



DOCUMENTATION FOR NOVEMBER 2024
JOINT TECHNICAL WORK GROUP MEETINGS

For a copy of the Work Group schedule, please visit the NCPDP website at <https://standards.ncdp.org/Standards/media/pdf/WGSchedule.pdf>

To help prepare for the work group meetings, documentation is available on the NCPDP website. The individual work group pages of working documents are below. Review of the documentation (available on each Work Group page) prior to the meeting will provide helpful background. Some documents are still being developed and may not yet be available on the specified page. Please check back before the work group meetings. Work Group materials excluding DERFs, Project Development Forms and Ballot documentation are available at <https://member.ncdp.org/Work-Group-Meeting-Materials>.

DERFs and New Project Development Forms:

Data Element Request Forms (DERFs) and New Project Development Forms submitted for review during the Work Group Meetings scheduled for November 6-8, 2024, in Kansas City, MO, were made available on the website beginning October 23, 2024. To view and download the DERFs, log in to the website as a member, go to Work Group Lookup, select MC Maintenance and Control page and scroll down for the DERFs. For access to the information either download the zip file containing all the DERFs and New Project Development Forms or click on each item and download a copy. If you have any questions or need clarification on a DERF, please contact the Work Group Co-Chairs or the individual identified in the “submitter” section of the DERF.

Note the following DERFs are External Code List (ECL) requests and will be discussed in the Work Group identified and voted on in MC Maintenance and Control.

002025/ECL 000443
002038/ECL 000448
002039/ECL 000449
002040/ECL 000450
002049/ECL 000451

Please review the DERF/External Code List Process at <https://standards.ncdp.org/Our-Process.aspx>.

If you are unable to attend the work group meeting, but have substantive comments on a DERF/ECL, please send those comments to the assigned Work Group Co-Chairs and Standards Development staff.

The final review of all DERFs is held in MC Maintenance and Control where modifications may be made.

PENDED DERF/ECL	REQUEST	WORK GROUP ASSIGNMENT
002025/ECL 000443	Requests a new ECL value for the Additional Message Information Qualifier (132-UH) to indicate an estimated Standard Default Refund Amount (SDRA) for Maximum Fair Price (MFP) eligible claims.	WG1
NEW DERF/ECL	REQUEST	WORK GROUP ASSIGNMENT
002038/ ECL 000448	Requests to update the long description of value 5: <i>Self-Pay Discount Program</i> for fields using the Adjudicated Program Type Shared Code List.	WG1
002039/ ECL 000449	Requests the addition of value 29 – <i>Other Federal Payer</i> to Reported Adjudicated Program Type (A29-ZS) and N Payer Adjudicated Program Type (C48-9U) fields.	WG1
002040/ ECL 000450	Requests to remove the verbiage “Not applicable to Pharmacy Benefits” from the definitions for ECL values 7, 8, 10, 12 and 13 of Patient Residence (384-4X) and ResidenceCode.	WG1
002041	Requests to sunset Pharmacy ID (C36-9E) and create new field Pharmacy Chain Link for use in Formulary and Benefit Standard. Data Dictionary and implementation guide changes.	WG11
002042	Requests to update the Formulary & Benefit Standard Implementation Guide to clarify the use of Reason for Use Action (E90-ZN) in the Comments column. Implementation guide changes only.	WG11
002043	Requests to update Sex Assigned at Birth (F32-W8) to be a required field and, Gender Code (721-MD) to be an optional field in the Formulary & Benefit Standard. Also requests to sunset the use of value U - <i>Unknown</i> for Sex Assigned at Birth for the Formulary & Benefit Standard. ECL and implementation guide changes.	WG11
002044	Requests moving the Extension from within the XML choice to after the choice within its parent sequence for the Header/Digital Signature in SCRIPT and Specialized. Schema changes only.	WG11
002045	Requests to update/clarify RxTransfer sections of the SCRIPT Implementation Guide and schema. Schema and implementation guide changes.	WG11
002046	Requests Pharmacy and RxFillConfirmIndicator fields be added to NoteType for RxFill/Status Type/Transferred. Schema changes only.	WG11
002047	Requests modifications to the SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide to remove references to MeasurementUnitCode, an element previously sunset. Also requests to update the URL for the NCI NCPDP Terminology subsets. Implementation guide changes only.	WG11
002048	Requests to update the SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide to provide clarity and the most up-to-date prior authorization information. Implementation guide changes only.	WG11
002049/ ECL 000451	Requests to sunset ECL values created for CPT5, a code set never implemented by the American Medical Association. ECL and ecl.xsd modifications only.	WG19

