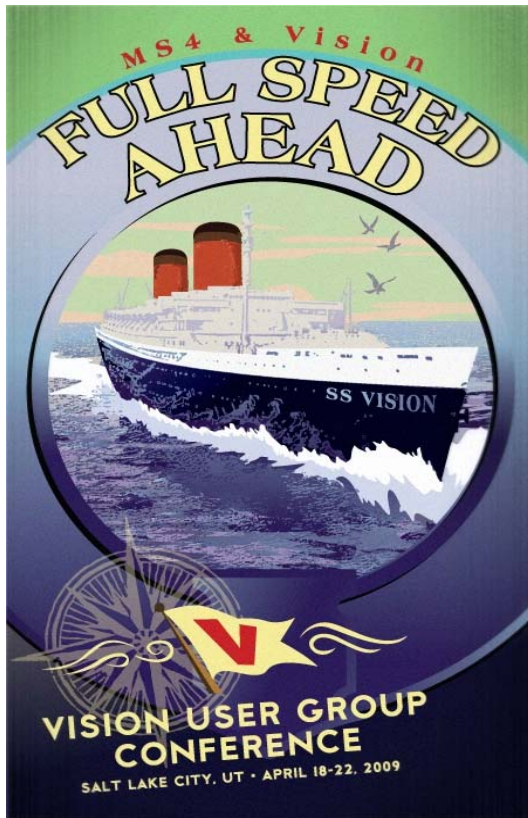


VISION USER GROUP



The theme for Vision 2009 was announced at the September 22nd 2008 Fall Focus Group Meeting!

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Dear Vision User Group:

Are your bags packed? We're going on a cruise! This year's theme highlights the majestic ocean liner "SS VISION." Welcome aboard as we set sail for another fantastic conference. Please mark your calendars for April 20, 2009 and get ready for the trip of a lifetime!

The tagline this year is "*MS4 & Vision – Full Speed Ahead*," which emphasizes the partnership of the MedSeries4 software and the Vision User Group traveling together in style. Together we promise to deliver a conference that is dedicated to helping you get the most from your investment in the MS4 products. Your Vision magnets have been mailed; we hope you enjoy them.

The "virtual track" for new attendees will be offered again this year. This track gives our new MS4 facilities an opportunity to attend a series of non-conflicting education sessions with subject material aimed at new users. We will also provide an open slot on Tuesday morning to allow all attendees dedicated time to visit with our Vision exhibitors. Our exhibitors offer a wide range of products that complement the MedSeries4 product; you won't want to miss this opportunity to see what they have to offer.

Our venue, the Sheraton City Centre hotel, is being completely remodeled. As of November, all rooms in the tower have been completely remodeled. Over the holidays the public areas will be remodeled with the remainder of the hotel to follow. The entire project is expected to be completed prior to the conference. We can't wait to see the new look, and hope to have pictures available soon.

The registration site and booklet will be available in early January. Watch our website www.ms4vision.com for further information and links to the online registration.

As your captain, I encourage you to come celebrate the Vision 2009 20th anniversary cruise. Pack your suitcases and climb aboard for an exciting venture as we, MS4 & Vision Users, travel *Full Speed Ahead!*

Sincerely,



Karen Bowling
President, Vision User Group



Just a short message from your newsletter editor:

It won't be long before registration will start for Vision 2009 Conference. Please feel free to call me or send me an email if you have any questions about the Conference and its benefits to all users.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks,

John

**John Gahagan
Vision Board Newsletter Editor
East Texas Medical Center**

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MIRA Focus Group

VISION 2009 -- ALL ABOARD! -- Plans are in full swing! Session and workshop presentations are being created. Please plan to attend; learn; have some fun; and network with other MS4 users.

SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ✓ New MIRA releases and a Focus Group update
- ✓ CPT4 coding strategies for HIM
- ✓ How to utilize ASM to beef up your Revenue Cycle Management process
- ✓ Utilize Clinical Suite in the record review process
- ✓ Using your Legal Health Record in a hybrid environment
- ✓ MIRA for new attendees and/or new clients
- ✓ Government update (a combined session with CM/RE)
- ✓ Things that impact the DRG
- ✓ Play a game with us and get some MIRA tips & tricks (it's a surprise but it will be a learning experience)

Available NOW - 28.20:

- ✓ Added the Coder field to the Abstract Status Report, and allowed a sort by coder.
- ✓ Updated the MPI search for date of birth entry, MR# format search, added a REF# view, and a UC History function.
- ✓ Added auditing for additional MIRA functions.
- ✓ Updated lookups in MIRA to display the CPT4 code effective dates.
- ✓ New functionality for linking CPT4 codes with up to four diagnosis codes to facilitate 1500 billing.
- ✓ Added a physician selection to the MIRA Frequency Reports and Index Reports.
- ✓ Expanded the diagnosis selection to 50 on the Diagnosis Index Report.

