August 2013 Work Group Recaps:

For results of Data Element Request Forms (DERFs) and External Code Set (ECLs) reviewed see DERF Resolution at http://www.ncpdp.org/members/members_wg_info.aspx?wgid=wgmc

Work Group 1 Telecommunication

Ballots Reviewed:

- Recirculation Ballot WG010058R Telecom E.3 (DERFs 001080) was valid at 78.26% of the consensus group voting and 75% approval rating. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001116 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001143/ECL 144 recommended to be approved to MC.

Old Business:

- **NCPDP SNIP Committee** is spearheading further notification and education to industry on the requirement to support Quantity Prescribed in Telecom D.0 billing transactions (see more information under "Updates" below). They will discuss educational opportunities for compound/specialty pharmacy entities and the National Health Plan Identifier.

Task Groups:

- The **Telecommunication FAQ Task Group** discussed questions submitted.
- The **Coordination of Benefits Task Group** discussed questions submitted and brought forward the task group recommendations to the Version D Editorial for questions received.
- The **Financial Information Reporting Task Group** published a Post Automated TrOOP Balance Transfer (Post ATBT) white paper. The Transaction Facilitator has requested input from plans on the number of these transactions processed to scope for an electronic Post ATBT process. The task group is completing a non-plan of record white paper. The Work Group approved a FIR Editorial document from questions received.
- **Information Reporting Problems Task Group** published a "COB" white paper on the problems in exchanging enrollment data that affect claims and information reporting in Medicare Part D processing. They are working with the COB Task Group on question 39.
- The **Post Adjudication Task Group** discussed a file layout for Transition Fill Claims Transfers.
- The **Audit Task Group** discussed enhancements to the standard based on the pilot and expect to bring forward a DERF for November Work Group.
- The **Safe Use Processing – REMS Task Group** monitored the Ballot containing DERF 001080 for the enhancements to the Telecommunication Standard for intermediary support and reporting to REMS and PDMP entities. They will remain active in case there are implementation questions or action items related to the federal PDMP under discussion.
- A **Definition of a Valid Prescriber Task Group** brought forward a question to be included in the Version D Editorial document and questions they are working on. The task group is building a white paper of recommendations and gaps. They have been working with CMS on NPI enrollment questions.
- **Supplemental Payer Reporting Task Group** has been on hiatus.
- **Eligibility Verification Enhancements Task Group** updated DERF 001116. They are discussing eligibility verification exchanges where the pharmacy has old beneficiary identification information and is requesting current information. There was discussion about the regulatory process for using an enhanced eligibility transaction; they will create a survey for the industry on the next HIPAA version.
- **Service Billing Task Group** did not meet this quarter but will discuss combining product and service claims from input from the Vaccine Services Task Group.

- The **Compound Billing Solutions Task Group** is discussing recommendations for claim processing with product identifiers that are not NDCs.
- The **Transaction ID Task Group** is examining the use of a unique transaction identifier for all Telecom transactions. They are working through scenarios.
- **Appendix G Task Group** is reviewing the Telecom Standard Imp Guide's "Appendix G. Two Way Communication to Increase the Value of On-line Messaging" to update.
- **Vaccine Services Task Group** is discussing pharmacy benefit billing for products and services.

Updates:

- A HIPAA Standards, Operating Rules, and regulations (HPID/ICD/NPI/EFT/ERA) update was given.
    - NCPDP recommendation to OESS to publish federal rulemaking to notify the industry to allow the conditional use of field Quantity Prescribed (46Ø-ET) in the billing transactions in Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide Version D.Ø. (See DERF 001097 for background and http://www.ncpdp.org/Hipaa.aspx under Implementation Guide Corrections banner).
        - NCPDP published the updated Telecommunication Standard and Version D Editorial in November 2012, which are available for download.
        - The originally approved Telecommunication Standard will also continue to be on the website as the HIPAA-named version at this point.
        - **Per OESS, they are seeking Interim Final Rule with Comment since they cannot do a Federal Register notification as they had hoped.**
            - **It appears they may have to publish an NPRM (the entire route), which impacts the 01/2014 industry requested implementation.**
            - **NCPDP is seeking a second opinion.**
            - **Entities should not implement the Quantity Prescribed change until the regulatory process is underway.**
            - See WG1 minutes for more information.

