



## May 2021 Virtual Interim Work Group Recaps:

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

### Work Group 1 Telecommunication

Ballot Adjudicated:

- **Ballot WG010086** - Enhancements to the Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide Version F7, Post Adjudication Standard Implementation Guide Version 52, Prescription File Transfer Standard Implementation Guide Version 39, Prior Authorization Standard Implementation Guide Version 26, Uniform Healthcare Payer Data Standard Implementation Guide Version 29 and Benefit Integration Standard Implementation Guide Version 17 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75%+ approval rating. No comments to the ballot were received. See Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet for the ballot results on the WG1 webpage. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001809/Emergency ECL 000339 was pended to the WG1 Point of Sale Rebate Review Task Group.
- DERF 001810/Emergency ECL 000340 was pended to the WG1 Point of Sale Rebate Review Task Group.
- DERF 001819/ECL 000343 was recommended to MC to approve.
- DERF 001820/ECL 000344 was pended to the WG1 Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group.
- DERF 001821 was pended to the WG1 Telecommunication FAQ Task Group.
- DERF 001822/ECL 000345 was pended to the WG1 Coordination of Benefits Task Group.
- DERF 001823/ ECL 000346 was recommended to MC to approve with modifications.
- DERF 001824/ECL 000347 was recommended to MC to approve with modifications.
- DERF 001825/ECL 000348 was recommended to MC to approve with modifications.

Task Groups:

- The **Telecommunication FAQ Task Group** reviewed modifications to FAQ #4 in the *Recommended Use of Quantity Prescribed (460-ET) in NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Version D.0* paper, reviewed two FAQs from the WG1 Coordination of Benefits Task Group for publication in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* and created an FAQ for Drug Discount Programs and Downstream Medicaid Payers. The two Coordination of Benefits FAQs were approved with modifications for publication. The Drug Discount Programs FAQ was returned to the Telecommunication FAQ task group for additional work.
  - The **FAQ Controlled Substance Guidance Update Sub-Task Group** created Version 13 of *Recommended Use of Quantity Prescribed (460-ET) in NCPDP Telecommunication Standards Version D.0* which includes an update to FAQ #4. The modification to the question was approved for publication.
  - The **FAQ Insulin Pen Packaging Claim Adjudication Guidance Sub-Task Group** presented their recommended FAQ for review and publication in the *Telecommunication Version D*

*and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates.* The FAQ with the addition of the scenarios chart was approved for publication.

- The **P and C/WC Monitoring, Billing and Education Task Group** created a letter to the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission on their proposed use of state-specific codes to report prescription strength topical compounds under the Medical Services Provider Manual.
- The **Coordination of Benefits Task Group** reviewed and answered two questions of which both were approved with modification for publication in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates*.
- The **Information Reporting Problems Task Group** continued review of the *Overview of the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coordination of Benefits (COB) Process* white paper, reported updates to the Nx reports None and Proxy Delete form will be implemented, provided list of Automated TrOOP Balance Transfer (ATBT) Contacts and clarified the contact should be the plan contact, not the PBM.
- The **Post Adjudication Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Definition of a Valid Prescriber Task Group** is working on a letter to CMS regarding the DEA surrender memos confusion and untimeliness. They are also working to update the provider information in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates*.
- The **Eligibility Verification Enhancements Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Benefit Integration Task Group** continues to modify the Benefit Integration Implementation Guide and schema to include Benefit Synchronization where appropriate.
- The **Standardized Subrogation Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Expand Dollar Fields Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group** created a DERF for specific Professional Service and Reason For Service Codes and created an FAQ for states mandating/allowing enhanced dispensing fees.
- The **Point of Sale Rebate Review Task Group** received no response to letters to OIG and CMS requesting additional guidance and confirmation of assumptions and approaches and reviewed previously pended ECL DERFs for Structured Message Fields and Approved Message codes.
- The **Telecommunication Agility Next Generation (TANG) Task Group** encouraged members to join MC Standards Message Structure Harmonization (SMaSH) Task Group, identified possible road map tasks to transition to JSON, discussed SCRIPT Extensibility Process and Rules and changes that might be needed to accommodate the Telecommunication Standard in a JSON format, and reviewed proposal options for restructuring reject messages.
- The **Pharmacy Product Locator Task Group** administered a survey on the industry need for a pharmacy product locator tool.
- The **Pharmacy Services Billing Task Group** worked on a gap analysis between the X12 837P transaction and the NCPDP Telecommunication Standard S1 transaction, created a list of services pharmacists may perform in various states, and began a use case matrix.

