



November 2019 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

Ballot Adjudication:

- **Ballot WG010084** – Enhancements to the Telecommunication Standard Version F6, Post Adjudication Standard Implementation Guide Version 51, Audit Transaction Standard Implementation Guide Version 35, Prescription Transfer Implementation Guide Version 38, Prior Authorization Transfer Standard Implementation Guide Version 25 and the Uniform Healthcare Payer Data Standard Implementation Guide Version 28 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75%+ approval rating. See [Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet](#) for the ballot results. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.
- **Ballot WG010085** – Enhancements to the Benefit Integration Standard Implementation Guide Version 16 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75%+ approval rating. See [Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet](#) for the ballot results. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001689 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001690/ECL 000294 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001719/ECL 000307 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001740/ECL 000317 was recommended for MC to pend.
- DERF 001741/ECL 000318 was recommended for MC to approve.
- DERF 001742 was pended.
- DERF 001743 was pended.

Old Business:

- Use of Quantity Prescribed (460-ET) in the Telecommunication Standard claim billing - Note this field would be required for Part D Schedule II Controlled Substance claims; however, the use of this field is not limited to Part D claims.
 - 01/2019 – We have an NPRM!! - <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-01-31/pdf/2019-00554.pdf> The NPRM requires covered entities to use the Quantity Prescribed (460-ET) field in the August 2007 Version of the NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Version D.0 for retail pharmacy transactions for Schedule II drugs. Comments were due on April 1, 2019. The NCPDP SNIP Committee formulated NCPDP' comments.
 - 04/2019 – No decision regarding the situational rule or version has been made by the HHS CMS National Standards Group.
 - 08/2019 – No decision regarding the situational rule or version has been made by the HHS CMS National Standards Group. Final Rule expected in November 2019.
 - 11/2019 – A Final Rule is expected on or before December 20, 2019.
- The Board of Trustees approved the submitted WG1 Scope and Goals.

- A discussion on the next HIPAA named version of the Telecommunication Standard occurred. The members voted to proceed with requesting Version F6 be the next HIPAA named version.

Task Groups:

- The **Telecommunication FAQ Task Group** reviewed five questions, three DERFs, a guidance document and a revision to the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* document. The group also collaborated with the WG10 Identification of Social Determinants of Health Task Group regarding the pharmacy sharing known information about Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) with the payers.
 - The **FAQ Controlled Substance Guidance Update Sub-Task Group** completed the modifications to 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 prorations.
- The **Coordination of Benefits Task Group** reviewed and answered four 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** completed the development of the *Medicare Part D Information Reporting (N) Transaction Matching to Other Health Insurance Best Practices*. The group updated the *NCPDP Guidance for SPAPs and ADAPs Part D Coordination of Benefits Requirements and Responsibilities* document. 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 Precluded Provider areas of concern. The task group is drafting a matrix to combine the POS prescriber validation rejects and internal pharmacy system edits with the message codes and expected actions of the prescriber. This work was requested by the WG11/WG14 RxFill Task Group, as the RxFill business cases were not clear. The task group updated Version D Editorial FAQ 6.4.6. 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 WG11/WG14 RxFill Task Group.
- The **Eligibility Verification Enhancements Task Group** submitted a proposal to HHS/CMS National Standards Group requesting a pilot (HIPAA waiver) using the Last Known 4RX Segment from the current version of the Telecommunication Standard and to continue using the Telecommunication Standard Version D.0 response. A response has been received and the task group will assist, if appropriate, in answering questions.
- 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** began developing transition guidance for the Telecommunication Standard Version D.0 to Version F2 migration and recommended payers that routinely use SCC = 2 (Other) for the same business case on a regular basis consider submitting a DERF for a new specific value. The group updated the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* guidance for shortened days supply SCC values.
- The **Compound Task Group** completed the compound-related transition guidance for the Telecommunication Standard Version D.0 to Version F2 migration. The task group submitted DERF

001740/ECL 000317 to modify the values for Compound Level of Complexity (C60-AG) to be ordered by their complexity.

