



## November 2022 Joint Technical Work Group Recaps:

For results of Data Element Request Forms (DERFs) and External Code List (ECL) reviewed see DERF Resolution at <https://member.ncpdp.org/work-groups.aspx?ID=wgmc>.

### Work Group 1 Telecommunication

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001907/ECL 000375 was withdrawn.
- DERF 001908/ECL 000376 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 001919/ECL 000381 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 001920/ECL 000382 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 001921/ECL 000383 was recommended to MC to approve.
- DERF 001922/ECL 000384 was recommended to MC to approve.
- DERF 001923/ECL 000385 was recommended to MC to approve.
- DERF 001924 was approved.

Task Groups:

- The **Telecommunication FAQ Task Group** reviewed six DERFs and one revision to Section 22.22.6 State License Questions in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* that was voted upon under the WG1 Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group recap. The task group also reviewed a potential implementation timeline for enhancements to the Medicare Part D Eligibility Lookup responses and began reviewing Other Payer Adjudicated Program Type values needed.
- The **P and C/WC Monitoring, Billing and Education Task Group** provided an update of legislative and regulatory developments from the last quarter.
- The **Coordination of Benefits (COB) Task Group** completed Patient Pay Component Version F6 transition guidance and continued work on transition tax guidance. The leads presented a Telecommunication VD.0 COB webinar in August and a small group drafted a COB Telecommunication VF6 presentation for the 2022 Educational Summit. The task group will continue drafting transition guidance next quarter.
- The **Information Reporting Problems Task Group** completed updates to the *NCPDP Guidance for ADAPs and Qualified SPAPs Medicare Part D Coordination of Benefits Requirements and Responsibilities Version 4* and completed guidance for new required fields and their defaults for the N transactions that are not on the current F6 Payer Sheet. They began updating the *Medicare Part D Information Reporting Transaction Matching Best Practices* document for Telecommunication Standard VD.0 and began guidance around the new reject codes for the N Transaction Payer Identification Segment created by DERF 001910/ECL 000378 last quarter.
- The **Definition of a Valid Prescriber Task Group** updated pending DERF 001908/ECL 000376 requesting updates to Reject Code (511-FB) value 777 and created DERF 001919/ECL 00381 requesting an update to the value limitation on Submission Clarification Code value 42. The task group also drafted an update to section 22.22.6 State License Question in *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* and created a Medicaid Prescriber Validation flow to be presented with the additional updates to prescriber guidance in the

*Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* at a future meeting.

- The **Benefit Integration Task Group** reviewed an examples document for benefit synchronization. They continued to review related documents corresponding with the changes made for transaction format layout, examples document and implementation guide. They also began reviewing a benefit integration white paper. The task group calls were moved to every other Thursday at 12:00 p.m. Central Time.
- The **Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group** continued their review of the DUR codes and presented DERFs to modify or sunset several DUR codes. They also modified DUR guidance in Section 22.22.6 State License Questions in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* that was approved for publication and created a DERF for a new Result of Service Code for Sickle Cell Disease. They will begin creating additional guidance for some of the codes next quarter.
- The **Telecommunication Agility Next Generation (TANG) Task Group** reviewed the JSON updates to the Extension Registry Form and modified the JSON updates to the Extension Registry Steps document.
- The **Pharmacy Services Billing Task Group** decided to convert the proposed white paper to a guidance document for S1 implementation, reviewed WG1 Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group's DERFs for changes to existing DUR/PPS codes, explored S1 implementation options, determined which S1 request data elements are necessary for the payer to identify the details of the service provided in order to apply the appropriate payment at point of service and reviewed medical decision making/level of complexity versus time-based billing codes.
- The **Eligibility Verification Enhancements Task Group** discussed the new information in Message (504-F4) for Medicare Advantage (MA) Only and Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) and the modified Response Coordination of Benefits Segment for MA Only plans and options for pharmacies to begin receiving the information: either as soon as it is available (July 2023) or until October 2023 to align with annual ECL implementation.
- The **Expand Dollar Fields Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Post Adjudication Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Standardized Subrogation Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

Other Reportables:

- **DSMO Change Requests:** There is no 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). The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) is being reviewed by OMB.
- **MC Prior Authorization Communication, Evaluation and Recommendations Task Group** provided an update on the work of this task group and made a plea for input from Telecommunication Standard Prior Authorization Transaction users.
- **MC RTPB Standard Task Group, MC REMS Workflow to Transaction Task Group and SNIP Committee:** Recaps for these task groups and committee can be found in the WG1 download materials.

New Business:

- Reviewed [DERF 001932](#) based on the DERF Harmonization recommendation. The DERF was referred to WG1 Telecommunication FAQ Task Group.

