The Twenty-Fourth National HIPAA Summit
Welcome and Introductions

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- Business process consultant focusing on electronic health records, and electronic transactions between organizations
- Consultant to CAQH CORE Project
- HIPAA Expert Witness
- Active leader in the Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI)
- Speaker and author (two books on HIPAA Security and one on electronic health records)
- Recipient of Vision and Leadership Award as WEDI Chairman, WEDI Corporate Leadership Award, and WEDI Distinguished Service Awards
- Consultant to three successful EHNAC applicants
- Former positions with MGMA, University of Denver, Dartmouth College

Strategies for workflow, productivity, quality and patient satisfaction improvement through health care information

-- **Strategic IT business process planning**
-- **ROI/Benefits realization**
-- **Operating Rules**
-- **Project management and oversight**
-- **Workflow redesign**
-- **Education and training**
-- **Vendor selection and enhanced use of vendor products**
-- **Facilitate collaborations among organizations to share/exchange health care information**
-- **EHR, HIE and ACO training and facilitation**
-- **Medical Banking**
-- **EHNAC Support**

The First National HIPAA Summit

- October 15-17, 2000, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC
- The first HIPAA Summit
- Final rules
  - Transactions and code set standards, August 17, 2000
  - Privacy rule
    - Proposed rule November 3,1999
    - Final rule December 28, 2000 (after the HIPAA Summit)

Current HIPAA, ARRA, and ACA "IT" Initiatives

- 1. Implement and utilize the HPID and OEID by ? (November 5, 2014, effective November 5, 2015; actual dates to be determined,)
  - Small health plans have until November 5, 2015 for HPID

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- 2. Health Plans prepare for and file ACA health plan certification for eligibility, claim status, ERA and EFT operating rules and standards. NPRM published on January 2, 2014. Health plan Certification proposed filing deadline was December 31, 2015. (HIPAA fines and penalties already apply as of January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014).

- 3. Implement and utilize CAQH CORE third set of operating rules, final rule with comment is expected to be published in 2016 or 2017, or maybe not.

The Clock is Ticking

- Health plans must Certify for the first four operating rules and standards by December 31, 2015 (actual date uncertain).
  - NPRM published on January 2, 2014. Final rule expected in 2016, or later.
  - This could be a lot of work for health plans who do not currently support some of the four standard transactions and operating rules.
  - It may be difficult to find 25 testing partners for HIPAA Certification.
  - Self insured health plans are included.

Challenges

- The US health care industry (medical) is still burdened with legacy systems, a flat file approach to standard transactions, and a goal of minimizing investment cost rather than trying to maximize savings, but this is changing due to cost savings, new business needs (VBP) and product availability.

- The concept of operating rules that will improve efficiency and interoperability is not well understood by many who are familiar with the "culture" of the HIPAA SDO standards and associated processes to develop them.

Challenges

- Developing effective operating rules and information flows takes time, requires leadership and thinking "outside the box", research to determine the underlying causes of the inefficiencies and barriers to change, and a willingness to investigate feasible options to overcome the barriers and achieve interoperability and efficiency gains <u>throughout</u> the Health Care industry. The participants have to be open to disclosing the barriers and accepting reasonable compromises to achieve the overall goal.

Today's Speakers

- Denesecia Green, Acting Director, Administrative Simplification Group, Office of E-Health Standards and Services, CMS, "Advancing Administrative Simplification"

- Gwendolyn Lohse, Deputy Director, CAQH, "ACA Operating Rules and CAQH Update"

- Robert Tennant, Senior Policy Advisor, Medical Group Management Association, "HIPAA Administrative Simplification Opportunities for Physician Practices"

- Angelo Pardo III, Health Insurance IT Specialist, CMS, "Administrative Simplification Enforcement and Testing Tool"

- Gladys Wheeler, Health Insurance Specialist, CMS, "Administrative Simplification Enforcement and Testing Tool"

- Steven S. Lazarus, President, Boundary Information Group, Moderator

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