#### Other Reportables:

- **DSMO Change Requests:** An update on the status of the DSMO Change Request 1201 (New Version of the Batch Standard), 1202 (New Standard - Subrogation Implementation Guide for Batch Standard) and 1208 (New Version of the Telecommunication Standard) was provided in the WG1 download materials.
- **MC REMS Workflow to Transaction Task Group, WG11 X12 270/271 Version 7030 Review Task Group, MC RTPB Standard Task Group and MC SNIP Task Group:** Recaps for these task groups were provided in the WG1 download materials.

#### New Business:

- Alan Gardner of RxResults, Inc., task group lead for WG45 Pharmacy and/or Combination ID Card Implementation Guide Review Task Group, gave a presentation about the ID card challenges with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.
- The **WG1 Accomplishments** presentation is available in the WG1 Download file.

#### Work Group 2 Product Identification

##### DERFs Reviewed:

- DERF 001826 was approved.
- DERF 001827 was approved as modified.

##### Old Business:

- Chris Hui of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) provided an update on RxNorm and DailyMed.

##### Task Groups:

- The **Product Review and Billing Unit Exception Task Group** reviewed issues resulting from changes to existing products or to the release of new products. The task group:
  - Reviewed and submitted to WG2 for adjudication one new QUIC form (see final adjudication determination by the Work Group in this report):
    - QUIC #202101 Takeda TAK-721
  - Reviewed two products via email and one during task group calls for verification of the package size or billing unit to list within the drug data compendia files.
  - Completed and submitted a DERF to add to the Product Identifiers Standard the FAQ about the necessity of a new NDC when products move from EUA to Commercial availability.
  - Continued efforts on a project to evaluate the entire suite of radiopharmaceutical products to see what we can do to confirm consistent application of the Billing Unit Standard.
  - Modified scope statement to incorporate the Product Identifiers Standard as a result of this task group responding to more and more inquiries to the Standard and product identification. The Work Group approved the modified scope statement.
  - Determined modifications are needed to the Product Identifiers Standard FAQ 7.5 *How do I convert a GTIN12, GTIN14 or GLN (GTIN13) to a UPC to create an NCPDP 11-digit UPC?* based upon information from a meeting with Lilly and GS1.
  - For January through March 2021, 2,542 new Structured Product Label (SPL) Billing Unit Index files were generated with one changed SPL Billing Unit Index file based on the files received by the FDA from the compendia. The compendia group has reconciled 19 of the 20 NDCs with discrepancies.
- The **Naming Standards for Drugs, Biologics and Biosimilars Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Outsourcing Facility Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

##### Other Reportables:

- **MC REMS Workflow to Transaction Task Group, MC NDC Scarcity Task Group and MC Digital Therapeutics Task Group:** Recaps for these task groups were provided in the WG2 download materials.

##### New Business:

- New QUIC Form Review and Final Adjudication:
  - QUIC #202101 Takeda TAK-721

**BU = ML per 4.2.2 and 5.2.1 of the BUS with a package size of 10ml (64764-105-10) or 600ml (64764-105-60).**

- The Work Group agreed to remove the Billing Unit Decision Tree from the NCPDP website because it is outdated and there is the potential for it to provide incorrect information. Also, there is not a mechanism to update it in its current form.
- The **WG2 Accomplishments** presentation was given.

### **Work Group 7 Manufacturer and Associated Trading Partner Transaction Standards**

Task Groups:

- The **Manufacturer Rebate Standard Task Group** reviewed the focus for the upcoming year, including value-based contracting, gathering more participation, 340B and other items. Jeff Albright gave a presentation about the Task Group discussion items.
- The **Medical Rebate Standard Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

New Business:

- The **WG7 Accomplishments** presentation was given.

