



February 2020 Work Group Recaps:

For results of Data Element Request Forms (DERFs) and External Code List (ECLs) reviewed see DERF Resolution at http://www.ncdp.org/members/members_wg_info.aspx?wgid=wgmc.

Work Group 1 Telecommunication

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001740/ECL 000317 was recommended for MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 001742 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001743 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001753/ECL 000321 was recommended for MC to pend.

Old Business:

- CMS-0055-F: Administrative Simplification: Modification of the Requirements for the Use of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) D.0 Standard
 - The final rule published on January 24, 2020, adopts a modification of the requirements for the use of the Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide, Version D, Release 0 (Version D.0), August 2007, National Council for Prescription Drug Programs, by requiring covered entities to use the Quantity Prescribed (460-ET) field for retail pharmacy transactions for Schedule II drugs. This change constitutes a modification to the **use** of the adopted standard, not a modification to the standard itself.
 - Effective Date: March 24, 2020
 - Compliance Date: September 21, 2020
 - Change in Use:
 - Quantity Prescribed (460-ET) must be treated as **required** when the transmission is for a Schedule II drug as defined in 21 CFR 1308.12.
 - This modification is applicable for a claim or equivalent encounter, referral certification and authorization, and coordination of benefits transactions.
 - Final Rule: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-01-24/pdf/2020-00551.pdf>
 - CMS Information Bulletin: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/d0-final-rule-information-bulletin.pdf>

Task Groups:

- The **Telecommunication FAQ Task Group** reviewed five questions and a revision to the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* document.
 - The **FAQ Controlled Substance Guidance Update Sub-Task Group** will modify the *Recommended Use of Quantity Prescribed (460-ET) in NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Version D.0* white paper. The group will continue to review state-specific C2 requirements and begin discussing modifications to the dispensing status data element.
- The **Coordination of Benefits Task Group** reviewed and answered three questions. The group will begin developing transition guidance and educational materials. The group will create COB Payer Sheet guidance, review current tax guidance, and finalize Medicare/Medicaid Part B COB guidance.

- The **Information Reporting Problems Task Group** reviewed the N2 to N1 Matching Logic documents located on the Transaction Facilitator’s webpage. The group continues to collaborate with the WG9 COBC/BCRC Task Group and continues to review and revise the current *Overview of the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coordination of Benefits (COB) Process* white paper.
- The **Post Adjudication Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Definition of a Valid Prescriber Task Group** addressed SCRIPT RxFill and RxChange Message Reason Codes and SubCodes for Prescriber Validation. The task group updated an existing Version D Editorial FAQ and created a new FAQ. The task group will address Precluded Provider areas of concern with CMS/CPI, draft applicable NCPDP FAQs, update/remove Version D Editorial FAQs regarding Medicare Part D Prescriber Enrollment, and continue collaborating with the RxFill Task Group.
- The **Eligibility Verification Enhancements Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Benefit Integration Task Group** continues to modify the Benefit Integration Implementation Guide to include Benefit Synchronization where appropriate. The group is investigating how to evolve a JSON version of the standard and how to introduce processing models on blockchain.
- The **Standardized Subrogation Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Usage of Submission Clarification Codes (SCC) Task Group** completed the transition guidance for the Submission Clarification Code to Submission Type Code. The group is developing a June webinar on the importance of correct usage of SCC.
- The **Compound Task Group** developed a Compound Level of Complexity history presentation to accompany pended DERF 001740/ECL 000317. The group also made modifications to the pended DERF to address concerns expressed at the November Work Group meeting. The Work Group recommended MC approve the DERF/ECL as modified. The transition guidance was approved.
- The **Expand Dollar Fields Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group** continues to categorize the DUR Codes. The group created a one-page document, *NCPDP Recommendations for Standardized Communications to Address the Opioid Epidemic*, for distribution. The work group approved the document. The group is considering developing a survey on the current use of the DUR codes.
- The **Point of Sale Rebate Review Task Group** created a spreadsheet with a summary of their work for future use. Participation and interest in the task group has dropped considerably. The task group will go on hiatus and unless a new business case is brought forward, it will be disbanded in August.
- The **Point of Sale Patient Specific Denial Notice Task Group** determined it was not able to develop a solution for an individualized, written notice at POS when prescription claims have been rejected. Until there is end-to-end interoperability, no reasonable solution can be developed. The task group was disbanded.
- The **Telecommunication Agility Next Generation (TANG) Task Group** reviewed options for replacing the current Telecommunication message format with a more modern messaging format (JSON or XML) that would best fit the business cases developed last quarter. The group plans to bring forward a recommendation next quarter.