New Business:

- WG1 Scope and Goals were approved.
- A new **Benefit Integration Task Group** was formed to create a standard for plans to share information on deductible, copay and Out of Pocket (OOP) to correctly maintain the Maximum out of pockets as described in the ACA.
- The work group discussed the Strategic Planning Committee request to document and track work group activities and initiatives that provide opportunities to show how the work of NCPDP leads to improved health outcomes, increased patient safety and reduced cost.

Work Group 2 Product Identification

DERFs Reviewed:

- DERF 001149 – approved.

Task Groups:

- The **Structure Product Labeling Activities Task Group** tracks the activities of the SPL, offers suggestions to improve access and usability of the FDA Structured Product Label and Electronic Drug Listings, and monitors the work of the Guiding Coalition for feedback to the work group. This task group met during the WG meeting. The Coalition has sent 18 letters to the FDA and is working on one other letter regarding Storage Conditions. This letter would recommend indexing the storage conditions that appear in the package inserts. Update from Lonnie Smith of the FDA— there are currently 54,400 product SPL files posted on DailyMed.
- The **Product Review and Billing Unit Exception Task Group** is reviewing the exceptions within the Implementation Guide and issues that result from changes to existing products or release of new products.

- Reviewed six new QUIC forms and three additional products.
- Submitted a DERF based on the resolution of QUIC forms #201315 and #201319.
- Reviewed the issuance of 5-digit labeler codes by the FDA and will submit a DERF for the November 2013 WG meetings to recommend that NHRICs with 5-digit labeler codes and 5-digit product codes must be converted by inserting the zero in the sixth position. This will require a change to Appendix D of the Telecommunication Standard.
- Due to completion of all activities the subgroup formed to perform quarterly reviews to identify and resolve incongruent package sizes between compendia has been suspended until such time that another package size differences list is submitted.
- Working with the NCPDP Educational Committee to hold a webinar on the NCPDP Billing Unit Standard.

- The **NCPDP Product Identification Standard Task Group** has completed the draft of the NCPDP Product Identification Standard that is posted to the NCPDP WG2 page and will submit a DERF for the November 2013 work group meetings.
- The **SPL REMS Requirements Task Group** is to gather the data needed to develop a template for pharmaceutical manufacturers to use in electronic submission of all the components for risk evaluation and mitigation strategies (REMS) drugs to a central repository (DailyMed) via FDA's Structured Product Labeling system. The FDA staff involved in SPL standardization and codification (REMS Integration Initiative) has made progress in cataloging the content and format of existing REMS and the creation of an internal database that can serve as the foundation for creating an SPL REMS data standard. As a result of the Prescription drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) V, FDA conducted a public meeting on July 25th and 26th, 2013 to explore further recommendations for standardizing REMS to better integrate them into, and reduce their burden to, the existing and evolving healthcare system, including evolving electronic systems. NCPDP provided oral comments at this meeting focusing on the recommended path of using SPL as the means to standardize REMS data, achievement of which is critically important for downstream automation such as in NCPDP's electronic prescribing and prescription processing standards (SCRIPT, Telecommunication). NCPDP's recommendations included:
    1. Adoption of SPL as the means for standardizing and providing central access to REMS data and content
    2. Designating development and implementation of SPL standardization of REMS as one of FDA"s four PDUFA V priority projects required under Congressional reauthorization of this Act
    3. Designating NCPDP, an ANSI-accredited standards development organization (SDO), as an official collaborator with FDA in its REMS standardization efforts
- The **Dates Associated with Pharmaceutical Products Task Group** is to investigate definition inconsistencies, involve government agencies to make them aware of the issues, and provide education on the importance via a white paper or other means. The group continues to investigate dates used throughout the industry.
- The **Evaluation of BUS's Billing Units Task Group** is to gain an understanding of the issues by looking at the unique attributes of patient administered products, identify any challenges in the current BUS, review billing and reimbursement processes for these products, identify similarities amongst these products and review past work on these products by WG2 and WG7. A presentation with speaker notes is in development to re-educate stakeholders regarding the Billing Unit Standard and why it is important. An initial primary goal will be to leverage how FDA promotes the BUS through NCPDP to make that the standard for CMS.
- An update on the joint **WG11 and WG2 Drug Description Task Group** was provided. See WG11 meeting minutes.

