

Charge Module

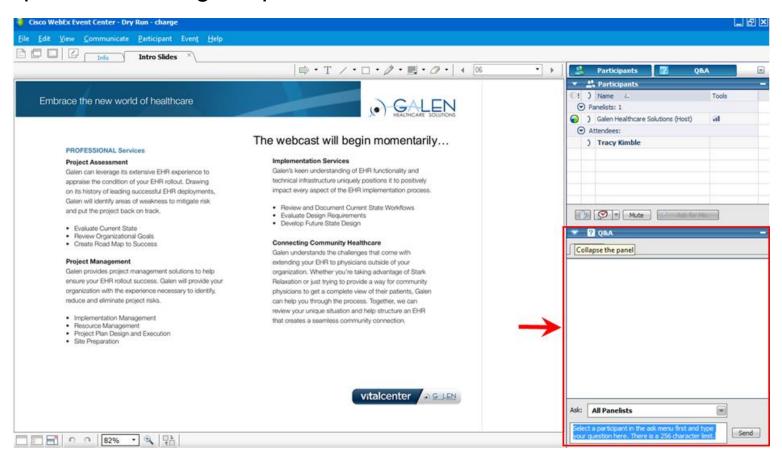
Design, Implementation, and Troubleshooting

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Objectives

- Why implement charge?
- Organization considerations
- How is this supposed to work?
- Getting started system configuration
 - Creating group builds
 - Charge-related dictionaries
 - Charge admin options
 - Preferences
 - TWUser Admin settings



Why Implement Charge?

- Utilization for meaningful use reporting
- Increased Revenue & Accelerated Cash Flow
 - Fewer lost charges, reworks, and billing mistakes
 - Faster submission = faster reimbursement
- Improved Efficiency
 - Dual entry is eliminated
 - Reminder tasks auto-generated for providers
 - Easy, immediate updates to encounter forms
 - Enhanced personalization options
- Personalization of "Super Bill" via Favorites



Organization Issues

- Change makes end-users uneasy & this is a BIG change
- Involving money & affects many people in the organ– administrators, providers, & business office
- Not going to fix a bad process but will bring poor workflow to light – opportunity to examine & redesign
- Need for testing & planning can NOT be over-stated
- Involve end-users from across the organization
- Work closely with clinical staff to identify task teams & responsibilities early in the design process
- Periodic review & process modification needed



Organization Implementation Decisions

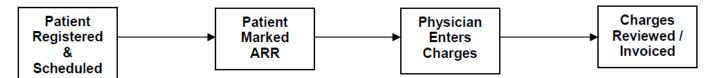
- Is your organization going to:
 - Bring up charge after implementation of other AEEHR modules?
 - Or, at the time of deployment?
- Implementation strategy: Are you going to utilize a "site by site" approach or will you roll out by "specialty"?
 - Specialties use the same sets of codes
 - Sites may share support personnel across specialties



How Does the Charge Module Work?

- Appt made in the PMS resides on provider schedule in pending status until the date of service
- Appt is arrived in the PMS and message flows through interface
 - Causes appt to show as arrived on the provider's schedule
 - Creates Submit Enc Form task for the scheduled provider

Ambulatory Workflow





From the Note

- Provider creates note and completes visit as appropriate
- Assessed problems flow to Encounter Form
- Procedures, medications & immunizations that are set up to will flow to EF
- If organization utilizes E&M coder, the Office Visit charge can flow to the EF if set up is completed



From the Encounter Form

- Verify all info listed is correct modify, delete, and amend as necessary
- "Submit" charges to resolve the "Submit Enc Form" task
 - If end-user submitting is on direct submit, the EF will flow through interface to PM
 - If end-user is not on direct submit, subsequent task is created for review by coding/billing users
- Coder reviews EF via task views & submits when satisfied requirements have been met for billing
- Locking of the EF is not based on billing provider, but on the preference of the end-user in conjunction with system settings



Getting Started

- Meet with coding department
 - Look at current Super Bills
 - Run reports from PMS to get accurate numbers
- Additional clinical input needed
- Understand both clinical and business workflow
 - Why are they doing what they do? Can workflows be streamlined?
 - Do they use dummy codes, dummy providers, or resource schedules (ie: nurse, allergy injections or chemo chairs)?



Additional Considerations

- Appointments vs Non-appointments
- Look at your visit types: Are some non-billable?
- Does your PMS limit the number of dx codes that can be submitted?
 - Some carriers limit dx to 4, 8 or 10 codes
 - Be sure to inform end-users of decisions and reasoning
- How are demographics & FSC info sent to the AEEHR?
- Good time for modification & standardization



How Do We Implement Charge?

- Depends on PMS & TES
 - Get vendor specs for interface messages
 - What types of edits can be written in TES?
- Gather super-bills & convert to electronic encounter forms
- Define & create groups
- Ask for feedback from departments & re-work groupings
- Be prepared to get creative!



Application Demo



Additional Considerations

- Importance of syncing PMS & EHR
 - ICD9, billing locations, areas, divisions, visit & encounter types
- What to do when it's time to update/deactivate codes in PMS
- Inpatient Charges Vary by organization
 - Technical, Professional & Facility fees
- Decide on a workflow to handle charge-related problems
 - What are you going to do if charges need to be added to an alreadysubmitted invoice?
 - What are you going to do when codes need to be changed?
 - How are you going to handle visits not billed to a primary insurance?
- Who in the organization will work the missing charges list?



Questions?

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