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Ms. Stember:

Thank you for your letter regarding the adoption of the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs' (NCPDP) Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard Version 12 and Formulary and Benefit (F&B) Standard Version 53. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recognize NCPDP's important contribution to standards development and the important work the organization does to bring together its diverse membership to develop business solutions.

We appreciate the information you provided about the Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard Version 12 and the F&B Standard Version 53. Input from our stakeholders is an important contribution to CMS' policy-making process, and we value this feedback.

We will take this information into consideration when engaging in rulemaking. Thank you again for your letter and taking the time to share your views. Should you have any additional comments or questions, feel free to reach out to Amy Larrick Chavez-Valdez at Amy.Larrick@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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