### **Work Group 9 Government Programs**

Ballot Adjudicated:

**Ballot WG090016** - Enhancements to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMP) Reporting Standard Implementation Guide is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75%+ approval rating. There was one negative with reason comment received. WG9 reviewed and categorized the comment as non-persuasive. See Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet for the ballot results and categorization of comments on the WG9 webpage. Unless the commenter changes their vote, there will be a recirculation ballot. If the commenter changes their vote, the ballot will proceed to the Board of Trustees for approval after the required 30-day appeal period.

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001828 was pended to the WG9 Government Programs Encounter Reporting Standard Task Group.

Task Groups:

- The **Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs Task Group** continued monitoring state PMP activity. The PMP Tracking Document was approved for publication.
- The **340B Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Government Programs Encounter Reporting Standard Task Group** finalized and approved the draft implementation guide and supporting documents to be presented at work group.
- The **Hospice Task Group** began review of Nx Reject Codes, reviewed drafted Hospice Nx Scenarios and started drafting a letter to recommend that CMS initiate changes to Nx transactions when Transaction Reply Codes 071 "Hospice On" and 072 "Hospice Off" are sent to remove conflicting information.
- The **Medicaid Frequently Asked Questions Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Medicare Standardized Fraud, Waste and Abuse Training Attestation Task Group** updated the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Training Attestation document for review at work group. The Fraud, Waste and Abuse Training Attestation document was approved for publication.
- The **Medicare Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Task Group** reviewed several questions relating to Senior Savings Model PDE Edits.

- The **Medicare Financial Information Reporting (FIR) Task Group** reviewed FIR improvements such as a new proxy delete form, FIR daily cumulative reject report and email notifications when no report is present.
- The **Medicare Part D Frequently Asked Questions Task Group** reviewed the CMS response to the new question raised when reviewing the Medicare Medicaid Plan Edit, Part D Drug Rejected. The task group updated the 569 Chart to include a yes/no column. The modified 569 Chart was approved for publication in the FAQ document. The new question was pended to the task group for additional work.
- The **Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC)/Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center (BCRC) Task Group** reviewed the Plan Communication User Guide (PCUG) to define and validate COB Source Codes and to validate Medicare Secondary Payer Reason and Supplemental type codes.
  - The **Clarify Chapter 14 Sponsor Requirements for COB Time Frames Sub-Task Group** reviewed and completed modifications to Chapter 14 and presented these changes to the parent task group. The modifications to Chapter 14 were approved to send to CMS.
  - The **Medicare Part D Section 111 Issues and Questions Sub-Task Group** reviewed the Medicare Program; Medicare Secondary Payer and Certain Civil Money Penalties Proposed Rule, created a Responsible Reporting Entities (RRE) contact list for Section 111 reporting and is working to create an FAQ document to support Medicare Part D plans, RREs and the Commercial Employer Groups to help ensure accurate data is being shared on the Section 111 report.

#### New Business:

- Alan Gardner of RxResults, Inc., task group lead for WG45 Pharmacy and/or Combination ID Card Implementation Guide Review Task Group, gave a presentation about the ID card challenges with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.
- The **WG9 Accomplishments** presentation was given.

#### Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services

##### Task Group Recaps:

- The **WG14/WG10 Standardized Medication Profile Task Group** completed and approved the draft *Standardized Medication Profile* white paper which was presented to the HL7® Pharmacy Work Group on 03/01/2021. The white paper identifies and defines the components for development of an interoperable medication profile standard. The task group prepared and submitted the Notice of Intent to Ballot to HL7®. The HL7® Ballot period closes in May 2021.
- The **Identification of Social Determinants of Health Task Group** started working on a draft white paper. They drafted an outline and started working on the introduction section.
- The **MTM and Pharmacist Clinical Services Task Group** reported the HL7® Technical Steering Committee is reviewing the NCPDP/HL7® Pharmacist eCare Plan C-CDA template and Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) Implementation Guide before working jointly with NCPDP to submit to ANSI. For the Comprehensive Medication Review (CMR) Summary FHIR® wrapper, the project is on hold until HL7® completes the Multiple Chronic Conditions (MCC) eCare Plan effort to develop a FHIR® version of an eCare Plan Summary. For the Beneficiary Level Report (BLR), the task group continues to work on a guidance document recommending a BLR standard for exchange between the provider of the MTM services to the Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) Plan or Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) including identification of NCPDP and/or HL7® standards.

