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RE: DailyMed Funding

Dear Dr. Brennan,

The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) is a not-for-profit American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited Standards Developer (ASD) consisting of more than 1,500 members representing entities including, but not limited to, claims processors, data management and analysis vendors, federal and state government agencies, insurers, intermediaries, pharmaceutical manufacturers, pharmacies, pharmacy benefit managers, professional services organizations, software and system vendors 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 business solutions, including ANSI-accredited standards and guidance for promoting information exchanges related to medications, supplies and services within the healthcare system.

For over 40 years NCPDP has been committed to furthering the electronic exchange of information between healthcare stakeholders. The NCPDP Telecommunication Standard is the standard used for eligibility, claims processing, reporting, and other functions in the pharmacy services industry as named in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The NCPDP SCRIPT Standard, Telecommunication Standard, and the Formulary and Benefit Standard are the standards in use in electronic prescribing as named in the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA).

DailyMed is a reputable and respected source of drug information recognized throughout the US healthcare system. DailyMed is utilized by physicians, nurses, pharmacists and drug information specialists in numerous healthcare arenas. The site provides healthcare professionals with valuable and unique resources through the aggregation of drug information from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM). This information is within a single NIH site providing a well-documented "source of truth". Users of this information can retrieve the materials and facts needed to make an informed health decision without performing complex and specialized data manipulation of large, complex data sets.

NCPDP recognizes the industry's need for DailyMed and strongly supports and requests continued ongoing funding to maintain this drug information source and to provide critical clinical database

enhancements to continue providing accurate, relevant and rapidly evolving drug information. NCPDP recommends increased funding to enhance additional drug information which is critical to patient safety.

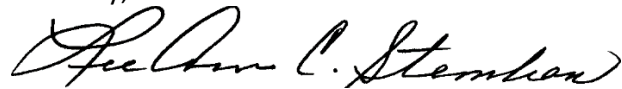
The enhancements may include:

- Purple book assignment along with the identification of interchangeable products
- Orange book assignment
- Addition of 503B compounded drugs
- A link to the pending United States Pharmacopeia (USP) terminology for non-sterile drug compounding
- Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) expansion to include the new Structured Product Labeling (SPL) format
- FDA's NDC transformation to the proposed new NDC format, pending the final rule

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