Of Special Note:

Morning Briefing

Attendees will hear:

- A preview of each day’s work group sessions
- Updates for:
 - NCPDP Board
 - NCPDP Foundation
 - SNIP Committee
 - HIPAA/Industry

- Industry Alignment
- A request from the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC)
- NCPDP's new Pharmacy Audit Tool
- The need for better tracking of closed pharmacies

NCPDP EDvocacy Update

The NCPDP EDvocacy Update is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

CMS Discussion

The CMS Discussion is scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Documents

Multiple task groups develop Frequently Asked Questions documents for Work Group review and publication. These FAQs should be reviewed prior to Work Group meetings, as discussion time is limited.

SPECIFIC WORK GROUP DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The detailed work group documentation is accessible from either the Member Login/Work Group Lookup page or the [Work Group Meeting Materials page](#) for access to all Work Group zip files on one page. Each page has a November 2024 Work Group Materials link to a zip file for download. **Please note, you may need to check website pages just before the work group meetings, as recent work is being posted in the zip files.**

Previous meeting minutes are also available on each Work Group page.

WG1 Telecommunication

Work Group 1 Telecommunication develops and maintains standards and guidelines to accommodate the collection, transmission and processing of information that may be exchanged electronically or in written formats. The information exchanged may be used for, but is not strictly limited to, such purposes as administering and certifying eligibility, establishing prior authorization for products and services, pharmacy claim billing, pharmacy services billing, payment determination, denial of compensation with explanations, drug use review, determination of benefits and the exchange of adjudicated data between business associates.

During the November Joint Technical Work Group meetings, WG1 will address all voting items:

- Definition of a Valid Prescriber Task Group
 - Medicare Prescriber Validation Matrix with Visio
- Telecommunication FAQ Task Group
 - FAQs from SNIP
- Adjudicated Program Type Sub-Task Group
 - DERF 002038/ECL 000448
 - DERF 002039/ECL 000449
 - Example for inclusion in *Telecommunication Standard Version F6 Examples Guide*
- Pharmacy Services Billing Task Group
 - FAQs
- Coordination of Benefits Task Group
 - FAQ
- Pended DERF
 - 002025/ECL 000443
- New DERF
 - 002040/ECL 000450

WG1 will also:

- Hear updates from task groups

Documents available on the WG1 page include:

- 202411 WG1 zip file containing
 - Agenda
 - Task Group Recaps
- See [web page](#) for all available documentation.

WG2 Product Identification

Work Group 2 Product Identification deals with issues relating to the identification of drugs and health related products within NCPDP's stated mission. Identification consists of how the product is billed (billing units, package size designations), product identification systems and any type of descriptive data which serves to uniquely identify a product with the intent to establish standards for product identification such that there is no ambiguity in distinguishing one product from another.

During the November Joint Technical Work Group meetings, WG2 will address all voting items:

- Adjudicate Ballot WG020016
- Product Review and Billing Unit Exception Task Group
 - QUIC Forms:
 - QUIC Form 202409
 - QUIC Form 202410
 - QUIC Form 202411
 - QUIC Form 202412
 - QUIC Form 202413
 - FAQ for AdvaMed – Reformatting DI Portion of the UDI

WG2 will also:

- Hear updates from task groups
- Receive an RxNorm and NLM update

Documents available on the WG2 page include:

- 202411 WG2 zip file containing
 - Agenda
 - Task Group Recaps
 - QUIC Forms
- See [web page](#) for all available documentation

WG7 Manufacturer and Associated Trading Partner Transaction Standards

Work Group 7 Manufacturer and Associated Trading Partner Transaction Standards develops, monitors and maintains standards for the electronic exchange of data amongst manufacturers and trading partners to facilitate business processes. Additionally, the work group promotes implementation and education of the standards.

