



DOCUMENTATION FOR FEBRUARY 2021
INTERIM WORK GROUP MEETINGS

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

To help prepare for the interim work group meetings, documentation is available on the NCPDP web site. 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 interim 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 Interim Work Group Meetings scheduled for February 3-5, 2021 will be available on the website beginning January 20, 2021. 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.

001798/ECL 000336	001810/Emergency ECL 000340
001800/ECL 000338	001816/ECL 000341
001809/ Emergency ECL 000339	001817/ECL 000342

Please review the DERF/External Code List Process at <https://standards.ncdp.org/Our-Process.aspx>. If you are unable to attend the interim 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
001780	Modification to SCRIPT/Specialized: New TherapeuticSubstitutionIndicator, modify SubstitutionCode and values, Imp Guide and schema	WG11
001782	Modify F & B Standard: Add new field “Combination Drug Grouping” to the existing Alternative Product Groups and Step Therapy Product Groups files	WG11

<p>001798 ECL 000336</p>	<p>Total Prescribed Quantity Remaining (D02-KW) is defined as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Accumulated Total Prescribed Quantity Remaining as of the date of service. Calculated value based on: (Prescribed Quantity (460-ET)) * (Number Of Refills Authorized (415-DF) + 1) - Accumulated Quantity Dispensed (442-E7) for each previous fill.</p> <p>This indicates that the value reported in Total Prescribed Quantity Remaining (D02-KW) should never be less than the value in Quantity Dispensed (442-E7).</p> <p>This DERF requests the following new reject code: XX - Quantity Dispensed Exceeds Total Prescribed Quantity Remaining *Field # Possibly in Error: 442-E7 and D02-KW</p> <p>For reference, the Situation in the F6 Implementation Guide is the following: Required only for controlled substance claims. Zero (0) is a valid value.</p> <p>Based on discussion in the WG1 Telecommunication FAQ task group, this DERF also requests addition of the following guidance to Version F6 Editorial Document: Even though the Implementation Guide indicates zero is a valid value, it may result in a reject if sent to the processor. Include the examples from the DERF in the Editorial Document.</p>	<p>WG1</p>
<p>001800 ECL 000338 No update</p>	<p>Reject Code additions are needed for new Request fields added after Telecommunication Standard vD.0</p>	<p>WG1</p>
<p>001807 No update</p>	<p>Update definition for both Days Supply (405-D5) and DaysSupply</p>	<p>MC</p>
<p>NEW DERF/ ECL</p>	<p>REQUEST</p>	<p>WORK GROUP ASSIGNMENT</p>

<p>001809 Emergency ECL 000339</p>	<p>In response to the Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Final Rule, Fraud and Abuse; Removal of Safe Harbor Protection for Rebates Involving Prescription Pharmaceuticals and Creation of New Safe Harbor Protection for Certain Point-of-Sale Reductions in Price on Prescription Pharmaceuticals and Certain Pharmacy Benefit Manager Service Fees, the WG1 Point of Sale Rebate Review Task Group reviewed the final rule specifically as it relates to new safe harbor for price reductions on prescription pharmaceutical products that meet certain criteria.</p> <p>This DERF intends to provide a mechanism for the payer/PBM to optionally communicate either the amount of the Point-of-Sale Rebate/Chargeback, the patient savings due to the POS Rebate/Chargeback, or both in the claim response in non-pricing formula fields.</p> <p>The DERF proposes to add two new Additional Message Information Qualifiers (132-UH) in which the amounts mentioned above can be returned in a claim response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POS Rebate/Chargeback Amount • Patient Savings due to POS Rebate/Chargeback 	<p>WG1</p>
<p>001810 Emergency ECL 000340</p>	<p>On November 30, 2020, the Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published a Final Rule entitled, Fraud and Abuse; Removal of Safe Harbor Protection for Rebates Involving Prescription Pharmaceuticals and Creation of New Safe Harbor Protection for Certain Point-of-Sale Reductions in Price on Prescription Pharmaceuticals and Certain Pharmacy Benefit Manager Service Fees. The WG1 Point of Sale Rebate Review Task Group reviewed the final rule specifically as it relates to new the safe harbor for point-of-sale price reductions on prescription pharmaceutical products.</p> <p>This DERF requests creation of a new Approved Message Code (548-6F) value to allow the payer/PBM to optionally communicate that a point of sale (POS) reduction in price, also referred to as a POS rebate/chargeback, applied to the claim. This information could be useful if a pharmacy wishes to proactively inform patients when such a reduction in price applies or it could be referenced by the pharmacy if a patient inquires about the price they are charged for that claim.</p>	<p>WG1</p>
<p>001811</p>	<p>During review of the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide, it was determined updates are needed to the Long Term Care Change Process section.</p>	<p>WG11</p>
<p>001812</p>	<p>The datatype for AuthorizationNumber in the Approved PAResponse transactions is an1..140.</p> <p>The datatype for PriorAuthorization within MedicationPrescribed in NewRx, RxRenewalResponse and RxChangeResponse is an1..35.</p> <p>The length and name for these two elements should align because they refer to the same thing.</p> <p>This request is to sunset AuthorizationNumber and PriorAuthorization and to create a new data element of PriorAuthorizationNumber and make the datatype an1..35. This number identifies the payer-assigned authorization number.</p>	<p>WG11</p>
<p>001813</p>	<p>Purpose: the intent of this DERF is to update language in the SCRIPT Implementation Guide to level set with the SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations document (section 16, related to LTPAC).</p> <p>Suggestions: Guidance updates only. This guide is to call out elements that are conditional for LTPAC utilization.</p>	<p>WG11</p>
<p>001814</p>	<p>Business Reason: to better clarify the use of RxFill, RxFillIndicator and RxFillIndicatorChange workflow.</p>	<p>WG11</p>