- The **mL White Paper Task Group** did not meet this quarter, but in March 2021, the white paper *NCPDP Recommendations for Standardizing Dosing in Metric Units (mL) on Prescription Container Labels of Oral Liquid Medications, Version 2.0* was published electronically on the [American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy website](#) and on the [NCPDP website](#). An announcement was made in the NCPDP Now. In April 2021, the white paper was also published in the *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*, Volume 78, Issue 7.
- The **Universal Medication Schedule White Paper Task Group** did not meet but will begin working on the detailed background with a core group, modifying the drafted recommendations as needed until a full draft document can be circulated for review and comment.
- The **Pharmacogenomics Task Group** began looking at various educational opportunities such as webinars and drafting a white paper. They began creating use cases with the intention of creating a guidance document. They will begin creating best practices/standards to communicate clinically relevant pharmacogenomics information.

Other Reportables:

**WG18 Specialty Requirements for ePrescribing Task Group, WG14 Consultant Pharmacist Interoperability Task Group and WG1 Pharmacy Services Billing Task Group:** Recaps for these task groups were provided in the WG10 download materials.

New Business:

- The **WG10 Accomplishments** presentation was given.

### **Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions**

Ballot Adjudicated:

- **Ballot WG110086** for the SCRIPT, Specialized, XML standards and the Formulary and Benefit Standard Version 54 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75%+ approval rating. One affirmative with comment was received. WG11 reviewed and categorized the comment as non-persuasive. See Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet for the ballot results and categorization of comments on the WG11 webpage. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

DERFs Reviewed:

- DERF 001816/ECL 000341 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001829 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001830 was approved.
- DERF 001831 was pended to the WG11 Insulin Pump Sub-Task Group for additional work.
- DERF 001832/ECL 000349 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 001833 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001834 was approved.

Task Groups:

- The **Dispensed Medication Reporting Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **ePrescribing Regulatory Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Formulary and Benefit Task Group** continued working on recommendations for the *Formulary and Benefit Implementation Recommendations* document for Version 53.
- The **Implementation of Structured Sig Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Pharmacy to Pharmacy Prescription Transfer Task Group** brought forth DERF 001829 for changes to prescription transfer transactions.

- The **Prior Authorization Workflow to Transactions Task Group** continued work on the duplicate transaction process/workflow.
- The **WG11/WG14 RxFill Task Group** received approval for a new FAQ which will be included in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document. They will continue working on additional guidance and examples for SCRIPT Version 2017071.
- The **SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group** brought forth DERFs 001816/ECL 000341, 001831 and 001834 and received approval for two new FAQs for inclusion in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.
  - The **Insulin Pump Use Sub-Task Group** completed work on DERF 001831.
  - The **RxChange Guidance Review Sub-Task Group** received approval for modifications to the SCRIPT Version 2017107 guidance for inclusion in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.
- The **X12 270/271 version 7030 Review Task Group** did not meet this quarter. Having completed their work, the task group disbanded.
- The **XML Task Group** continued to work on looking at the medication types in their process to streamline the schema. The task group reviewed and provided recommendations on all submitted DERFs impacting the schema.

Other Reportables:

- An Electronic Prescriptions for Controlled Substances (EPCS) update was provided.
- SCRIPT Version 2017071 NSC-11 certified members were recognized.
- An RxNorm and DailyMed update was provided.

New Business:

- The **WG11 Accomplishments** presentation was given.

**WG14 Long Term and Post Acute Care (LTPAC)**

Task Groups:

- The **LTPAC Billing Issues Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Consultant Pharmacist Interoperability Task Group** decided to update the current C-CDA guidance document, *Consultant Pharmacist Consult Note v1.0: Guidance on the Use of the HL7® CDA Consolidated Templates for Clinical Notes R2.1 Consult Note*, making it consistent with the FHIR® Consultation Note Resource Profile.
- The **Long Term and Post-Acute Care ePrescribing Task Group** submitted DERFs 001830, 001832/ECL000349 and 001833 which were approved in WG11 ePrescribing and Related Transactions. Received approval from WG11 ePrescribing and Related Transactions to add three new FAQs to the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document. The task group will continue working on guidance and modifications to the SCRIPT Standard to meet LTPAC needs.
  - The **Multi Communication Sub-Task Group** completed their work, and the sub-task group was disbanded.
- The **WG14/WG10 Standardized Medication Profile Task Group** completed their gap analysis of the NCPDP and HL7® standards and determined to use the HL7® FHIR® standard and received approval for the Standardized Medication Profile White Paper.
- The **WG11/WG14 RxFill Task Group** received approval from WG11 ePrescribing and Related Transactions to add a new FAQ for inclusion into the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.

