

SEER*DMS Change Control Board (CCB) Users Group
Teleconference Summary
July 14, 2016
2:30-3:00 p.m. EDT

Representatives from National Cancer Institute (NCI), Information Management Services, Inc. (IMS), the Scientific Consulting Group, Inc. (SCG), and 12 SEER registries participated in the SEER*DMS CCB Users Group call on July 14, 2016. Participants included:

Registries:

Alaska
Connecticut
Detroit
Georgia
Hawaii
Iowa
Louisiana
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
Seattle
Utah

NCI: Lois Dickie

IMS: Linda Coyle, Nicki Schussler

SCG: Mary Beth Saffo, rapporteur

Action Items

- Registries should look for SEER edits that have been turned off as a result of SEER*DMS 17 edits.
- Linda agreed to investigate data profile discrepancies between the stand-alone SEER*Edits package and the SEER*DMS dashboard.
- Nicki asked that registries using ICD-10-CM file types report any problems to IMS.
- Linda requested registry volunteers to test a new system for collecting actual PSA values. Details about this system will be made available in a Squish issue.
- Bert agreed to distribute call-in information and an agenda for the MU2 Work Group. He also placed this information in the relevant Squish issue.
- User Group members should send requests to Linda for discussion topics for the August, September, and October calls.

1. Preparing for the 2016 submission: NAACCR 16 edits in SEER*DMS and other software

- The SEER extract needs to be updated for submission. The updated version will be included in the next release. Once they have the updated version of the extract, registries should run test extracts to identify any problems well in advance of the November data submission.
- As edits to SEER*DMS v17 have been released, some edits have been turned off in many registries. Over the next month, registries need to look for edits that need to be turned back on. These are likely to be edits that look for discrepancies in demographic fields and similar issues. If users run their extracts through the SEER stand-alone software and notice gaps, these gaps indicate either that something is not being extracted correctly or that the edit has been turned off in SEER*DMS. Running the extract and putting it through SEER*Edits (SEER Registries) or GenEDITS (other registries) and using the metafiles required for submission should reveal edits that need to be turned back on.
- IMS has set the county NCS geocode fields to the same value as the county NCS for old cases for all registries.

Discussion

- IMS hopes to release the SEER*DMS update with the new extracts by July 22.

- Participants agreed that the edits did not significantly affect older (2015 and earlier) data.

2. New feature: File transfer module

The next update will include a new file transfer module for users to upload/download files to/from IMS. IMS has been using the SEER*DMS portal for transferring sample files to and from individual registries when trying to resolve technical problems. To reduce portal use, and to keep registry files as consolidated as possible, IMS is now moving to a system where everything is taken care of on the registry's own "data island." From now on, registries should use the file transfer module, rather than portal accounts, to transfer files for technical support.

Discussion

- A SEER*DMS login is required to access the file transfer modules.
- The portal still will be used for submissions.
- The data islands are discreet entities so that one registry cannot access another's database.
- At this point, the data islands are not available for file transfers to limited-access entities within a registry.

3. Using ICD-10-CM codes (ICD 10th revision/clinical modification)

Some registries use ICD-10-CM codes. These registries should distinguish between ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes and ICD-10 cause of death codes. Those registries having problems with ICD-10-CM codes should report their issues to IMS.

4. Collecting PSA values

Linda is developing a process to collect actual PSA values and plans to send a proposal to registries for their review. The process will add a field to the record and to the CTC that would have the PSA value. The goal is to auto code the value by converting Site-Specific Factor 1 and obtaining the value from text where possible. Some records will require manual review but IMS is trying to devise a system that will allow registries to conduct that review when they are looking at the CTC and consolidating the data, rather than when each dataset is received.

Linda will create a Squish issue with more information about this proposed process. She is seeking a few registries to test the proposed system. The new field would be available in both SEER*DMS and SEER*Abs.

Discussion

One participant encouraged the inclusion of date information with PSA values, since PSA is tested multiple times for many patients and some are followed for years. Linda indicated that the current goal is to report the actual value reported in Site-Specific Factor 1 to confirm that the value in the record matches the numeric value in the text. It would be up to a CTR to decide what value is appropriate to code when there are multiple values.

5. Announcements

- An MU2 Work Group meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. CDT. Bert will send the agenda and call-in information. He also will put the information in the relevant Squish issue.
- The next CCB Users Group meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2016.