	<p>Summary of Recommended Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RxFill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update sections of the NCPDP SCRIPT Implementation Guide related to RxFill, RxFillIndicator and RxFillIndicatorChange to meet current needs for adoption and utilization. ○ Update element name FillStatus to StatusType and related guidance ○ Update StatusType annotation ○ Add StatusType child element types <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EventNotification ▪ Profiled ○ Add <EventNotification> and <Profiled> to RxFill line in Response Message Usage for ReasonCode ○ Add/Update ECL values and subsets for all StatusType values • RxFillIndicator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Add RxFillIndicator annotation ○ Update Sections of the NCPDP SCRIPT Implementation Guide to align with the RxFillIndicator Element Usage to support the types of notifications a sender may opt into or alter. ○ Update schema to allow RxFillIndicator to repeat up to 10 times. ○ Update the element to a codified list instead of value terms to code to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update ECL values ▪ Update Data Dictionary Definition • RxFillIndicatorChange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update NCPDP guidance to align to the use of RxFillIndicator and RxFill message ○ Update schema to allow RxFillIndicator to repeat up to 10 times ○ All codified values for RxFillIndicator found in other message types will be the same for RxFillIndicatorChange 	
001815	<p>In response to questions raised in the Xml Task Group and the Implementation of Structured and Codified Sig Task Group, this DERF proposes the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct issues in the Indication element allowing for numeric indications. • Review and update all Sig annotations to include; more complete examples, valid SNOMED concepts and adhere to Sig implementation guidance. • Align several other elements in the Sig, which also use a similar structure to the Indication element, to a structure that is more consistent, easier to use and understand and backward compatible with existing versions. • Updated examples, schema files and Sig grammar rules will also be published once this DERF is approved. <p>We are proposing a change to the following elements which currently use a similar structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indication AdministrationTiming FrequencyTiming IntervalTiming Dosage DoseCalculation Vehicle <p>In addition, the matching elements in TitrationTimingAndDuration will be modified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> MeasurementTiming 	WG11

	<input type="checkbox"/> MeasurementFrequencyTiming <input type="checkbox"/> MeasurementIntervalTiming	
001816 ECL 000341	For patients with visual and other communication limitations, the prescriber needs to be able to inform the pharmacy that augmented or alternate prescription labeling is needed. In our review, we found the following possible options: to use an extra-large font, to produce a braille equivalent of a label or provide an audio recording of the label and related consultation advice. We suggest adding these desired actions to PatientCodedNoteQualifier.	WG11
001817 ECL 000342	This DERF is to correct an oversight which occurred in DERF 1794 which updated the RTPB Standard to support the communication of universal patient identifiers. DERF 1794 included the addition of values to Reject Code (511-FB) in relation to the newly added data elements but neglected to add these same values to RejectCode. This DERF requests the addition of values 465, 500, 7N, CX, CY, RR and TH to RejectCode.	MC
001818	This DERF is requesting modifications to the Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard Implementation Guide, the Data Dictionary and the ECL to support requests to and responses from drug discount programs in addition to prescription benefit plans. By adding drug discount program pricing, prescribers and pharmacists can utilize the real-time prescription benefit transaction to determine the pricing for a medication at the point of prescribing or before a medication is dispensed. Following this process could prevent a delay in therapy or abandonment due to cost.	MC

Of Special Note:

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Documents

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

Ballot Responses

There were no recirculation ballots coming out of November Work Group.