Other Reportables:

- **DSMO Change Requests:** Received an update on the status of the DSMO Change Request 1201 (New Version of the Batch Standard), 1202 (New Standard - Subrogation Implementation Guide for Batch Standard), and 1208 (New Version of the Telecommunication Standard).
- **WG16 Workers’ Compensation Monitoring, Billing and Education Task Group, MC RTPB Standard Task Group, WG11 X12 270/271 Version 7030 Review Task Group, and WG11 REMS**

Workflow to Transactions Task Group: Received written updates on the work of these task groups.

New Business:

- Project Request Form 000053 - Pharmacy Locator for Backordered Medications: A new task group, Pharmacy Locator for Backordered Medications, was formed. Steve Clark of WellStar Health System and Karen Guinan of Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. agreed to lead the task group.
- Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation were presented.
- William Simpson of DisposeRX presented his business case. The Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group will work with DisposeRX.

Work Group 2 Product Identification

Old Business:

- Tammy Powell of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) provided an update on RxNorm and DailyMed.

Task Groups:

- The **Product Review and Billing Unit Exception Task Group** reviewed issues resulting from changes to existing products or to the release of new products. The task group:
 - Reviewed and submitted to WG2 for adjudication five new QUIC forms (see final adjudication determination by the Work Group in this report):
 - QUIC #201918 VALTOCO
 - QUIC #201921 CABENUVA
 - QUIC #201922 resamirigene bilparvovec
 - QUIC #202001 SRPT9001
 - QUIC #202002 Bonsity (teriparatide injection)
 - Updated the Billing Unit Standard Fact Sheet. The modified Fact Sheet was approved by the Work Group.
 - Reviewed five products via email and one during a task group call for verification of the package size and billing unit to list within the drug data compendia files.
 - Reviewed and provided comments to the MC Education, Legislation and Regulations Task Group on the FDA Proposed Rule on Importation of Prescription Drugs.
 - For October, November, and December 2019, 1,906 new SPL Billing Unit Index files were generated with 3 changed SPL Billing Unit Index files based on the files received by the FDA from the compendia. The compendia group has reconciled the 16 NDCs with discrepancies.
- The **Naming Standards for Drugs, Biologics and Biosimilars Task Group** drafted a letter to the FDA requesting clarification of naming standards to be applied to fixed-combination biologics. The letter was approved by the Work Group.
- The **Application of the Billing Unit Standard Clarification Task Group** is working on draft guidance that will provide the rationale used to determine the billing unit from past QUIC forms/products reviewed and the causes that lead to product reviews and the processes followed.
- The **Outsourcing Facility Task Group** made modifications to a draft letter to the FDA requesting updates for SPL marketing category of 'unapproved drug other'. The letter was approved by the Work Group.

Other Reportables:

- **WG11 REMS Workflow to Transaction Task Group, MC NDC Scarcity Task Group, and MC Digital Therapeutics Task Group:** Received updates on the work of the task groups.

New Business:

- New QUIC Form Review and Final Adjudication:
 - QUIC #201918 VALTOCO
BU=EA and Quantity of 2 for each strength per section 4.2.1 and 5.1.3 of the Billing Unit Standard.
 - QUIC #201921 CABENUVA
BU=EA and Quantity of 4 for NDC 49702-253-15 and 6 for NDC 49702-240-15 per section 5.2.2 and 5.2.9 of the Billing Unit Standard.
 - QUIC #201922 resamirigene bilparvovec
BU=EA and Quantity of 1 per section 5.5.1 of the Billing Unit Standard.
 - QUIC #202001 SRPT9001
BU=EA and Quantity of 1 per section 5.5.1 of the Billing Unit Standard.
 - QUIC #202002 Bonsity (teriparatide injection)
BU=ML and Quantity of 2.48 mL as indicated on the label per section 5.2.2 of the Billing Unit Standard.
- There was a request to the Work Group from DisposeRx for input on methods to identify patients and prescriptions that are appropriate for the drug disposal program.
- Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation were presented.