Other Reportables:

- Received a LTPAC industry update.

New Business:

- The **WG14 Accomplishments** presentation was given.

### **Work Group 18 Specialty Pharmacy**

Ballot Adjudicated:

- **Ballot WG180004** introduces enhancements to the Specialty Pharmacy Data Reporting Standard Implementation Guide and is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75%+ approval rating. Two affirmative comments were received. WG18 reviewed and categorized the comments as persuasive and editorial. See Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet for the ballot results and categorization of comments on the WG18 webpage. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

Task Group Recaps:

- The **Specialty Requirements for ePrescribing Task Group** monitored the ballot process for the jointly developed Specialty Implementation Guide with HL7®. The HL7® ballot reconciliation is complete and passed at the Pharmacy WG. The task group also reviewed the Specialty Medications Enrollment FAQs document.
- The **Specialty Pharmacy Data Exchange Task Group** continued working on the 'Performance Metrics' including structure. The task group discussed a possible beta implementation of the Specialty Pharmacy Data Reporting Standard. A pharmacy partner is willing to pilot; but a manufacturer partner is needed.
- The **Benefit Coverage Identification Task Group** discussed collaborating with X12 to develop guidance and best practices for the X12 – 270/271 Transaction. The task group identified a use case and example for using X12 270/271 transaction to determine medical benefit coverage of specialty products at the product level.
- The **Patient Consent Task Group** discussed the three task group business cases (Unsolicited Consent, Consent Notification During the Encounter and Consent Request / Response). The group specified data content needed in the Unsolicited Content and Consent Request / Response business case transmission events. Business cases 1 (Unsolicited) and 3 (Solicited) have been completed. Business Case 2, Consent Notification During the Encounter, is still in progress. The task group encourages all those that are knowledgeable about the prescriber/clinic/patient/EHR workflow to join the task group calls to help define an approach for informing stakeholders about needed consents, so they can be obtained during the encounter.
- The **Facilitation Access to Specialty Products Task Group** developed a recommendations paper providing information to manufacturers, prescribers, payers and pharmacies regarding hub services and limited distribution products. The paper was reviewed and approved for publication after several minor editorial changes identified during Work Group are implemented.

Other Reportables:

- **WG1 Expanded Dollar Fields Task Group, WG10 Identification of Social Determinants of Health Task Group, WG11 Prior Authorization Workflow-to-Transaction Task Group, MC REMS Workflow-to-Transaction Task Group and MC Real Time Prescription Benefit Standard Task Group:** Recaps for these task groups were provided in the WG18 download materials.

New Business:

- A Presentation was made by Rick Sage from the **WG1 Pharmacy Product Locator Task Group**.
- The **WG18 Accomplishments** presentation was given.



## Work Group 45 External Standards Assessment and Implementation Guidance

### Old Business:

- Industry updates were provided for WEDI, NCPDP SNIP, CAQH CORE and X12.

### Task Groups:

- The **Pharmacy and/or Combination ID Card Task Group** continued reviewing the Pharmacy and/or Combination ID Implementation Guide and is performing outreach around the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.
- The **834/835 FAQ Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Document Revisions Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **DSMO Task Group** received no DSMO requests for review.

### New Business:

- The **WG45 Accomplishments** presentation was given.

## MC Maintenance and Control

### Ballot Adjudicated:

- **Ballot WGMC0010** - Enhancements to the Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard Implementation Guide Version 12 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes. One (1) affirmative with comment, seventy-nine (79) negative with reason comments and seven (7) object with reason comments were received. MC reviewed and categorized the comments. See Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet for the ballot results and categorization of comments. One of the negative with reason comments was changed to affirmative. Due to the categorization of ballot comments, the ballot will be recirculated.