## **Work Group 2 Product Identification**

Old Business:

- Tammy Powell 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 five products for billing unit or package size issues and one QUIC form. Additionally, the task group sent a letter to radiopharmaceutical manufacturers regarding NCPDP Billing Unit Assignment Changes to notify them of compendia file updates on September 30, 2022. The task group began to review recommended changes from GS1 to the Product Identifiers Standard FAQ 7.5 to provide additional clarity.
- The **Naming Standards for Drugs, Biologics and Biosimilars Task Group** heard a presentation from United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) staff about how to read and use the Purple Book and understand the differences between biosimilar, interchangeable and reference products.
- The **Outsourcing Facility Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

#### Other Reportables:

- **MC REMS Workflow to Transaction Task Group and MC NDC Scarcity Task Group:** Recaps for these task groups can be found in the WG2 download materials.
- **MC Digital Therapeutics Task Group:** The work group received an update on the work of this task group.

#### New Business:

- New QUIC Form Review and Final Adjudication:
  - QUIC #202202 SevenFact®  
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### Work Group 7 Manufacturer and Associated Trading Partner Transaction Standards

#### DERFs Reviewed:

- DERF 001925 was approved.

#### Task Groups:

- The **Manufacturer Rebate Standard Task Group** discussed improving the details and continuity related to reversal and replacement transactions between trading partners and began drafting a DERF for future submission to address this need within the standard.
- The **Medical Rebate Standard Task Group** began reviewing the current standard and discussing necessary modifications for standard improvement. The task group requested and received approval to modify the task group scope statement.

### Work Group 9 Government Programs

#### Task Groups:

- The **Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs Task Group** continued monitoring state PMP activity and updated the State PMP Tracking Document, which was approved for publication by WG9.
- The **Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC)/Benefits Coordination and Recovery Center (BCRC) Task Group** completed the Wisconsin State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program remediation plan for correcting Other Health Information and applying Information Reporting (N) transactions. The task group continued reviewing the COB Industry Updates document and

discussed future changes to the annual full file. The task group requested and received approval to change the task group name to Medicare Part D Coordination of Benefits Other Health Insurance (COB-OHI) Data Sharing Task Group. The task group also received approval to change the scope statement.

- The **Chapter 14 Review Sub-Task Group** was disbanded.
- The **Government Funded Entitlement Programs Sub-Task Group** was established to create guidance and educational materials related to coordination of benefits among government funded programs. The sub-task group began drafting a memo to provide industry guidance on the unique plan design of the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program and to identify processes for coordination with the WTC Health Program.
- The **Hospice Task Group** determined the Emergency ECL DERF for Hospice Election Status Nx Transaction Reject Code is not needed until all pilot use cases have been identified. The hospice pilot project went live in August 2022 and reported approximately 150 transactions with efficiency three to four weeks faster than the Transaction Reply Report (TRR).
- The **Medicare Financial Information Reporting (FIR) Task Group** reviewed recommended changes to handling of FIRs involving non-participating Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) plans and non-PACE plans that have invalid BIN/Cardholder ID information, began developing content for a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Health Plan Management System memo and identified a new report that will be needed to assist plans in reaching out to non-participating PACE plans.
- The **Medicare Part D Frequently Asked Questions Task Group** discussed Medicare related topics needing updates and guidance for the transition to Telecommunication Standard VF6, reviewed questions on vaccine and insulin drug pricing changes based on the CMS memo *PDE Reporting Instructions for Implementing Cost Sharing Maximums Established by IRA for Covered Insulin Products and ACIP-Recommended Vaccines for CY 2023*, reviewed differences between Medicaid billing units and NCPDP billing units and reviewed two FAQs created for DERFs approved at the August Work Group meeting. The first FAQ was approved for publication. The second FAQ was approved as modified for publication. The task group presented *Implementing the Cost Sharing Maximums Established by the Inflation Reduction Act for Covered Insulin Products and ACIP-Recommended Vaccines for Contract Year 2023* for publication approval. The document was approved as modified for publication.
- The **Medicare Part D Section 111 Issues and Questions Task Group** discussed the updates to the Group Health Plan (GHP) User Guide, which now includes hierarchy business rules for Part D primary and supplemental prescription drug record transactions.
- The **Medicare Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Task Group** reviewed, discussed and submitted questions in response to several CMS memos, including *VBID Model Guidance on Treatment of Reductions in Part D Cost-Sharing*, *PDE Reporting Instructions for Implementing the Cost Sharing Maximums Established by the Inflation Reduction Act for Covered Insulin Products and ACIP-Recommended Vaccines for Contract Year 2023*, *Contract Year 2023 Program Guidance Related to Inflation Reduction Act Changes to Part D Coverage of Vaccines and Insulin* and *Additional CY 2023 PDSS Model Guidance Related to Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Changes to Part D Coverage of Insulin*.
- The **Government Programs Encounter Reporting Standard Task Group** began a comparison between the Medicaid Pharmacy Encounters Reporting Standard and the Post Adjudication Standard. The task group also began drafting a letter to the National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD) to educate the industry on the new standard. The task group requested and

received approval to change the task group name to Medicaid Pharmacy Encounters Reporting Standard Task Group.