Work Group 7 Manufacturer and Associated Trading Partner Transaction Standards

DERF/ECL Reviewed:

- DERF 001754/ECL 000322 was recommended for MC to approve.

Task Groups:

- The **Manufacturer Rebate Standard Task Group** closed discussion on Safe Harbor/Point-of-Sale Rebates and discussed the use of Start Date (606-07) and Termination Date (713) in the Formulary File. The industry survey regarding NCPDP and the use of the Manufacturer Rebate standards was released on January 17, 2020. Follow-up with non-responders will continue. Next quarter the task group will review the credit correction transaction process and develop a workflow.
- The **Medical Rebate Standard Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

New Business:

- The white paper, *Challenges And Opportunities for Stakeholders Regarding ePrescribing Technologies And Formulary Compliance*, published in 2013 was developed jointly by WG7 and WG11 ePrescribing and Related Transactions. The WG11 Formulary and Benefit Task Group will be updating the white paper during the next quarter.
- Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation were presented.

Work Group 9 Government Programs

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001727/ECL 000312 was recommended for MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 001745 was approved as modified.

Task Groups:

- The **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Task Group** finalized the white paper, *NCPDP Standards-based Facilitated Model for PDMP: Phase 1 An Interoperable Framework for Patient Safety* which was approved by WG9. The task group modified pending DERF 001745 which was approved by WG9. The task group also reviewed the [State PMP Tracking Document](#) and updated

PMP information for the following states: California, Missouri, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Utah. The Work Group approved publication of the updated State PMP Tracking Document.

- The **340B Task Group** is reviewing questions and comments received on version 2.0 of the *340B Information Exchange Reference Guide*. This work will continue next quarter.
- The **Government Programs Encounter Reporting Standards Task Group** reviewed survey responses from State Medicaid agencies in California, Florida, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, North Dakota, and Oregon, as well as 12 MCOs/PBMs. Next quarter the Task Group will adjudicate the survey results against the original data elements identified for inclusion on the encounter standard and continue work on the implementation guide.
- The **Medicaid Frequently Asked Questions Task Group** closed the business case regarding Reject Code 569 on Medicare-Medicaid Plans. The task group reviewed a question regarding which field in the Telecommunication Standard should be used to report a new mandated state supplemental dispensing fee in the State of Ohio. The task group modified pending DERF 001727/ECL 000312 requesting a new reject code notifying pharmacies of patient notice requirement. The Work Group recommended MC approve the DERF/ECL as modified.
 - The **Medicaid Formulary Standard File Layout Sub-Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Hospice Task Group** is reviewing a recommendation from the Medicare Part D Transaction Facilitator and CMS to develop an electronic process allowing real-time transmission of hospice eligibility to Part D plan sponsors/PBMs. Data elements are being identified for the electronic file/transaction. A draft workflow was developed for review by all actors of the Hospice Eligibility Notification. Hospice software vendors are participating in the task group calls to assist with developing the system requirements.
- The **Medicare Standardized Fraud, Waste and Abuse (FWA) Training Attestation Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Medicare Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Task Group** reviewed five questions this quarter: Question 24 – Low Income Subsidy (LIS) 4 Employer Group Waiver Plans (EGWP), Question 63 – Overriding Non-Covered PDE Rejects for Medically Accepted Indications, Question 78 – CMS Request Regarding Submission Clarification Codes, Question 75 – Use of TrOOP Remaining Formula, and Question 80 – PDE 870, Enhanced Alternative (EA) plan, +/-0.05 Non-covered Plan-Paid Amount (NPP) present. The task group will continue to meet to review and resolve PDE submitted questions.
- The **Medicare Financial Information Reporting (FIR) Task Group** reviewed implementation of the new Pharmacy Benefit Manager Financial Information Reporting (PBM FIR) Reject Aging Report available January 2, 2020, recommended changes to the Daily Cumulative FIR Aging Report, recommended changes to the Proxy Add Request Form for Non-Plan of Record, and requested an additional FIR Transaction Sequence on day 4 of a series (in between day 1 and day 8).
- The **Medicare Part D FAQ Task Group** reviewed four new questions: Question 156 - Appeal Rights for Part D Excluded Drugs, Question 157 - Coding Patient Residence Code for Evaluation and Treatment Facilities, Question 158 - Reject Code Policy for MR (Product Not On Formulary) and A5 (Not Covered Under Part D Law), and Question 159 – Non-Part D Drug and Approved Message Code.
- The **Medicare Card Project Task Group** was disbanded as their work is completed.
- The **Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC)/Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center (BCRC) Task Group** discussed retaining COB Other Health Insurance (OHI) data for the same time frame (36 months) as the Prescription Drug Event look back time frame (7.5 years), updated or deleted OHI records with invalid characters for Processor Control Number (PCN), reviewed and