### DERFs/ECLs: 16 new and 3 pended DERFs/ECLs were reviewed (see WG1, WG2, WG9 and WG11).

- DERF 001809/Emergency ECL 000339 was pended.
- DERF 001810/Emergency ECL 000340 was pended.
- DERF 001816/ECL 000341 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001819/ECL 000343 was approved.
- DERF 001820/ECL 000344 was pended.
- DERF 001821 was pended.
- DERF 001822/ECL 000345 was pended.
- DERF 001823/ECL 000346 was approved with modifications.
- DERF 001824/ECL 000347 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001825/ECL 000348 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001826 was approved.
- DERF 001827 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001828 was pended.
- DERF 001829 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001830 was approved.
- DERF 001831 was pended.
- DERF 001832/ECL 000349 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001833 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001834 was approved.

### Old Business:

- Received updates on:
  - Board of Trustees

- Updates for the following were provided in the MC download materials:
  - HIPAA
  - SNIP Committee
  - DSMO Change Request System (CRS) Requests No. 1201, 1202 and 1208

#### Task Groups:

- The **Education/Legislation and Regulations Task Group** submitted comments to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology regarding the Draft United States Core Data for Interoperability Version 2 for the April 15 deadline.
- The **Emergency Preparedness Task Group** completed the annual review of the *Emergency Preparedness Guidance* and incorporated the COVID-19 vaccine billing guidance. Version 1.9 of the guidance was presented to and approved by the Work Group.
- The **X12 TR3 Comment Consolidation Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Real Time Prescription Benefit Standard Task Group** discussed issues and concerns expressed at February Work Group regarding DERF 1818 which incorporated inquiries to Drug Discount Programs into the Standard. The task group proposed modifications to the implementation guide to address these concerns.
  - The **Consumer-Facing RTPB and Price Transparency Sub-Task Group** began to discuss and identify the necessary data to be exchanged for two use cases (inquiry to prescription benefit where patient is eligible and product is covered; inquiry to drug discount program). The objective is to identify data requirements and then compare those requirements to existing internal and external standards.
- The **Gender Transition Task Group** started work on a DERF to introduce third person pronouns as an optional field in SCRIPT to align with HL7® and to help with patient communication.
- The **Digital Therapeutics Task Group** updated the *Background and Guidance for Using the NCPDP Standards for Digital Therapeutics* to incorporate the results of the gap analysis of the Formulary and Benefit Standard, Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard, the differences between the Telecommunication Standard Version F2 and F6 and the X12 835 Health Care Claim Payment/Advice. The task group reviewed the Specialty Pharmacy Data Reporting Standard. They also discussed possible next business use cases.
- The **NDC Scarcity Task Group** is on hiatus and did not meet this quarter.
- The **Patient Identification Task Group** is on hiatus and did not meet this quarter.
- The **Definition and Use of Quantity and Day Supply Task Group** evaluated implementation guides to document how and where Days Supply (405-D5) and DaysSupply are used. Because various concepts are represented, a single universal definition which fits all use cases and standards may not be feasible. The task group discussed possible options of a new qualifier field, new distinct data elements or a hybrid approach. A straw poll conducted at Work Group indicated a preference for the option of new distinct data elements.
- The **2D Barcode Implementation Task Group** completed updates to the *NCPDP GS1 DataMatrix* white paper. Version 1.1 of the paper was presented to and approved by the Work Group.
- The **REMS Workflow to Transactions Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **NCPDP Standards Message Structure Harmonization Task Group** drafted their scope statement and removed “NCPDP” from the task group name. The name and scope statement were presented to and approved by the Work Group. They created a list of all NCPDP standards to document the format and description. The task group also started to identify criteria for a common format and the benefits of harmonization.

#### New Business:

- Alan Gardner of RxResults, Inc., task group lead for WG45 Pharmacy and/or Combination ID Card Implementation Guide Review Task Group, gave a presentation about the ID card challenges with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.
- The 2021-2022 Work Group Co-Chairs were announced.
- The **MC Accomplishments** presentation is available in the May 2021 supporting documentation download.