What to look forward to - SUMMER BUNDLE 2009:**New Reports:**

- ◇ Comparison Report – Admit Source/Discharge Disposition
- ◇ Abstract Incomplete Reason Report
- ◇ Chart Analysis Statistical Report
- ◇ Comparison Report – Diagnosis/Procedure
- ◇ DRG Frequency – added National LOS

- ◇ Incomplete Charts by Physician – added fax # and vacation dates
- ◇ New Master File listings for Deficiency Master, Group Deficiency Master, Major Location and Minor Location Masters
- ◇ Coding Completion will now track changes to DC Disposition, DRG calculation, and marking abstracts for deletion.
- ◇ DRG calculation will be automatic if not done before trying to “C/C” and account.
- ◇ CPT Linking Enhancements – added performing physician, modifiers and revenue code to the link screen.
- ◇ Providing an option to auto-set the MR# verified flag when the MR# is assigned.
- ◇ Encounter Maintenance – added ABN flag to the screen (if Premier’s Medical Necessity is used).

MEMBERSHIP:

The MIRA Focus Group continues to look for new members. Membership involvement consists of a monthly conference call and attendance at the Fall Meeting and Vision Conference each year. Members also have first-hand knowledge of the upcoming fixes and enhancements for the MS4 MIRA and Privacy Administration applications, and have the opportunity to voice specific needs of your hospital, as well as the HIM industry, that will help MS4 continue to develop the MIRA product. And you will have a great network of friends!

We just welcomed one new member - Rebecca Farrell from Platte Valley Medical Center in Brighton, CO (near Denver).

If you are interested in joining, please contact Gaylene Gladden at gaylene.gladden@siemens.com.

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Patient Care Focus Group

Client Co-Chair: Kim Atkins
Siemens Co-Chair: Liz Hansen

The Patient Care Focus Group enjoyed getting together in September in Salt Lake City for the Fall Focus Group meetings. We spent lots of time reviewing the session/workshop evaluations from the 2008 Vision conference and planning the sessions for the 2009 conference. The group will be ready to set sail and join the other conference attendees in learning about the latest software updates and how other facilities are using the MS4 software to its fullest potential.

We spent one day during the fall meeting with several members of the development team and beta site representatives. This time was spent looking at future enhancement requests, offering suggestions and learning about the latest features available with the next release this fall. The development staff is always so eager to listen to our suggestions and consider our needs with future project planning. The release of Clinical Suite Increment III (Plans of Care) brings lots of exciting changes to the Clinical Suite product. Look for sessions detailing how to use all of the new functionality in Clinical Suite during Vision 2009.

The Patient Care Group will also have a poster presentation at the Conference. This will be the third year that the group has decided to share our ideas with other users. The intent of the poster presentation is to share ideas that each facility has created to use the clinical applications in unique or creative ways. We welcome other facilities that may not participate in the user group to share their ideas via a poster presentation with other attendees. Please contact Kim Atkins katkins@frhs.org or Liz Hansen from Siemens at elizabeth.hansen@siemens.com for more information.

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Financial Services Focus Group

In September the Financial Services Focus Group met and conducted their annual fall planning meeting. The group spent time planning and coordinating information about sessions and workshops for the 2009 Vision User Conference. We had a good turnout to this year's fall meeting and great things have been planned. We will focus heavily on the areas of General Ledger, Accounts Payable, and Materials Management.

During our fall meeting we provided the group a General Financial Systems Update. We reviewed the 28.20 release with updates to the Accounts Payable, Materials Management, and Fixed Assets applications. We also discussed HDX updates. We also reviewed items scheduled for the 2009 bundle release.

- Multi-entity Direct Deposit
- Employee Notes in HR
- EDI upgrade
- EDX Task Force work on SPECs
- Maintenance work on PP, GL, AP, MM, BG, MC

The Financial Services Focus Group recently lost some members of our group so are seeking additional members. We are looking for people with the general financials application knowledge (GL, MA, AP, PP/HR, FA, and Budgeting). Joining the FSFG is a wonderful opportunity to become informed of the latest MS4 development activities, network with other customers using MS4 applications, and having a forum to address any issues or assistance you may need. We ask for a minimum of a two year commitment from you and your organization, which includes attendance at our fall planning meeting and the Vision User Conference (April and September each year), and participation in our quarterly conference calls. For more detail please contact our FSFG Recruiter, Gordon Miller.