requested Medigap records not be created for drug records, reviewed a list of COB records with invalid names, and reviewed PCN questions from the BCRC.

- The **Medicare Part D Multi-Payer Reconciliation Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

Other Reportables:

- **WG1 Point of Sale Patient Specific Denial Notice Task Group:** Received a written update on the work of this task group.
- CMS-0055-F requiring the use of the Quantity Prescribed (460-ET) field to identify partial fills for Schedule II drugs.
- DSMO 1208 requesting Version F6 of the Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide be named in HIPAA.

New Business:

- Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation were presented.

Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services

Task Groups:

- The **Electronic Referral Task Group** submitted DERF 001762 requesting to repurpose the MTM Transactions as Referral Transactions and move them from the Specialized Standard to the SCRIPT Standard to spur adoption. The DERF was reviewed by WG11 and approved with modifications. The Task Group will work on creating an examples document for the next quarter.
- The **Identification of Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Task Group** submitted three use cases to WG11 SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations (SIR) Task Group. The SIR Task Group reviewed the use cases and determined the short-term solution for relaying SDOH would be to write guidance for use of the DUE elements in the medication composites. Long term, the task group will look at adding SDOH to the patient. (Currently REMS is looking to add a new composite for health conditions, and SDOH could be incorporated into it.) Next quarter the Task Group will draft guidance or identify other task groups that may need to contribute to guidance.
- The **MTM and Pharmacist Clinical Services Task Group** – The NCPDP/HL7 Pharmacist eCare Plan C-CDA template and Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) Implementation Guides (IGs) completed balloted comments at HL7 for May 2019 ballot cycle. The task group received a request on how to improve the MTM process under Medicare. For the upcoming quarter the Task Group will continue to provide updates on the publication and ANSI accreditation of the Pharmacist eCare Plan standards (C-CDA and FHIR®). The task group will also work on submitting an HL7 Project Scope Statement to develop a way for patients and providers to receive an electronic FHIR® version of the Comprehensive Medical Review Summary. Lastly, the group will work on evaluation and potentially an NCPDP Project Development Form for a Beneficiary Level Report standard for the exchange between the provider of the MTM services to the MAPD or PDP including identification of NCPDP and/or HL7 standards.
- The **mL White Paper Task Group** – The current draft of the White Paper was modified with proposed changes to the principal recommendations. Valuable feedback was received on the latest revision during the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) annual PROTECT Initiative meeting in November. For the next quarter, the overall edit of the initial revision draft of the White Paper by the principal authors should be completed with the intent to finalize the White Paper and submit for approval. The task group is looking to conduct an educational session at NCPDP's 2020 Annual Conference in May and solicit endorsement by key organizations. Lastly, the Task Group is looking to submit the finalized White Paper for publication in American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy and develop a communications plan to promote the White Paper.

- The **Universal Medication Schedule White Paper Task Group** – A Stakeholder Action Group (SAG) was held in September 2019. On January 10, 2020, a draft summary report of the SAG was circulated for review. For the next quarter the task group is looking to provide recommendations on the existing White Paper by identifying challenges and gaps on areas of needed revision.