During the November Joint Technical Work Group meetings, WG7 will address all voting items:

- Adjudicate Ballot WG070017

WG7 will also:

- Hear updates from task groups

Documents available on the WG7 page include:

- 202411 WG7 zip file containing

- Agenda
- Task Group Recaps
- See [web page](#) for all available documentation.

WG9 Government Programs

Work Group 9 Government Programs, in conjunction with Work Group 1 Telecommunication and other work groups, as necessary, guides and advises federal and state pharmacy programs and their agents on NCPDP standards. WG9 also supports data processing initiatives and provides design alternatives for standards which support government requirements.

During the November Joint Technical Work Group meetings, WG9 will address all voting items:

- Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs Task Group
 - Publication of PMP Tracking Document on NCPDP website
- Medicaid FAQ Task Group
 - Publication of FAQ Document on NCPDP website
- Medicare FAQ Task Group
 - FAQs
- Medicare Prescription Payment Plan Program Task Group
 - FAQs

WG9 will also:

- Hear updates from task groups

Documents available on the WG9 page include:

- 202411 WG9 zip file containing
 - Agenda
 - Task Group Recaps
- See [web page](#) for all available documentation.

WG10 Professional Pharmacy Services

Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services develops and publishes best practices for communication standards or exchange and use of data to: support consistent delivery of direct patient care services, enable interoperability, encourage patient and care team engagement along with fostering patient safety to optimize outcomes. Work Group 10 is a resource on pharmacy practice able to consult or provide input on standards development, maintenance, and evolution.

During the November Joint Technical Work Group meetings, WG10 will address all voting items:

- mL White Paper Task Group
 - Update to scope and goals

WG10 will also:

- Hear updates from task groups

Documents available on the WG10 page include:

- 202411 WG10 zip file containing
 - Agenda
 - Task Group Recaps
- See [web page](#) for all available documentation

WG11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions

Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions develops standardized messages for prescribers, pharmacists, payers and/or other interested parties to exchange information related to a prescribing event or patient encounter.

During the November Joint Technical Work Group meetings, WG11 will address all voting items:

- Adjudicate Ballots WG110097 and WG110098
- Formulary and Benefit Task Group
 - DERF 002041
 - DERF 002042
 - DERF 002043
- Prior Authorization Workflow-to-Transactions Group
 - DERF 002048
- SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group
 - DERF 002046
 - DERF 002047
 - Requested updates to the SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Document.
- RxTransfer Sub-Task Group
 - DERF 002045
 - Requested updates to the SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Document.
- WG11 XML and JSON Task Group
 - DERF 002044

WG11 will also:

- Receive an RxNorm and NLM update
- Hear updates from task groups

Documents available on the WG11 page include:

- 202411 WG11 zip file containing
 - Agenda
 - Task Group Recaps
- See [web page](#) for all available documentation

WG14 Long Term and Post Acute Care (LTPAC)

Work Group 14 Long Term and Post Acute Care (LTPAC), in conjunction with the other work groups, guides and advises payers, processors and providers of the long-term care industry and institutional pharmacy programs and their agents on standards implementation and supports data processing initiatives.

During the November Joint Technical Work Group meetings, WG14 will:

- Hear updates from task groups
- Hear an industry update

Documents available on the WG14 page include:

- 202411 WG14 zip file containing
 - Agenda
 - Task Group Recaps
- See [web page](#) for all available documentation.

WG19 Standards Coordination

Work Group 19 NCPDP Standards Coordination creates and maintains the development of NCPDP standards, implementation guides and reference documents, which cross and impact other NCPDP standards, implementation guides and reference documents maintained by other NCPDP Work Groups. The work group also proposes global changes to standards maintained by other NCPDP Work Groups.