- An update on the **MC NDC Depletion Task Group** was provided. See MC meeting minutes.

New Business:

- QUIC Form Review:
  - **#201313 Adrenaclick auto-injector, NDC 59630-0803-02 and 59630-0804-02** – Requested modification to list strength and not concentration. The Work Group voted without opposition to deny this request based on the recommendation of the Product Review and Billing Unit Exception Task Group that this request is out of scope in regards to the Billing Unit Standard.
  - **201317 Miconazole Vaginal Cream plus pre-filled applicator(s) product w/NO wipes NDCs 30142-0982-00 (Kroger); 36800-0982-00 (Topco); 50428-2771-97 (CVS) (con't)** – BU=grams; the compendia will make the change on October 1, 2013.
  - **201318 Miconazole Vaginal Cream plus pre-filled applicator(s) product WITH wipes, NDCs 00363-0982-00 and 11917-07848 (Walgreens); 11822-3973-40 (Rite Aid)** – BU=each; the compendia will make the change on October 1, 2013.
  - **#201319 Rezamid NDC 11086-0022-01/UPC 94731-0022-01** – BU=56.7 gms and not count the color matcher (2.5 gms) per Section 5.5.1 of the Billing Unit Standard. The compendia will make the change on October 1, 2013.
  - **#201320 Subsys 1200mcg Sublingual Spray (NDC# 20482-012-15) and Subsys 1600mcg Sublingual Spray (NDC# 20482-016-15) -** BU = EA, quantity of 30 per Sections 5.1.12 and 5.1.17 of the BUS.
  - **#201321 DocuSol Plus Mini-Enemas NDC 17433-9883-05** – BU = EA, Quantity=5 per section 5.2.8 of the BUS and FAQ 7.38. DERF will be submitted to add the name of this product to the FAQ of 7.38.
  - **#201322 CIMZIA 200 mg/ml Starter Kit NDC 50474-710-81 -** BU = EA. Quantity =3 per FAQ 7.5. The compendia will make the change for October 1, 2013.
  - **#201323 Marqibo® (vinCRIStine sulfate LIPOSOME injection) NDC 20536-0322-01** - BU=EACH (quantity of one kit) per Section 5.5.1 of the Billing Unit Standard.
- Approved WG2 Scope and Goals

<u>Work Group 3 Standard Identifiers</u>

Task Groups:

- The **Pharmacy and/or Combination ID Card Task Group** is modifying the implementation guide and Fact Sheet related to the use of Health Plan Identifier in the Card Issuer ID field. The recommended changes will be part of the HPID DERF (see HPID Task Group below). The Task Group will also address whether a keychain card is a valid use of an identification card for the discount card program.
- The **Pharmacy ID Card Operating Rules Task Group** revised the mapping document - *Pharmacy ID Card to the ASC X12/ØØ5Ø1ØX279 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response (270/271)*. Further discussion will occur related to RXGrp. Recommended NCPDP Operating Rules will be developed during the next quarter.
- The **Health Plan Identifier (HPID) Task Group**
  - Reviewed and updated the SNIP Committee's HPID recommendations from 2011. The SNIP Committee will review the suggested changes and develop a white paper for implementation guidance.
  - DERFs will be submitted for the November Work Group meetings which will include all identified changes to NCPDP standards and the External Code List necessary to accommodate the use of HPID and OEID.

New Business:

- WG3 Scope and Goals were reviewed and approved.

- Smart Card Legislation (introduced):
  - US House Bill 2828 - To amend Titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent fraud and abuse under the Medicare program and to require National Provider Identifiers for reimbursement of prescriptions under part D of the Medicare program, and for other purposes. This Bill would establish a pilot program utilizing smart card technology to evaluate (A) the applicability of smart card technology to the Medicare program under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.1395 et seq.); and (B) whether such cards would be effective in preventing fraud under the Medicare program.
  - New Jersey Senate Bill 2894 - Establishes Medicaid Smart Card Pilot Program.
- A presentation was given on a Strategic Planning Committee request to document and track work group activities and initiatives that provide opportunities to show how the work of NCPDP leads to improved health outcomes, increased patient safety and reduced cost.