Other Reportables:

- **WG18 Specialty Requirements for ePrescribing Task Group, WG10/WG14 Standardized Medication Profile Task Group, and WG14 Consultant Pharmacist Interoperability Task Group:** Received a written update on the work of these task groups.

New Business:

- Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation were presented.

Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001748 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001755 was pended.
- DERF 001756 was approved.
- DERF 001757 was pended.
- DERF 001758 was as approved as modified.
- DERF 001759 was approved.
- DERF 001760 was pended.
- DERF 001761 was approved.
- DERF 001762 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001763 was pended.
- DERF 001764/ECL 000323 was recommended for MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 001767 was approved.

Old Business:

- The following update on the next version of the SCRIPT Standard regulation was provided:
 - The NCPDP SCRIPT Standard Version 2017071 implementation date was January 1, 2020.
 - The September 2019 release of the QuantityUnitOfMeasure subset still contained six sunsetted values which were removed in the February 2020 release.
- An Electronic Prescriptions for Controlled Substances (EPCS) update was provided.

Task Groups:

- The **Dispensed Medication Reporting Task Group** drafted letters to the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) and Connecticut informing them the MedicationList transaction has been published.
- The **ePrescribing Regulatory Task Group** will not be providing guidance on the use of the RxChange message for EPCS based on the results of a straw poll.
- The **Formulary and Benefit Task Group** updated the Formulary and Benefit Operating Rules and began working on updating the *Formulary and Benefit Implementation Recommendations* document.
- The **Implementation of Structured Sig Task Group** began discussing some naming and structure issues with the structured sig format.
- The **Prior Authorization Workflow to Transactions Task Group** continued discussing the use of attachments on electronic prior authorization transactions.

- The **REMS Workflow to Transactions Task Group** continued working on a DERF for several data elements that may need to be added to the SCRIPT messages.
- The **WG11/WG14 RxFill Task Group** continues to work on future guidance and modifications to the RxFill message.
- The **SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group** brought forth DERFs 001763 and 001764/ECL 000323 and received approval for new or modified FAQs and/or guidance for inclusion in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document. The Work Group pended 001763 and recommended MC approve 001764/ECL 000323.
 - The **Alternate Response Sub-Task Group** brought forth DERFs 001755 and 001756. The Work Group pended DERF 001755 and approved DERF 001756. The task group will continue looking at guidance for RxRenewal and RxCancel responses.
 - The **RxChange Guidance Review Sub-Task Group** brought forth an FAQ to be included in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document for the NCPDP SCRIPT Version 2017071. They will continue reviewing current guidance and update as necessary.
 - The **Allergy and Adverse Event Sub-Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
 - The **CancelRx Sub-Task Group** brought forth DERF 001757 and updated guidance for the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document. The Work Group pended DERF 001757.
- The **X12 270/271 version 7030 Review Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **XML Task Group** brought forth DERF 001758. The task group reviewed and provided recommendations on all submitted DERFs impacting the schema. The Work Group approved DERF 001758 with modifications.
- The **SCRIPT Managed Updated Task Group** continued working on a proposal for the implementation of ECL values created since NCPDP SCRIPT Version 2017071.

Other Reportables:

- **WG14 Long Term and Post-Acute Care ePrescribing Task Group, WG18 Specialty Requirements for ePrescribing Task Group, and WG10 Electronic Referral Task Group:** Received updates on the work of the task groups.
- Recognized NSC-II Certified members in attendance.
- Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation were presented.

Work Group 14 Long Term and Post Acute Care (LTPAC)

Task Groups:

- The **LTPAC Billing Issues Task Group** continued working on questions received from the industry.
- The **Consultant Pharmacist Interoperability Task Group** did not meet this quarter but have plans for a pilot that incorporates the task group's recommendations and applies FHIR® Resources to the Consult Note C-CDA.
- The **Long Term and Post-Acute Care ePrescribing Task Group** submitted DERFs 001759, 001760, and 001761 which were reviewed by WG11. WG11 approved DERFs 001759 and 001761. DERF 001760 was pended.
 - The **Multi Communication Sub-Task Group** is reviewing the medication related information exchanges that currently take place within the LTPAC settings and identifying gaps and possible solutions.
 - The **Recertification Sub-Task Group** is discussing topics which include recertifying prescriber vs original prescriber, medication order ownership after recertification, date recertified vs written date, prescriber definition, and usage of Recertification message and/or Resupply message.

