorium on changes to the structure of the uniform bill (UB)

NUBC: Data Specifications



- Need to balance the need for information with the burden of providing it
- Focus on administrative simplification (HIPAA)
- Goal is to eliminate the need for attachments
- Data specifications manual applies to multiple payers
 - Medicare
 - Medicaid
 - Tricare
 - Blue Cross and other commercial insurance claims

NUBC: New Formats Developed



- UB-82 followed by UB-92
- Today's version is the UB-04
 - While vast majority of claims are submitted electronically, UB-04 design format is the institutional claim standard
 - Electronic format developed around the standard
- Claim no longer just a billing tool
 - Now used to identify public health needs

- Providers
 - Chair and secretary from AHA
 - Three state hospital associations – either association staff or member hospital representative
 - American Health Care Association
 - Two representatives from Federation of American Hospitals
 - One representing hospitals, the other long-term care providers
 - National Association for Homecare and Hospice

NUBC: Voting Members



- Payers
 - Alliance for Managed Care
 - America's Health Insurance Plans
 - Blue Cross Blue Shield Association
 - Defense Health Agency
 - CMS – Medicare
 - CMS – Medicaid
 - National Association of State Medicaid Directors
 - Commercial health plan representative

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- Others
 - National Center for Health Statistics
 - National Association of Health Data Organizations
 - Healthcare Financial Management Association
 - Health Information Technology vendor
 - ANSI ASC X1 Insurance Subcommittee
 - National Uniform Claim Committee

- Two meetings annually, noticed and open to the public
 - Held in conjunction with NUCC
- Change requests must be submitted in writing in format developed by NUBC
 - Must include:
 - Field location or data element impacted
 - Why the change is needed
 - Implication of the change in terms of cost and/or legislative compliance
 - Demonstration that this is a national issue
 - Why existing codes are insufficient

- Cellular Therapy – CAR-T Billing Methodology
- Appropriate Use Criteria
- Site of Service Address Matching
- Expansion of Number of Authorization Numbers
- Definition of Implant
- Revenue Code 017x – Nursery Levels

NUBC: Meetings for 2020



- April 7-8, 2020
 - Baltimore
- August 11-12, 2020
 - Chicago
- Importance of state association participation
- Subscription to national manual

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