



The National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics

The Public Advisory Body to the Secretary of Health and Human Services



Review Committee Report

NCVHS Meeting – June, 2016

Review Committee Report - OUTLINE

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Review Committee

Section 1104(i) of the Affordable Care Act stipulates that the Secretary establish a Review Committee to:

- 1) Conduct hearings not less than biennially to evaluate and review the adopted standards and operating rules.
- 2) Provide recommendations not less than biennially for updating and improving such standards and operating rules.
- 3) Recommend a single set of operating rules per transaction standard and maintain the goal of creating as much uniformity as possible in the implementation of the electronic standards.
- 4) Ensure coordination, as appropriate in developing recommendations, with the standards that support the certified electronic health record technology approved by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.



Review Committee Report - PURPOSE

Consistent with the ACA Statute, the Review Committee subsequent to each hearing will provide recommendations to the HHS Secretary on the need to update specific standards, code sets, identifiers or operating rules for specific transactions. The Review Committee will prepare a Letter of Recommendations to the HHS Secretary, to be presented to the full NCVHS for action/approval at a subsequent NCVHS meeting.

- The findings, themes, observations and recommendations included in the Letter to the HHS Secretary will incorporate findings from the written and oral testimony received by the Review Committee for the hearing, as well as any input received from subject matter experts or time-limited, purpose-focused task forces engaged/created by the Review Committee.
- The Review Committee will also ensure that any changes in standards or operating rules recommended to the HHS Secretary will be coordinated with the standard adopted by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology for certified electronic health record systems.
- Subsequent to the full NCVHS decision, the Letter of Recommendations will be sent to the HHS Secretary.



Review Committee Report – Table of Contents

Executive Summary

Background -

- Administrative Simplification legislation

- Review Committee legislation, structure & purpose

Review Committee Hearing –

- intent, structure, objectives, questions, panelists

Evaluation Criteria

General Findings & Recommendations

HIPAA Transaction Specific Findings & Recommendations

Appendix –

- testifiers, written testimony contributors, public contributors

Review Committee Report - HIGHLIGHTS

General Findings:

- Significant step towards administrative efficiencies
- Inconsistent & variation in implementation
- Evolving technology & health care delivery system

Recommendations (February 29, 2016 HHS letter)

- Non-covered entities
- Broaden education
- Ensure consistency
- Enforce compliance
- Adopt acknowledgment transaction
- Provide predictability in adoption
- Ensure responsiveness to evolving changes in health care

Review Committee Report - HIGHLIGHTS

HIPAA transactions:

- Health Plan enrollment, disenrollment & premium payment
- Health Plan eligibility, benefits inquiry & response
- Prior authorization
- Health care claim or equivalent encounter information
- Coordination of benefits
- Health care claims status
- EFT/ERA

Review Committee Report – NEXT STEPS

- Finalize draft report – June 2016
- Standard Subcommittee Review – July 2016
- Executive Committee Review – August 2016
- Full Committee Review – September 2016