- The **WG10 LTPAC Electronic Communication Synchronization Opportunity Review Task Group** reviewed and refined their scope and goals based on feedback from other Task Groups and external project liaison.
- The **WG14/WG10 Standardized Medication Profile Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **WG11/WG14 RxFill Task Group** continued working on a DERF for enhancements to the RxFill message.

Other Reportables:

- **WG1 Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group, WG1 Compound Task Group, WG1 Eligibility Verification Task Group, WG9 Medicare Part D FAQ Task Group, WG9 Hospice Task Group, and WG11 270/271 Version 730 Review Task Group:** Received updates on the work of the task groups.
- An industry regulatory update.
- Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation were presented.

Work Group 16 Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation

Task Groups:

- The **Workers' Compensation Monitoring, Billing and Education Task Group** requested to change the task group name to "P&C/WC Monitoring, Billing and Education Task Group" to include Property and Casualty in the name. The Work Group approved the name change. The task group provided legislative and regulatory updates for the following states: California, Montana, New Jersey, New York, and Ohio. The task group also reviewed State Worker's Compensation Formulary Legacy claim effective dates for Indiana, Kentucky, Montana, and New York. For the next quarter paper claim forms need to be reviewed for moving to Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide Version F6, including the WC/PC UCF. The Future Development Needs Task Group will work with this task group, as needed.
- The **Future Development Needs for WC/PC Task Group** did not meet this quarter. The task group requested to change the task group name to "Future Development Needs for P&C/WC" to include Property and Casualty in the name. The Work Group approved the name change.

New Business:

- Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation were presented.

Work Group 18 Specialty Pharmacy

Task Groups:

- The **Specialty Pharmacy Data Exchange Task Group** continued a detailed analysis of X12 846 data elements for the 'Inventory' use case, discussed use of the X12 846 vs. 852 transaction set, and began work on X12 implementation guidance. The task group prioritized the 'Performance Metrics' use case to be after the 'Inventory' use case. There was a presentation to the Work Group about the work of the task group.
- The **Specialty Requirements for ePrescribing Task Group** continued working on the project scope statement form for HL7 work group for the use of FHIR® for a new Specialty transaction. They received an update from WG10 Electronic Referrals Task Group to determine if there are similarities in the work of both task groups. They also continued working on a new Specialty Implementation Guide. There was a presentation to the Work Group about the FHIR® project.
- The **Stakeholder Outreach and Education Task Group** continues to monitor educational opportunities related to Specialty business. The task group maintains a Specialty Industry

Educational activity folder in the WG18 folder on the NCPDP Collaborative Workspace to store Specialty related presentations and links to Specialty related articles/blogs.

- The **Benefit Coverage Identification Task Group** completed a White Paper to help identify the benefit source for specialty medication areas. The Work Group voted to pend the White Paper back to the task group for additional work.
- The **Patient Consent Task Group** drafted its scope statement, established goals, and defined the business problem to be addressed. The Work Group approved their scope and goals.
- The **Facilitating Pre-Prescribing Information Access Task Group** drafted its scope statement and proposed a new name for the task group. They also began to review use cases for specialty product distribution and hub services. The Work Group approved their name change and scope.

Other Reportables:

- **WG1 Expanded Dollar Fields Task Group, WG10 Identification of Social Determinants of Health Task Group, WG11 Prior Authorization Workflow-to-Transaction Task Group, WG11 REMS Workflow-to-Transaction Task Group, and MC Real Time Prescription Benefit Standard Task Group:** Received updates on the work of the task groups.

New Business:

- There was a presentation about Digital Therapeutics and the work of the MC Digital Therapeutics Task Group.
- Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation were presented.

Work Group 45 External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance

Old Business:

- Industry updates were provided for WEDI, NCPDP SNIP, CAQH CORE, and X12.

Task Groups:

- The **834/835 FAQ Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Document Revisions Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Pharmacy and/or Combination ID Card Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **DSMO Task Group** received no DSMO requests for review. The task group is on hiatus until further notice.