- The **Medicaid Frequently Asked Questions Task Group** discussed whether Telecommunication Standard Eligibility (E1) responses should identify the Other Payer Adjudicated Program Type (C47-9T) associated to the beneficiary's plan with an already existing Medicaid-related ECL value or if a new value is needed. The task group will continue the discussion in the upcoming quarter. The task group also discussed the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program and how to coordinate benefits with Medicaid providers.
- The **340B Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Medicare Standardized Fraud, Waste and Abuse Training Attestation Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

### **Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services**

#### Task Groups:

- The **MTM and Pharmacist Clinical Services Task Group** is still waiting for the HL7<sup>®</sup> Patient Care Work Group (PCWG) to ballot the Multiple Chronic Condition (MCC) eCare Plan summary FHIR<sup>®</sup> implementation guide profile for patients and clinical team ([MCC eCare Plan efforts](#)). The task group completed work on a white paper recommending a Beneficiary Level Report (BLR) standard for exchange between the provider of the Medication Therapy Management (MTM) services to the Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) plans or stand-alone Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs), including identification of NCPDP and/or HL7<sup>®</sup> standards. NCPDP/HL7<sup>®</sup> Pharmacist eCare Plan C-CDA template and Fast Healthcare Interoperability for FHIR<sup>®</sup> release 4 is published by HL7<sup>®</sup> and NCPDP. The task group needs to be thinking about US Core (The US Core Implementation Guide is based on FHIR<sup>®</sup> Version R4 and defines the minimum set of constraints on the FHIR<sup>®</sup> resources to create the US Core Profile FHIR<sup>®</sup> v4.0.1) and FHIR<sup>®</sup> release 5, which is currently being developed.
- The **Pharmacogenomics Task Group** continued to review pharmacogenomics (PGx) use cases related to pharmacy and laboratory PGx data exchanges. They reviewed a bill in Congress regarding PGx, the Food and Drug Administration Table of Pharmacogenetic Associations, a Journal of Precision Medicine article, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists' Statement on the Pharmacist's Role in Clinical Pharmacogenomics and the HL7<sup>®</sup> Genomics Implementation Guide.
- The **WG14/WG10 Standardized Medication Profile Task Group** has identified two projects. The first project is to write a white paper or guidance document to assist application programming interface (API) vendors with accessing medication lists and performing medication reconciliation. The second project will be building a standard FHIR<sup>®</sup> resource for a standardized medication profile (SMP) based off the NCPDP/HL7<sup>®</sup> white paper.
- The **Identification of Social Determinants of Health Task Group** completed and the Work Group approved for publication a white paper to address recommendations for social determinants of health in the pharmacy within NCPDP standards.

#### Other Reportables:

- **WG1 Pharmacy Services Billing Task Group** and **WG14 Consultant Pharmacist Interoperability Task Group**: Updates on the work of these task groups were given.
- **WG18 Specialty Requirements for ePrescribing Task Group**: The recap for this task group can be found in the WG10 download materials.

#### Industry Updates:

- Updates on USP Allergy Expert Panel and USP Compound Preparations Expert Panel were presented by Donna Bohannon of USP.

## Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions

### Ballots Adjudicated:

- **Ballot WG110090** – Enhancements to the SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide and Specialized Standard Implementation Guide is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60%+ of Consensus Group votes and 75%+ approval rating. See Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet for the ballot results and comment adjudication on the WG11 webpage. The ballot will be sent to the NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.
- **Ballot WG110091** – Ballot WG110091 –Enhancements to the Formulary and Benefit Standard Implementation Guide Version 60 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60% of Consensus Group votes. See Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet for the ballot results. There were 15 public accept with comments which were categorized as persuasive and editorial. There were five negative with reason comments which were categorized as persuasive and substantive. Due to the categorization of ballot comments, the ballot will be recirculated.

### DERFs Reviewed:

- DERF 001926 was approved.
- DERF 001927 was approved.
- DERF 001928 was withdrawn.
- DERF 001929 was withdrawn.
- DERF 001930 was pending.
- DERF 001931 was pending.