- The **Expand Dollar Fields Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group** created new guidance based on the Medicaid and CHIP Guidance for the Support Act and continued categorization/review of DUR Codes and DUR Guidance. The group will continue to categorize the DUR codes and revisit which DUR Reason for Service Code would be used when the payer is requiring an immediate release opioid be used prior to an extended release product. The group is considering creating a one-page document for distribution based on the format/content of the existing *NCPDP Recommendations for Standardized Communications to Address the Opioid Epidemic* document.
- The **Safe Harbor Chargeback Guidance Task Group** defined a new task group name, Point of Sale Rebate Review, and goals given the withdrawal of the proposed rule. The task group plans to work on items related to point of sale rebates.
- The **Point of Sale Patient Specific Denial Notice Task Group** continues to work on a solution for an individualized, written notice at point of sale when prescription claims have been rejected. A request was made for Medicaid payers/processors and pharmacies which serve Medicaid recipients to join the task group's calls.
- The **Telecommunication Agility Next Generation (TANG) Task Group** created their scope. The group developed use cases and will continue to outline use cases and recommend high-level technical solutions and procedural changes.

Other Reportables:

- **DSMO Change Requests:** Received an update on the status of the DSMO Change Request 1201 (New version of the Telecommunication and Batch Standards) and 1202 (New Standard – Subrogation Implementation Guide for Batch 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 a written update on the work of these task groups.

Work Group 2 Product Identification

Ballot Adjudication:

- **Ballot WG020010** – Enhancements to the Product Identifiers Standard Implementation Guide Version 1.5 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75%+ approval rating. No comments to the ballot were received. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001744 was approved.

Old Business:

- Tom Bizzaro of First Data Bank (FDB) provided comments on health policy.
- Tammy Powell of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) provided an update on RxNorm and DailyMed.
- The Board of Trustees approved the submitted WG2 Scope and Goals.

Task Groups:

- The **Structured Product Labeling Activities Task Group** did not meet this quarter. The task group was disbanded with Work Group approval.
- 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 two new QUIC forms (see final adjudication determination by the Work Group in this report):
 - QUIC #201919 Monarch eTNS System
 - QUIC #201920 NS-2 Electric Patch
- Submitted DERF 001744 to update FAQ 7.41 of the Billing Unit Standard.
- Updated the Billing Unit Standard Fact Sheet.
- Reviewed three products via email and two during task group calls for verification of either the package size, manufacturer or NDC to list within the drug data compendia files.
- For July, August and September 2019, 2,440 new SPL Billing Unit Index files were generated with no changed SPL Billing Unit Index files based on the files received by the FDA from the compendia. The compendia group has reconciled the 18 NDCs with discrepancies.
- The **Naming Standards for Drugs, Biologics and Biosimilars Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- 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** reviewed the response from the FDA on when the SPL marketing category list was last updated. The task group created a draft letter to the FDA requesting updates for SPL marketing category of ‘unapproved drug other’.

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 #201919 Monarch eTNS System
BU=EA and Quantity of 29 per section 4.2.1 and FAQ 7.45 of the Billing Unit Standard.
 - QUIC #201920 NS-2 Electric Patch
BU=EA and Quantity of 7 per section 4.2.1 and FAQ 7.45 of the Billing Unit Standard.
- Received an update on the Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA).

Work Group 7 Manufacturer and Associated Trading Partner Transaction Standards

Task Groups:

- The **Medical Rebate Standard Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Manufacturer Rebate Standard Task Group** reviewed the following business cases: need for new data elements or values in the Manufacturer Rebate Standard from the point of sale rebate/chargeback perspective, H.R. 3, Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019, product serialization and the impact to the Manufacturer Rebate Standard and the use and/or need for Start Date (601-07) and Termination Date (713) fields in the Formulary File.

Old Business:

- The Board of Trustees approved the submitted WG7 Scope and Goals.

New Business:

- Received an FDA update .

Work Group 9 Government Programs

Ballot Adjudication:

- **Ballot WG090013** – Initial release of the State Medicaid Provider File Standard Implementation Guide Version 10 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus

Group votes and 75%+ approval rating. See [Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet](#) for the ballot results. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

- **Ballot WG090014** – Enhancements to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMP) Reporting Standard Implementation Guide Version 12 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75%+ approval rating. No comments to the ballot were received. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001727/ECL 000312 was recommended for MC to pend.
- DERF 001745 was pended.

Old Business:

- The Board of Trustees approved the submitted WG9 Scope and Goals.