New Business:

- Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation were presented.

MC Maintenance and Control

DERFs/ECLs: 15 new and 7 pended DERFs/ECLs were reviewed (see WG1, WG7, WG9, and WG11).

- DERF 001727/ECL 000312 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001738 was approved with modifications.
- DERF 001740/ECL 000317 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001742 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001743 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001745 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001748 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001753/ECL 000321 was pended.
- DERF 001754/ECL 000322 was approved.
- DERF 001755 was pended.
- DERF 001756 was approved.

- DERF 001757 was pended.
- DERF 001758 was approved with modifications.
- DERF 001759 was approved.
- DERF 001760 was pended.
- DERF 001761 was approved.
- DERF 001762 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001763 was pended.
- DERF 001764/ECL 000323 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001765/ECL 000325 was approved with modifications.
- DERF 001766/ECL 000324 was approved with modifications.
- DERF 001767 was approved.

Old Business:

- Received updates on:
 - Board of Trustees
 - HIPAA
 - SNIP Committee
 - DSMO Change Request System (CRS) Requests No. 1201 and 1202
 - Projects 000053 Pharmacy Locator for Backordered Medications and 000054 Consumer Facing Real-time Benefit Check

Task Groups:

- The **Education/Legislation and Regulations Task Group** began to work with WG2 Product Review and Billing Unit Exception Task Group to review and draft comments to the FDA's proposed rule on importation of prescription drugs (FDA-2019-N-5711).
- The **API Task Group** worked on DERF 001738 NCPDP Connectivity Operating Rules which was pended at the August and November Work Group meetings. The Work Group approved the DERF.
- The **Emergency Preparedness Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **X12 TR3 Comment Consolidation Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **ECL Task Group** discussed the Field Number Possibly in Error topic from withdrawn DERF 001719/ECL 000307 and decided to not make any changes to add to or remove values currently populated within this attribute of the ECL. They also discussed harmonization of values across standards and decided to not act at this time due to the large level of effort to change values already supported. If a business case arises where there is confusion because of the ECL values across companion fields, then the task group will review and address.
- The **Real Time Prescription Benefit Standard Task Group** developed an Implementation Recommendations document and an Examples document to support Version BT. They also received an update on the pilots sponsored by the NCPDP Foundation. The Work Group approved the Implementation Recommendations document with modifications.
- The **Gender Transition Task Group** has evaluated all the gender related fields in all the NCPDP standards to determine if the new field needs to be added to standards using the existing gender field.
- The **Harmonization Formation Task Group** completed its evaluation of current NCPDP documents and processes to identify harmonization strengths and weaknesses. Six recommendations were drafted to present to MC Work Group for approval. The Work Group approved the recommendations.
- The **Digital Therapeutics Task Group** confirmed no additional data elements are needed for the SCRIPT ePA transactions to support the initial use case of the task group. They created an outline,

developed a timeline, and assigned writers and reviewers for a white paper on the use of NCPDP Standards for prescribing and billing Digital Therapeutics.

- The **NDC Scarcity Task Group** is on hiatus and did not meet this quarter.
- The **Definition and Use of Quantity and Day Supply Task Group** drafted their scope statement. They documented, reviewed, and discussed the intent and purpose of Days Supply related data elements within NCPDP Standards. The Work Group approved their scope.

New Business:

- New Project Development Form 000055 Pharmacogenetic - Guided Therapy was approved with a recommendation for the Standardization Committee to recommend a new task group in Maintenance and Control. Two individuals expressed interest in serving as task group co-leads.
- Designated Standard Maintenance Organization (DSMO) Change Request System (CRS) Request No. 1208, Requesting Version F6 of the Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide be named in HIPAA, has been submitted and approved by DSMO. A letter was sent from DSMO to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS). The next step is a NCVHS hearing.
- There was a request to the Work Group from DisposeRx for input on methods to identify patients and prescriptions that are appropriate for the drug disposal program.
- The MC Patient Identification Task Group was reactivated to address Standards related action items from the January 23, 2020 UPI Stakeholder Action Group meeting.
- The attendees received recaps of each Work Group's activities.
- Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation were presented.
- NCPDP Most Valuable Participants were announced.