Work Group 7 Manufacturer and Associated Trading Partner Transaction Standards

Ballots Reviewed:

- Ballot WG070010 Manufacturer Rebate Standard v07.00 (DERF 1096). The ballot was valid at 64.78% of the consensus group voting. There were nine negative with reason comments and one affirmative comment from the consensus group. There were six public comments with objections. The negative comments were categorized as not persuasive. The objectors do not agree with the categorization or to change their votes. The ballot will be recirculated. If the votes are changed to abstain or approve, the Manufacturer Rebate Standard v07.00 will be sent to the NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

Old Business:

- Regulatory/Industry Changes Impacting Work Group 7 – no update to report.

Task Groups:

- The **Reference Guide Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Medical/Biologics Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Medicare Part D Coverage Gap Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **CMS Task Group -** the State of Delaware's Medicaid Pharmacy Administrator has invited a representative of NCPDP to participate in the Eastern Medicaid Pharmacy Administrators Association (EMPAA) meeting to be held October 27-30, 2013.
- The **Formulary-E-Prescribing & Tracking Task Group** presented the final draft of the "NCPDP White Paper on Challenges and Opportunities for Stakeholders Regarding Eprescribing Technologies and Formulary Compliance." WG7 approved the white paper and requested an abstract be written to accompany the paper. The white paper will proceed to the Standardization Committee for review and approval.
- The **Rebate Standard Update Task Group** responded to questions related to changes to the Rebate Standard as a result of Ballot WG070010.

New Business:

- WG7 Scope and Goals were reviewed and approved.
- Health Insurance Exchange/Marketplace Questions – WG9's Health Insurance Exchange/Marketplace Task Group has submitted questions to WG7 specifically related to the use of the Rebate Standard. The Rebate Standard Task Group will discuss the questions and report to WG9.
- A presentation was given on a Strategic Planning Committee request to document and track work group activities and initiatives that provide opportunities to show how the work of NCPDP leads to improved health outcomes, increased patient safety and reduced cost.

Work Group 9 Government Programs

DERFs Reviewed:

- DERF 001113/Emergency ECL 000137 – In May WG9 pended the DERF for further clarification from CMS and the WG9 Medicare Part D FAQ Task Group. The DERF was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001144/Emergency ECL 000145 - WG9 recommended approval of the DERF with modifications.
- DERF 001150/Emergency ECL 000146 - The DERF was withdrawn by the submitter.

Old Business:

- The State of the States document was reviewed and updated. Fiscal Intermediary changes were noted. The document is available: http://www.ncpdp.org/members/Work-Group.aspx?ID=wg09

Task Groups:

- The **Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Task Group** presented updated information for states that have prescription drug monitoring programs.
- The **34ØB Task Group** addresses challenges impacting trading partners related to Section 34ØB of the Public Health Service Act of 1992 such as the identification of prescriptions eligible to be filled with Section 340B drugs. WG9 reviewed a proposed DERF to request the addition of a new optional data element to allow exchange of the associated Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) Identification Code(s) in various SCRIPT messaging.
- The **Dual Eligible Recipients and Medicare Advantage Plans Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Health Insurance Exchange/Marketplace Task Group** brought forward questions and responses for review by Work Group 9. The responses are not final at this time due to fluctuation of information.
- The **Medicaid Subrogation FAQ Task Group** did not meet as no new questions were received.
- The **Medicare Part D FAQ Task Group** brought forward questions and recommended responses for approval by WG9.
    - The **Data Sharing for Overutilizers Sub Task Group** is reviewing the drugs being used in the categories of APAP and Opioids due to an expanded CDC list, technical specifications/process for uploading responses to CMS reports and handling of APAP management (case management vs. POS edits).
- The **Supplemental Payer Part D Reconciliation Standardization Task Group** is working to determine if standards can be created to communicate Part D beneficiary liability changes to other payers that are supplemental to Part D and allow the supplemental payer to communicate any changes in coverage as a result of the Part D changes.

New Business:

- WG9 formed a **Hospice Task Group** to develop guidance regarding the CMS requirement that Part D sponsors ensure that Part D does not pay for drugs and biologics that may be covered under the Medicare Part A per-diem payment to a hospice program.
- WG9 Scope and Goals were reviewed and approved.
- Government Programs and Industry Changes:
    - CMS Medicaid Update
        - Review of information available on www.Medicaid.gov
            - Drug Utilization Review Program
            - Federal Upper Limits
            - Survey of Retail Prices
    - Legislative Briefing Topics:
        - PDMP, 340B, Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid Expansion
- A presentation was given on a Strategic Planning Committee request to document and track work group activities and initiatives that provide opportunities to show how the work

of NCPDP leads to improved health outcomes, increased patient safety and reduced cost.

Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services

Old Business:

- There was no update on ISMP/Patient Safety initiatives.
- Members were reminded that the Legislative/Regulatory Tracking Document is available on the WG10 webpage and Collaborative Workspace.

Task Group Reports:

- The **MTM Communications Task Group** has submitted the Clinical Document Architecture Release 2 Medication Therapy Management Program (MTM CDA) Implementation Guide for reballot in HL7 in the August ballot cycle. Entities have expressed interest in piloting the MTM CDA and work group attendees were encouraged to put the document in use so that any short comings can be identified and addressed. The guidance for the C-CDA Pharmacy Care Note has been completed and Transitions of Care for Pharmacy has been initiated.
- The **Acetaminophen Best Practices Task Group** is awaiting decision on actions stemming from the June Focus Group targeting inpatient and transition of care of care overdose issues related to acetaminophen.
- The **Specialty and Compounding Pharmacy Service Task Group** is continuing review of data elements needed for specialty pharmacy use cases and defining the conditions for use in preparation for development of possible new segments in MTM messages or new specialty specific messages. Members of the task group are working with the WG1 Compound Billing Solutions Task Group.
- The **mL White Paper Task Group** reported on the progress in developing a paper to encourage mL as the standard unit of measure for liquid medications. It is intended that the paper be completed for workgroup review and approval in November.
- The **DUR Rejection Review Task Group** completed the review and comments for Appendix G and will monitor the activity until completion of Appendix G by WG1 Appendix G Task Group.
- The **Prescribable Medication Information at Point of Care Task Group** has initiated a white paper aimed at recommending best practices to assure the availability of accurate and timely medication information at the point of care.
- **WG1-WG10 Compound Billing Issues Task Group** provided an update of the progress on answering the identified compound billing questions. Work Group 10 members, especially those with compound billing issues and experience were encouraged to participate.

New Business:

- WG10 Scope and Goals were approved.
- A presentation on the Pharmacy HIT Collaborative Value Set Committee Update on Allergy Coding was provided.
- A presentation was given on a Strategic Planning Committee request to document and track work group activities and initiatives that provide opportunities to show how the work of NCPDP leads to improved health outcomes, increased patient safety and reduced cost.

Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions

Ballots Reviewed:

- Ballot WG110054 (DERF 001120, 001121 and 001124). The ballot was valid at 64.35% of the consensus group voting. There were two consensus group affirmative comments. The comments were voted as persuasive and editorial, so modifications will be made and the ballot will proceed to the Board of Trustees for approval after the required appeal period.

- Ballot WG110055 (DERF 001129, 001130, 001131, 001132, 001133, 001134, 001135, and 001136). The ballot was valid at 64.78% of the consensus group voting. There were three negative with reason comments. There were no public comments. Recirculation is required unless all negative votes are changed to affirmative or abstention. One negative with reason commenter modified their vote to abstain prior to the meeting. The other two negative with reason commenters later verbally agreed to change their vote to abstain or approval. Upon written receipt, the ballot will proceed to the Board of Trustees for approval after the required appeal period.
- Ballot WG110056 (DERF 001141). The ballot was valid at 64.35% of the consensus group voting. There were no comments. The ballot will proceed to the Board of Trustees for approval after the required appeal period.

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001123 was approved with modifications.
- DERF 001128 was pended.
- DERF 001138 was pended.
- DERF 001139 was approved with modifications.
- DERF 001146 was approved.
- DERF 001147 was approved with modifications.
- DERF 001148 was withdrawn.

Old Business:

- An industry update was provided on NCVHS Subcommittee on Standards, CMS (eprescribing), and DEA eprescribing for controlled substances and implementation activities.