Task Groups:

- The **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Task Group** is modifying the current white paper, *NCPDP's Standards-based Facilitator(s) Model for PDMP, An Interoperable Framework for Patient Safety*, based on the recommendations from the March 12, 2019 PDMP Stakeholder Action Group. The task group began developing Phase 1 which will include data flows and requirements for the Facilitator(s) primarily using the batch (C1) transaction to receive PDMP data from dispensers. The Facilitator in turn will patient match, de-duplicate and edit data for the state PDMPs. A state may also choose to use the Facilitator(s) as their PDMP. The use of the B1 real-time reporting and risk response for a pharmacy would come in a later phase. No changes for the prescriber have been discussed. This will allow a ramp-up time for the industry. The task group also reviewed the [State PMP Tracking Document](#) and updated PMP information for the following states: Alabama, California, Florida, Indiana, Nebraska, Oregon and Utah.
- 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** released two surveys (State Medicaid Agencies and MCOs/PBMs) intended to solicit feedback from State Medicaid Pharmacy Directors and MCO/Processors on several subjects including COB, reject codes and adoption timeframe. The surveys closed on November 8, 2019. The task group will analyze the results during the next quarter and continue work on the new standard implementation guide.
- The **Medicaid Frequently Asked Questions Task Group** is reviewing the business case where Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) are providing the Part D notice of rights to the patient when the Medicaid portion of the benefit is rejecting the claim. CMS acknowledged the potential need for a "Medicaid Notice of Rights" and a Medicaid-specific reject code and will be joining a future task group call to discuss further. The task group developed a new Medicaid FAQ related to the SUPPORT Act (aka H.R.6). The task group also requested the WG1 Telecommunication FAQ Task Group review the FAQ for publication in the Version D Editorial Document.
 - The **Medicaid Formulary Standard File Layout Sub-Task Group** continues to work on a NCPDP standard file layout for State Medicaid agencies to use when providing their Medicaid formularies to Managed Care Organizations in markets where the State Medicaid agency mandates the State's formulary be used in Managed Care. Next quarter the sub-task group will focus on the file layout.
- The **Hospice Task Group** is reviewing potential reasons Part D continues to pay Part A drugs in a high volume such as, TRR delay, delayed Notice of Election from plan sponsors, use of the Hospice Information for Medicare Part D Plans form, and the job description for the Hospice Coordinator.

The task group is requesting participation from hospice providers, hospice software vendors, plans, PBMs and processors to discuss updating the “Hospice Information for Medicare Part D Plans” (A3 Reject Form) to an electronic form the hospice can send to the plans and PBMs vs. the paper form as it is today.

- 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 new questions this quarter: Question 75 - TrOOP remaining formula being utilized for applicable and non-applicable drugs, Question 76 - press release from the FDA NSDE file about reactivating inactive products, Question 77 - LTC’s and Disaster Emergency Overrides, Question 78 - review Submission Clarification Codes (420-DK) and make recommendations on any additional codes that are appropriate for Part D claims and PDE editing and Question 79 - PDE reject 746 for the drug Mavenclad for dates of service in April and May 2019. The task group will continue to meet to review and resolve PDE submitted questions.
- The **Medicare Financial Information Reporting (FIR) Task Group** finalized the components of a new Pharmacy Benefit Manager Financial Information Reporting (PBM FIR) Reject Aging Report (implementation guide, email spreadsheet, file layout, CMS draft notification and updates to the MedifacD website). The PBM FIR Reject Aging Report will be available beginning January 2, 2020. The report has been developed to improve sponsors’ ability to manage FIR transactions which are part of the Automated True Out-Of-Pocket (TrOOP) Balance Transfers (ATBT).
- The **Medicare Part D FAQ Task Group** continued work on the consolidation of all information related to Reject Code 569 - Provide Notice: Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and Your Rights. A column was added to the grid presented during the August Work Group meeting to indicate when the 569 reject code should be used. The task group reviewed additional information provided by CMS. Further discussion will occur next quarter. A request from CMS to review Submission Clarification Code (420-DK) and make recommendations on any additional codes appropriate for Part D Claims and PDE editing was referred to the PDE Task Group. The task group reviewed and discussed DERF 001742 Quantity Prescribed (prepared by the WG1 FAQ Controlled Substance Guidance Update Sub-Task Group) which was assigned to WG1 for review.
- The **Medicare Card Project Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC)/Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center (BCRC) Task Group** identified and requested PCN edits be put in place by BCRC, identified and requested CMS have COB-OHI records with invalid PCNs modified or deleted, reviewed and provided feedback to CMS on the proposed modifications to the SPAP/ADAP quarterly report, and completed a best practices document for using the CMS Quarterly SPAP ADAP list (with assistance from WG1 Information Reporting (Nx) Problems Task Group). Next quarter the task group will continue working through the COB-OHI clean-up and priority list.
- 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.

Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services

Ballot Adjudication:

- **Ballot WG100010** – Initial release of the HL7 CDA® R2 Implementation Guide: Pharmacist Care Plan Document is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes

and 75%+ approval rating. No comments to the ballot were received. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

Old Business:

- Received an USP Allergy Update.
- The Board of Trustees approved the submitted WG10 Scope and Goals.

Task Groups:

- The **Identification of Social Determinants of Health Task Group** submitted questions to WG1 Telecommunication FAQ and WG11 SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Groups for input on whether Social Determinants of Health information can be handled in existing data elements and transactions. The WG11 SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations task group requested the task group develop use cases and submit for review. RxFill and Electronic Referral may also be options.
- 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 completed the HL7 and NCPDP ballot processes. Lantana is the contractor who is linking the Pharmacy HIT Collaborative's value sets to the implementation guides and will assist with FHIR® Implementation Guide. Next quarter the task group will begin review of the HL7 CDA® R2 Implementation Guide: Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Templates and the Implementation Guide to potentially update the standard.
- The **mL White Paper Task Group** co-leads reviewed and consolidated the authors' comments on the white paper into a single draft. The fully edited draft required extensive clean-up. A draft summary of the retail pharmacy survey findings was completed and will be incorporated into the next revision of the white paper. The latest revision of the draft white paper will be discussed at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) annual PROTECT Initiative meeting in Atlanta on November 21-22, 2019.
- The **Universal Medication Schedule White Paper Task Group** – A UMS Strategic Action Group (SAG) co-hosted by NCPDP and Northwestern University was held on September 26, 2019. A summary report of the SAG has been drafted and is being reviewed by the task group co-leads, Dr. Wolf and colleagues, and NCPDP staff in attendance. The summary will be distributed to the full task group for review and comment.
- The **Electronic Referral Task Group** provided an update on their work to repurpose the MTM Transactions as Referral Transactions and move them from the Specialized Standard to the SCRIPT Standard to spur adoption. The task group has been working on reviewing the SCRIPT schema changes and finalizing the SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide and examples. The task group plans to submit a DERF for the February 2020 Work Group meeting.

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.

Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions

Ballot Adjudication:

- **Ballot WG110082** – Enhancements to the Formulary and Benefit Standard Implementation Guide Version 53 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75%+ approval rating. See [Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet](#) for the ballot results. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

- **Ballot WG110083** – Enhancements to the SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide and Specialized Implementation Guide is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75%+ approval rating. See [Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet](#) for the ballot results. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001705 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001706 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001730 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001734 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001746/ECL 000319 was recommended for MC to approve with modifications.
- DERF 001747 was approved with modifications.
- DERF 001748 was pended.
- DERF 001749 was approved.
- DERF 001750/ECL 000320 was recommended for MC to approve with modifications.
- DERF 001751 was approved with modifications.
- DERF 001752 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 is January 1, 2020.
 - The September 2019 release of the QuantityUnitOfMeasure subset no longer contains the 52 sunsetted values.
- An Electronic Prescriptions for Controlled Substances (EPCS) update was provided.
- The Board of Trustees approved the submitted WG11 Scope and Goals.

Task Groups:

- The **Dispensed Medication Reporting Task Group** drafted a letter to North Carolina informing them the MedicationList transaction has been published. They are working on letters to Nebraska, ONC, and Connecticut.
- The **ePrescribing Regulatory Task Group** will be coming off hiatus to look at guidance for RxChange for EPCS.
- The **Formulary and Benefit Task Group** updated the Formulary and Benefit Operating Rules and will begin working on updating the *Formulary and Benefit Implementation Recommendations* document during the next quarter.
- The **Implementation of Structured Sig Task Group** did not meet this quarter. They will begin meeting in November to discuss some naming issues with the structured sig format.
- The **Prior Authorization Workflow to Transactions Task Group** brought forth pended DERF 001734 for modification to the *SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide* which was withdrawn by the submitter.
- The **REMS Workflow to Transactions Task Group** will begin working on a DERF for several data elements that may need to be added to the SCRIPT messages.
- The **WG11/WG14 RxFill Task Group** brought forth DERF 001746/ECL 0000319 to add a new ReasonCode value. They continue to work on future guidance and modifications to the RxFill message.
- The **SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group** brought forth DERFs, 001747, 001748, and 001749 and received approval for new or modified FAQs and/or guidance for inclusion in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.