During the November Joint Technical Work Group meetings, WG19 will address all voting items:

- Emergency Preparedness Task Group
 - Scope change
- No Rx Transaction Processing Task Group
 - Updated goals
 - New FAQ
- New DERF
 - 002049/ECL 000451

WG19 will also:

- Hear updates from task groups
 - API Task Group – API Presentation
- Receive an Industry and Policy update

Documents available on the WG19 web page include:

- 202411 WG19 zip file containing
 - Agenda
 - Task Group Recaps
- See [web page](#) for all available documentation

WG20 Coordination of Care and Innovation

WG20 Coordination of Care and Innovation identifies, promotes, and scales NCPDP standards to promote patient-centered care across the spectrum of healthcare delivery. Collaborates with all work groups and other Standard Development Organizations (SDOs) to enhance standards to accomplish identified care coordination goals. Innovates in support of current and future advances in patient care across all healthcare providers including pharmacists.

During the November Joint Technical Work Group meetings, WG20 will address all voting items:

- Admit, Discharge and Transfer (ADT) Notification for Pharmacy Task Group
 - *Industry Guidance for Implementation of ADT Notifications for Pharmacy* guidance document

WG20 will also:

- Hear updates from task groups
- Have a presentation on the History of the HL7/NCPDP EHR-System Pharmacy/Pharmacist Provider Functional Profile Release 1 Standard

Documents available on the WG20 web page include:

- 202411 WG20 zip file containing
 - Agenda
 - Task Group Recaps
 - *Industry Guidance for Implementation of ADT Notifications for Pharmacy* guidance document
 - History of the HL7/NCPDP EHR-System Pharmacy/Pharmacist Provider Functional Profile Release 1 Standard PowerPoint
- See [web page](#) for all available documentation.

WG45 External Standards Assessment and Implementation Guidance

Work Group 45 External Standards Assessment and Implementation Guidance reviews, assesses and works to continually monitor the development of standards and/or operating rules by other Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) and/or other Non-NCPDP entities that may impact the pharmacy industry. The Work Group

- Communicates SDO and other external entities' developments and identifies actions that may be needed by this or other NCPDP work groups. These include, but are not limited to, X12 Implementation Guides and International Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS).
- Develops and maintains guidelines for the pharmacy industry to accommodate pharmacy implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Affordable Care Act (ACA) mandated electronic data interchange (EDI) transactions and operating rules not developed by NCPDP as determined by the membership.
- Contributes to the development and maintenance of operating rules that impact the pharmacy industry.

To this end, Work Group 45 External Standards Assessment and Implementation Guidance will collaborate with other SDOs, operating rules entities or other Non-NCPDP entities to provide the pharmacy perspective and represent the industry needs in the development of standards and guidelines.

During the November Joint Technical Work Group meetings, WG45 will:

- Hear updates from task groups
- Receive the following reports:
 - Industry Updates (WEDI, NCPDP SNIP, X12, CAQH Core, HL7®)

Documents on the WG45 web page include:

- 202411 WG45 zip file containing
 - Agenda
 - Task Group Recaps
- See [web page](#) for all available documentation.

MC Maintenance and Control

MC Maintenance and Control monitors and maintains the development of NCPDP standards, implementation guides and reference documents, promotes consistent business and technical administration, makes recommendations to the Standardization Co-Chairs on development procedures, due process compliance, as well as ethical and legal matters. MC provides a forum for updates of work group activities, resolution of inter-Work Group issues and discussion of legislative, regulatory, policy and court decisions which may affect the pharmacy industry.

During the November Joint Technical Work Group meetings, MC will address all voting items:

- DERFs from Work Groups

MC will also:

- Hear updates from task groups
- Hear recaps of the work group sessions

Documents available on the MC page include:

- 202411 MC zip file containing
 - Agenda
 - Task Group Recaps

- See [web page](#) for all available documentation