Task Groups:

- The **Formulary and Benefit Task Group** worked on pended DERFs. The task group met with WG7 task group to complete review on the draft white paper. The task group reviewed the Physician Fee Schedule NPRM and discussed the implementation timeframe recommended for Formulary and Benefit Standard Version 3.0 named in this regulation (and sunset of version 1.0). The work group voted to approve comments to the regulation requesting an implementation date of **version 3.0 as of July 1, 2015**. The final regulation in November will publish the implementation and sunset date based on comments received.
- **XML Task Group** brought forward DERF 001147 for assignment of ReasonCode values to specific transaction types.
- **NCPDP/HL7 Pharmacist Functional Profile Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Prescription Requirements Task Group** discussed the Days Supply guidance and Notes guidance. They examined new questions on the use of a serial number and coupon data exchanges. They discussed the use of the quantity field with other task groups. The work group renamed the task group to **WG11 Electronic Prescribing Best Practices Task Group** and clarified their goals.
- The **Central Fill Task Group** completed monitoring of the ballot for central fill items. The task group was disbanded.
- An update was given from the **WG14 LTPAC ePrescribing Task Group**. They received an overview of an eprescribing demonstration project conducted at a recent Pharmacy HIT Collaborative meeting. They are evaluating enhancements for LTPAC in eprescribing.
- **REMS and ePrescribing Task Group** is refining their use cases between prescriber, pharmacy, REMS Administrator, switch/intermediary for safe use programs, the data elements needed, and are working through flows and then updates to an implementation guide. They have provided trigger/data element analysis information to the WG2 SPL Task Group.

- The **RxFill Task Group is** modifying the existing implementation guidance for the Fill Status Notification transactions. They also worked with the Pharmacy to Pharmacy Prescription Transfer Task Group.
- The **Electronic Prior Authorization Workflow to Transactions Task Group** discussed prior authorization paper form regulations and decided to not create a legislative outreach letter. DSMO Change Request 1189 has been filed to request the SCRIPT Standard version 2013071 ePA transactions only (not all SCRIPT transactions) be named in HIPAA for prior authorization of medications and supplies under the pharmacy benefit. This may be a topic at the September NCVHS meeting.
- The **WG11/2 Joint Drug Description Task Group** submitted DERF 001146. They have begun a project with NLM for creating processes for supporting RxNorm eprescribing names.
- The **Pharmacy to Pharmacy Prescription Transfer Task Group** has built use cases. They are discussing data elements in transfer exchanges between pharmacies and completing SCRIPT Implementation Guide support.
- The **Meaningful Use and NIST Test Methods for ePrescribing Task Group** is on hiatus but met with the Prescription Requirements Task Group on quantity usage. They will begin discussing testing for RxChange, structured Sig, and other testing.
- **Electronic Signature Guidance Task Group** began a white paper for outreach to explain signature terms and use in electronic prescribing.

New Business:

- WG11 Scope and Goals were approved.
- The work group discussed the Strategic Planning Committee request to document and track work group activities and initiatives that provide opportunities to show how the work of NCPDP leads to improved health outcomes, increased patient safety and reduced cost.
- A preliminary request for a new DERF on prescription priority and pick up was discussed.
- A new task group, **Implementation of Structured Sig Task Group** was created to provide guidance on implementation and Q&A from implementers.
- A presentation was given on the Pharmacy HIT Collaborative Update to Drug Allergy Classification Project.

<u>Work Group 14 Long Term and Post Acute Care (LTPAC)</u>

Old Business:

- Industry/Regulatory updates were provided which included HIPAA and NCVHS.

Task Group Reports:

- The **ePrescribing Task Group** – This Task Group provided a report on a recent LTC demonstration project which was based on the LTC ePrescribing workflow.
- The **LTPAC Current Billing Issues Task Group** – The Task Group provided a report on the activities during the last quarter. They continue to update the editorial guidance for Medicare Part D appropriate dispensing and will begin looking at the ePA transactions from a LTC pharmacy perspective.
- The **Review of Telecommunication Standard Appendix G Task Group** in conjunction with WG1 Telecommunication continued the review of the current Appendix G in the Telecommunication Implementation Guide to provide updates.
- Received updates from the **WG1 Eligibility Verification Enhancements Task Group** and **the WG9 Medicare Part D FAQ Task Group.**

New Business:

- WG14 Scope and Goals were approved

<u>Work Group 16 Property & Casualty/Workers Compensation</u>

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001145 was approved with modification to add a Jurisdictional Field assignment for Colorado compounded medication billing requirements. The revised Manual Claim Form Implementation Guide will be sent to the NCPDP Board for approval.