- The **Alternate Response Sub-Task Group** continued looking at a response status that is neither an approval nor a denial, such as an RxRenewalResponse when the patient has an upcoming appointment and the prescriber wants to await an assessment.
- The **RxChange Guidance Review Sub-Task Group** began looking at the RxChange language in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document for the NCPDP SCRIPT Version 2017071.
- The **Allergy and Adverse Event Sub-Task Group** brought forth a new FAQ for inclusion in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.
- The **CancelRx Sub-Task Group** continued working on a DERF to update the guidance and to add new elements to the CancelRx message.
- The **X12 270/271 version 7030 Review Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **XML Task Group** brought forth DERF 001752. The task group reviewed and provided recommendations on all submitted DERFs impacting the schema. A presentation was given on the efforts to making the schema extensible.
- The **SCRIPT Managed Updated Task Group** updated their goals and deliverables. They reviewed the ECL changes since V2017071 and recommended not to move forward with a new ecl.xsd at this time.

Other Reportables:

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

WG14 Long Term and Post Acute Care (LTPAC)

Old Business:

- The Board of Trustees approved the submitted WG14 Scope and Goals.

Task Groups:

- The **LTPAC Billing Issues Task Group** brought forth DERF 00741/ECL 000318 and one FAQ for inclusion in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* document which will be voted on in WG1 Telecommunication.
- The **Consultant Pharmacist Interoperability Task Group** did not meet this quarter but will begin work on efforts to organize a pilot that incorporates the task group's recommendations and apply FHIR® Resources to the Consult Note C-CDA.
- The **Long Term and Post-Acute Care ePrescribing Task Group** submitted DERFs 001750 and 001751 as well as FAQs for inclusion in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.
 - The **Multi Communication Sub-Task Group** is reviewing the medication related information exchanges that currently take place within the LTPAC settings. This includes transitions of care and routine order maintenance.
 - The **Recertification Sub-Task Group** started discussion on initial topics. These topics 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** reviewed the completed analysis of data fields and transactions available in the current SCRIPT/Specialized standard with HL7.

Reviewed HL7 standard/existing FHIR® resources to determine if anything is already available for the IMPACT Act Definition of Medication Profile. A new HL7 Project is underway. During joint status calls between NCPDP AND HL7 a new FHIR® resource was discussed and identified possible resources of Medication Activity and US Core Medication Profile.

- The **WG11/WG14 RxFill Task Group** brought forth DERF 001740/ECL 000319 which was voted on in WG11 ePrescribing and Related Transactions. There was discussion on the substitution element and the use of ReasonCode values sent when a prescription was not dispensed due to an active suspension.

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 update was provided on other organizations who have projects impacting long-term and post-acute care setting.

Work Group 16 Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation

Old Business:

- The Board of Trustees approved the submitted WG16 Scope and Goals.

Task Groups:

- The **Workers' Compensation Monitoring, Billing and Education Task Group** provided legislative and regulatory updates for Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Montana, New York, Washington and the federal Workers' Compensation opioid policy.
- The **Future Development Needs for WC/PC Task Group** did not meet this quarter. The task group will go on hiatus until a topic is brought forth for discussion.

Work Group 18 Specialty Pharmacy

Ballot Adjudication:

- **Ballot WG180003** – Enhancements to the Specialty Pharmacy Data Reporting Standard Implementation Guide Version 13 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75%+ approval rating. No comments to the ballot were received. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

Old Business:

- The Board of Trustees approved the submitted WG18 Scope and Goals.

Task Groups:

- The **Specialty Pharmacy Data Exchange Task Group** continued working on the 'Inventory' use case. The task group also reviewed the 'Performance Metrics' use case to identify additional metrics to capture.
- The **Specialty Requirements for ePrescribing Task Group** continued working on a new Specialty Implementation Guide. The task group's request to use FHIR® was approved by the Standardization Committee and they are working on the project scope statement for the HL7 Pharmacy work group. The task group also revised their task group goal statement to incorporate use of FHIR®.
- 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** continued working on a White Paper to help identify the benefit source for specialty medication areas.

Other Reportables:

- **WG1 Expanded Dollar Fields Task Group, WG11 Formulary & Benefit 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:

- Two new task groups were formed.
 - **Patient Consent**
 - **Facilitating Pre-Prescribing Information Access**

Work Group 45 External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance

Old Business:

- Industry updates were provided for WEDI, NCPDP SNIP, CAQH CORE, and X12.
- The Board of Trustees approved the submitted WG45 Scope and Goals.