For session/workshop ideas, membership information, or any other questions, please call or email:

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Patient Financial Focus Group

Client Co-Chair – Lea Hammons
Siemens Co-Chair – Diane Hummel

The Patient Financial Focus Group (PFFG) conducts monthly conference calls to receive Board updates, review new clients, discuss release updates and outstanding system issues, and plan for the next year's Vision sessions. Our goal is to be an active participant with MS4 to assist in upcoming enhancements, pending fixes, and to ensure that each Vision Conference offers informative sessions for each attendee. We know that the implementation changes for 5010 will require much of the MS4 Development resources, but we hope to influence a few other enhancements such as Denial Management, additional fields for Medicare Bad Debt requirements, and a log for Bad Debt collector changes.

The 28.20 Release (now generally available) introduces the new 837I and 837P Editors. These new editors provide billing departments a way to view and edit claim data formatted to match the 837 concepts of loops and segments instead of field locators as seen in the U4 and H4 editor claims. Usage of the new editor is optional. Be aware that the implementations of these editors require substantial file maintenance and testing.

The Employer Number field in demographics has been moved to accommodate a larger number of employers than was previously allowed. A major upgrade for MS4 HDX Benefit Eligibility is also included in this release. Linking for CPT4 codes for 1500 billing and effective dates for CPT4 codes as well as further enhancements for NDC codes in the Pharmacy files are just a few of the changes in the 28.20 Release. For further details, refer to the 28.20 release document.

The 28.20 Release prompted a number of the 2009 Vision sessions and workshops. Along with the Beginner level sessions for AR/ADT/EDITOR/ACTS, we have new sessions on the 837I and 837P editors presented by the beta hospital, Kennedy Krieger Institute with Lisa Badie. Sessions on CPTs, Pre-Bill Edits, Datamailers, Claim History, Reports, Census, Charity, and two sessions on the Account Life Cycle round out this year's itinerary. So welcome aboard and happy sailing!

We are happy to welcome our newest member – Cherie Durazo from Valley Health System. We now have 16 representatives from various hospitals all over America. Our group strives to have a balance between AR/ADT, managers, IT staff or other system analysts. You will get to meet all our members at the first Vision session on Monday. So come to Vision 2009. Meet the ship's crew and hear about upcoming MS4 releases.

The PFFG is always interested in adding new members to our group. If you would like more information or an application, please contact Lea Hammons at lea.hammons@glmc.net or by calling 662-227-7625.

Submitted by Lea Hammons

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Case Mix/Re Focus Group

The MS4 Vision Case Mix / Reimbursement Focus Group is a small group of business professionals from various health care organizations who utilize MS4 software and are committed to providing effective solutions to case mix, and reimbursement issues every day. Our group makes a conference call once a month to stay current on new product releases, specification improvements, and prepare for the annual Vision MS4 Conference held in Salt Lake City. Twice a year we meet in person.

Each member of the group has a unique setup of MS4 at respective sites. Currently, our members reside in California, Colorado, Wyoming, Pennsylvania, Utah, Maine and Alaska. Besides having a network of colleagues within the Case Mix and Reimbursement experience, each Case Mix Reimbursement Focus Group member works closely with experts in other applications using MS4 such as Patient Financial Services, Medical Information Systems, Accounts Receivables, and Information Technology.

Case Mix and Reimbursement Focus Group Members enjoyed meeting in Salt Lake as they welcomed Bennett Fritts (Ukiah Medical Center) and Lydia Thompson (Platte Valley Medical Center) to the group. We developed conference topics for presentation at the MS4 Vision 2009 Conference.

Our Focus Group Members include:

- Ron Wenzel – Adventist Health, Los Angeles, California
- Bennett Fritts – Ukiah Medical Center – Adventist Health, Mendocino, California
- Lydia Thompson – Platte Valley Medical Center, Colorado
- Kathy Barry – Saint Joseph’s Medical Center – Bangor, Maine
- Bruce Johnson – Alaska Native Medical Center, Anchorage, Alaska - Focus Group Client Co-Chairperson
- Sherri Ward – Board Member sponsor from Cheyenne, Wyoming
- Lynnette Moore – Siemens MS4 – MS4 Focus Group Co-Chairperson
- Robin Miller – Siemens MS4 – Customer Services representative
- Kristine Pitts – Siemens MS4 – Solution Owner

Please stay tuned for the release of the MS4 Vision 2009 Conference brochure. You will find plenty of excellent course offerings and the best opportunities to learn from other users. Should you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance, email bwjohnson@anmc.org.



Left to right front row – Sherri Ward, Kristine Pitts, Lynnette Moore,
Left to right back row – Bruce Johnson, Bennett Fritts, Lydia Thompson, Kathy
Barry, Ron Wenzel
(Not pictured – Robin Miller)

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Technical Focus Group

Due to change in focus group membership, the technical group will a have updated newsletter on the next issue.

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