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Executive Director

NC Health Information Exchange Authority (NC HIEA)

North Carolina Department of Information Technology

RE: New Transaction for Pharmacy Reporting of Dispensed Medication to NC HIEA

Dear Ms. Burris,

NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited Standards Development Organization (SDO) consisting of more than 1,600 members who represent drug manufacturers, chain and independent pharmacies, drug wholesalers, insurers, mail order prescription drug companies, pharmaceutical claims processors, pharmacy benefit managers, physician services organizations, prescription drug providers, software vendors, telecommunication vendors, service organizations, government agencies, professional societies, and other parties interested in electronic standardization within the pharmacy services sector of the healthcare industry. NCPDP provides a forum wherein our diverse membership can develop solutions, including ANSI accredited standards, and guidance for promoting information exchanges related to medications, supplies, and services within the healthcare system.

It is NCPDP's understanding that Health Information Exchanges (HIEs) provide a broad array of clinical encounter information to their participating providers, including lab and radiology reports and patient care summaries. However, a method to obtain dispensed medication data has been needed. The NCPDP MedicationList Transaction can be used for the purpose of reporting dispensed medication.

SB368 requires pharmacies to connect to the NC HIEA and begin submitting claim data by June 1, 2021 using a "pharmacy industry standardized format". The NCPDP Dispensed Medication Task Group developed and published the MedicationList Transaction in July 2019 as a standardized format to enable pharmacies to report all dispensed medications to other healthcare entities, such as HIEs. The implementation guidelines for this new transaction are found in the ANSI-accredited NCPDP SCRIPT Implementation Guide Version 2019071 and are available for implementation across the industry, including HIEs.

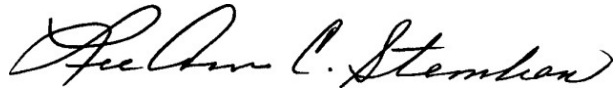
The MedicationList transaction is designed to accommodate multiple patients and multiple dispensing events and is more suitable for pharmacy reporting of dispensed medication data to HIEs than other reporting standards previously mentioned in conversations with the NC HIEA. The MedicationList transaction allows for reporting of all medications/products dispensed from dispensing entity/entities within a specified time period for multiple patients along with any relevant dispensing information within a single transaction regardless of payment source (plan or patient).

The NC HIEA would need to consume and store the data submitted from a dispensing entity using the MedicationList transaction. Participating provider(s) would request a medication history for an individual

patient for a more comprehensive view of the patient's care including additional clinical information. The MedicationList Transaction assumes the HIE will manage patient consent.

NCPDP respectfully requests NC HIEA name the NCPDP MedicationList Transaction as the format used for pharmacy reporting of dispensed medications/products. NCPDP looks forward to working with the NC HIEA. For technical details on the NCPDP MedicationList Transaction and/or if you would like an overview of the transaction, please contact [Teresa Strickland](#), Technical Advisor, Model Facilitator, Standards Development.

Sincerely,



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