Old Business:

- The revised Guidance Paper has been published.
- An IAIABC update was provided.
- The Reconsideration Billing draft survey was approved by the work group. The survey will be sent to providers, payers and state agencies.

Task Group Reports:

- The **Legislative/Regulatory Monitoring and Education Task Group** provided an update on state regulatory and legislative initiatives affecting Workers' compensation programs including changes in medical necessity and treatment guidelines, fee schedules, prior authorization requirements, repackaged drugs and payer directed and/or provider network rules that affect the coverage, billing and reimbursement for services.
- The **Billing and State Reporting Task Group** provided an update regarding states moving to adopt regulations for e-billing, paper billing and EDI reporting. The task group presented the DERF to modify a Jurisdictional Field assignment and amended it to address a requirement for Colorado and thereby enable their adoption on the PC/WC UCF.

New Business:

- WG16 Scope and Goals were approved.
- A presentation was given on a Strategic Planning Committee request to document and track work group activities and initiatives that provide opportunities to show how the work of NCPDP leads to improved health outcomes, increased patient safety and reduced cost.

<u>Work Group 45 External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance</u>

Old Business:

- Industry updates were provided for WEDI, ASC X12, CAQH CORE, NCPDP SNIP and Health Exchanges
- An Inter SDO update was provided.

Task Groups:

- The **Document Revision Task Group** presented a modification of the Payment Reference Guide to align the language referring to the EFT transaction with the language in the CORE Operating Rule. The change was approved.
- The **834/835 FAQ Task Group** received no new questions, therefore did not meet.
- A **DSMO Task Group** received no new DSMO Change Requests.
- The **Provider Enrollment Task Group** is on hold pending the outcome of their ASC X12 Change Request.
- The **ASC X12 835 v5010 Adjustment Task Group** presented the analysis and recommendations for handling positive payment when no transfer of funds occurs. The task group determined that this is not an adjustment to the paid amount and the issue was moved to the Document Revision Task Group to determine and document the best approach.
- The **Central Pay Task Group** presented their examples. A new use case was added for when payment is made outside the adjudication process.

New Business:

- WG45 Scope and Goals were approved.
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MC Maintenance and Control

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DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- MC Maintenance and Control reviewed 14 new and pended DERFs/ECLs (see WG1, WG2, WG9, WG11, and WG16 above).
- The DERFs approved at this meeting will result in:
    - Two ballots for the August 2013 ballot period
        - WG010059 for Telecommunication
        - WG110057 for SCRIPT
    - A republication of the Billing Unit Standard Implementation Guide Version 3.Ø will be sent to the NCPDP Board for approval.
    - A republication of the Formulary & Benefit Implementation Guide Version 4.1 will be sent to the NCPDP Board for approval.
    - Version 1.3 of the Manual Claim Form Implementation Guide will be sent to the NCPDP Board for approval.

Old Business:

- Updates given:
    - HIPAA
    - NCPDP Legislative/Regulatory Activities
    - GS1

Task Groups:

- The **Education/Legislation and Regulations Task Group** received no new legislation to review and did not meet.
- The **ECL Implementation Task Group**
    - Received approval for the modifications to the External Code List updating

        - Section C – Request for Modifications
        - Section D – NCPDP Use of External Code List and Vocabularies
        - Created a Quick Reference Chart of the 13 different externally maintained code sets
    - Disbanded since their work is completed
- The **Ordering of Diabetic Supplies Standard Task Group**
    - Discussion continued on the information needed for ordering of Diabetic Supplies
    - Development of use cases was begun
- The **NDC Depletion Task Group**
    - In conjunction with WG2 Product Identification Standard Task Group and the SPL Task Group these task groups have requested a meeting with the FDA Office of Compliance to discuss concerns and suggestions for future solutions.
    - Requested assistance of NCVHS in facilitating a meeting with the FDA to address concerns.
    - Freedom of Information Act response was received and it was determined there are 28-34 years of 5-digit labeler codes left based on current usage.
- The **PDMP White Paper Task Group** has finalized the PDMP White Paper which has been forwarded to the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC). The task group is on hold waiting recommendations from ONC.

New Business:

- The attendees received daily Work Group recaps.
- MC Scope and Goals were approved
- The work group discussed the Strategic Planning Committee request to document and track work group activities and initiatives that provide opportunities to show how the work of NCPDP leads to improved health outcomes, increased patient safety and reduced cost.