Task Groups:

- The **834/835 FAQ Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **DIR 835 Reporting Task Group** published an updated [Direct/Indirect Remuneration \(DIR\) 835 Reporting Recommendations Guidance](#) document. The task group was disbanded with Work Group approval. Future edits or changes to the guidance document will be handled by the Document Revisions Task Group.
- The **Document Revisions Task Group** did not meet this quarter. An updated [NCPDP Payer Audit Reporting Transaction Guidance](#) document was published. An updated version of the *NCPDP CARC Mapping* document has been published on the [NCPDP Guidance Documents Webpage](#). It contains changes and updates through October 2019. It is located under the X12N 835 Payment Guidance and Related Documents section.
- The **Pharmacy and/or Combination ID Card Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **X12 7030 834/835 TR3 Review Task Group** did not meet this quarter. The task was disbanded with Work Group approval.
- The **DSMO Task Group** received no DSMO requests for review. The task group is on hiatus until further notice.

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Ballot Adjudication:

- **Ballot WGMC0007** - Initial release of the Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard Implementation Guide and enhancements to the XML Standard is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75%+ approval rating. See [Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet](#) for the ballot results and categorization of comments. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

DERFs/ECLs: 13 new and 10 pended DERFs/ECLs were reviewed (see WG1, WG2, WG9, and WG11).

- DERF 001689 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001690/ECL 000294 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001705 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001706 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001719/ECL 000307 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001727/ECL 000312 was pended.
- DERF 001730 was withdrawn by the submitter.

- DERF 001734 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001736 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001738 was pended.
- DERF 001740/ECL 000317 was pended.
- DERF 001741/ECL 000318 was approved.
- DERF 001742 was pended.
- DERF 001743 was pended.
- DERF 001744 was approved.
- DERF 001745 was pended.
- DERF 001746/ECL 000319 was approved with no further modifications.
- DERF 001747 was approved with no further modifications.
- DERF 001748 was pended.
- DERF 001749 was approved.
- DERF 001750/ECL 000320 was approved with no further modifications.
- DERF 001751 was approved with no further modifications.
- DERF 001752 was approved.

Old Business:

- Received updates on:
 - Board of Trustees
 - HIPAA
 - SNIP Committee
 - DSMO Change Request System (CRS) Requests No. 1201 and 1202
 - Project 000052 Electronic Patient Consent
- The Board of Trustees approved the submitted MC Scope and Goals.

Task Groups:

- The **Education/Legislation and Regulations Task Group** drafted and submitted comments to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) on the 2019 Draft Interoperability Standards Advisory.
- The **Real Time Prescription Benefit Standard Task Group** discussed outstanding task group member feedback resulting in the submission of comments on behalf of the task group to the WGMC0007 ballot. The task group also reviewed and recommended solutions and classifications for the comments associated with the negative votes to the WGMC0007 ballot.
- The **API Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Emergency Preparedness Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **X12 TR3 Comment Consolidation Task Group** reviewed the newly released 837P and 837I TR3s for the previous comments and associated outcomes. The task group is commenting on an item related to compounds that was previously missed.
- The **ECL Task Group** did not meet this quarter. DERF 001719/ECL 000307, which requested the addition of field number in error for reject codes where missing and applicable, was withdrawn.
- The **Gender Transition Task Group** worked on modifications to DERF 001716 for a data element, "Sex Assigned at Birth" which was subsequently withdrawn.
- The **Harmonization Formation Task Group** continued to identify the harmonization strengths and weaknesses of current NCPDP documents and processes and reviewed potential recommendations to determine if they are in line with the defined benefits and values of harmonization.
- The **Digital Therapeutics Task Group** confirmed no additional data elements are needed for the Telecommunication Claim Billing Response transaction to support the pharmacy billing of a Digital

Therapeutic product. The task group also discussed the best vehicle for communicating to industry stakeholders how to use the NCPDP SCRIPT 20170071 NewRx and Telecommunication Standard vD.0 Claim Billing transactions for Digital Therapeutics.

- The **NDC Scarcity Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

New Business:

- New Project Development Form 000053 Pharmacy Locator for Backordered Medications 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.
- New Project Development Form 000054 Consumer Facing Real-time Benefit Check 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.
- The **Definitions and Use of Quantity and Days Supply Task Group** was formed to address DERFs 001742, 001743, and 001748 which were pended.
- The attendees received recaps of each Work Group's activities.