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 February 2021 Work Group Materials link to a zip file for download. **Please note you may need to check website pages just before the interim 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, payment determination, denial of compensation with explanations, drug use review, determination of benefits and the exchange of adjudicated data between business associates.

During the February Interim Work Group meetings, WG1 will address all voting items:

- Point of Sale Rebate Review Task Group
 - DERF 001809/Emergency ECL 000339
 - DERF 001810/Emergency ECL 000340
- Vote on pended DERF
 - DERF 001798/ECL 000336
 - DERF 001800/ECL 000338

WG1 will also:

- Discuss and vote on questions and answers from various task groups for inclusion in the Version D Editorial document
- Hear a presentation of legislative and regulatory developments from WG1 PC-WC Monitoring, Billing and Education Task Group
- Discuss the syntax of a future version of the Telecommunication Standard

Documents available on the WG1 page include:

- 202102 WG1 zip file containing
 - Agenda
 - Task Group Recaps
 - PC-WC Monitoring, Billing and Education Task Group Presentation
- 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 February Interim Work Group meetings, WG2 will address all voting items:

- QUIC Forms 202007

Documents available on the WG2 page include:

- 202102 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 between manufacturers and data providers, and/or trading partners. Additionally, the work group will facilitate the implementation and education of the standards and process.

WG7 has no voting items.

Documents available on the WG7 page include:

- 202102 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 February Interim Work Group meetings WG9 will address all voting items:

- Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs Task Group
 - State PMP Tracking Document Update

Documents available on the WG9 page include:

- 202102 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 supports the collaborative planning, delivery, documentation and quality improvement activities of direct patient care activities and practice-related services through the development and distribution of standards, standards-based templates, and implementation guides. These tools, in conjunction with the publication of best practices, support consistent delivery of direct patient care services, enable interoperability, encourage patient engagement, and foster patient safety to optimize outcomes.

These services and activities are provided in many different practice settings and include activities such as medication therapy management, clinical reconciliation (medication, allergies and problems), patient immunization management, point-of-care testing, disease state monitoring, adverse drug event reporting and therapy adherence program management. Pharmacists contribute to improving patients' health by providing patient care services as authorized by license and allowed under their scope of practice and collaborative practice agreements.

WG10 has no voting items.

Documents available on the WG10 page include:

- 202102 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 February Interim Work Group meetings, WG11 will address the following voting items:

- XML Task Group
 - DERF 001815
- SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group
 - DERF 001813

- DERF 001780
- New Procedure for requesting the next version of the SCRIPT Standard
- Request for additions to the SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations document
- Electronic Prior Authorization Workflow to Transactions Task Group
 - DERF 001812
- Formulary and Benefits Task Group
 - DERF 001782
- RxFill Task Group
 - DERF 001814
- DERFs
 - DERF 001811
 - DERF 001816/ECL 000341

Documents available on the WG11 page include:

- 202102 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.

WG14 has no voting items.

Documents available on the WG14 page include:

- 202102 WG14 zip file containing
 - Agenda
 - Task Group Recaps
- See [web page](#) for all available documentation.

WG18 Specialty Pharmacy

Develops, monitors and maintains existing and new standards and guidance for the electronic exchange of data amongst providers, pharmacies, manufacturers, payers/processors and other stakeholders to facilitate patient access to specialty products and related business processes.

The work group, in conjunction with other NCPDP Work Groups, guides and advises stakeholders on standards implementation and supports data processing initiatives. The work group may request modifications to other NCPDP standards as necessary.

WG18 has no voting items.

Documents available on the WG18 web page include:

- 202102 WG18 zip file containing
 - Agenda
 - Task Group Recaps
- 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.

WG45 has no voting items.

Documents on the WG45 web page include:

- 202102 WG45 zip file containing
 - Task Group Recaps
 - CAQH CORE Update
- 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 February Interim Work Group meetings, MC will address all voting items:

- Real-Time Prescription Benefit Task Group
 - DERF 001817/ECL 000342
 - DERF 001818
- Definition and Use of Quantity and Day Supply Task Group
 - DERF 001807
- Emergency Preparedness Task Group
 - COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance Document v1.1

Documents available on the MC page include:

- 202102 MC zip file containing
 - Agenda
 - Task Group Recaps

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