### Task Groups:

- The **Dispensed Medication Reporting Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **WG11 ePrescribing Regulatory Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Formulary and Benefit Task Group** submitted ballot WG110091 comments based on work group comments and questions and continued working on operating rules for the Formulary and Benefit Standard V60.
- The **Implementation of Structured Sig Task Group** reviewed questions received from the WG14/11 Long Term and Post Acute Care (LTPAC) ePrescribing Task Group related to partially codified Sig use and discussed how to support the use of gamma- hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) and indications. They received approval for a new FAQ related to the use of GHB to be included in the SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations document.
- The **Pharmacy Product Locator Task Group** created a flow diagram for the pharmacy-to-pharmacy product locator inquiry/response. They considered the use of a centralized or vendor inventory management solution and anticipated an intermediary or switch role, which would not be unlike their current role for drug claims or electronic prescriptions.
- The **Prior Authorization Workflow-to-Transactions Task Group** brought forth DERF 001930 for updates for the branching logic for questions in the prior authorization transactions.
- The **RxChange Group** brought forth DERF 001927 to remove the redundant prescriber authorization table from the implementation guide and continued working on a DERF for a new MessageRequestCode requesting either a prior authorization or a therapeutic substitution.
- The **SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group** brought forth DERF 001931 to add the definition of aggregator to the NCPDP XML Implementation Guide and the NCPDP Entities Document. They received approval for six additions or modifications to the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.
- The **XML Task Group** continued working on streamlining the medication elements. The task group reviewed all DERFs presented in WG11 for the November Work Group meeting. The task group

discussed moving SCRIPT from XML to JSON, removing the Quick Reference Structure section from the SCRIPT and Specialized Implementation Guides as well as Appendix A from the SCRIPT Implementation Guide and the use of a sequence within a sequence without a tag in the schema.

- The **WG14/WG11 LTPAC ePrescribing Task Group** continued looking at creating new MessageRequestSubCodes for use in the RxChange messages with the plan of submitting a DERF for the February 2023 Work Group meeting. The task group discussed the inclusion of an indication for use on a NewRx message, reviewed some guidance created by the WG11 SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group. They received approval for one addition to the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.

Other Reportables:

- SCRIPT Version 2017071 NSC-II certified members were recognized.
- A RxNorm and NLM update was given.
- The MC Digital Therapeutics Task Group requested participation from WG11 members.

New Business:

- Reviewed [DERF 001932](#) based on the DERF Harmonization recommendation. The DERF was referred to the WG11 SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group.

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

Task Groups:

- The **LTPAC Billing Issues Task Group** continued working on Telecommunication Standard D.0 to F6 Transition Guidance for LTPAC. The task group continued reviewing and updating *Version D Editorial Document* for language related to LTPAC Short Cycle and Submission Clarification Codes (SCC) to replace with LTPAC Dispense Frequency where applicable in *Telecommunication Standard Version F6*.
- The **Consultant Pharmacist Interoperability Task Group** continued the process of co-publishing the *Pharmacist Consultation Note Version 1.1* guidance document with HL7®. The HL7® Ballot for the Pharmacy Consultation Note Ballot passed in September. The task group reviewed the HL7® ballot comments and provided suggested adjudication categorization and language to the HL7® Pharmacy Work Group. The task group will continue working with HL7® to co-publish the guidance document.
- The **WG14/WG11 LTPAC ePrescribing Task Group** continued looking at creating new MessageRequestSubCodes for use in the RxChange messages with the plan of submitting a DERF for the February 2023 Work Group meeting. The task group discussed the inclusion of an indication for use on a NewRx message, reviewed some guidance created by the WG11 SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group. They received approval for one addition to the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.
- The **WG14/WG10 Standardized Medication Profile Task Group** has identified two projects. The first project is to write a white paper or guidance document to assist Application Programming Interface (API) vendors with accessing medication lists and performing medication reconciliation. The second project will be building a standard FHIR® resource for a standardized medication profile (SMP) based off the NCPDP/HL7® white paper.

Other Reportables:

- **WG1 Eligibility Verification Task Group, WG9 Medicare Part D FAQ Task Group, WG9 Hospice Task Group and WG1 Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group:** Recaps for these task groups can be found in the WG14 download materials.

## Work Group 18 Specialty Pharmacy

### Task Groups:

- The **Specialty Pharmacy Data Exchange Task Group** continued working on the Performance Metrics Standard, including structure and new fields for prior authorization status and patient financial assistance status. The task group discussed Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy fields to determine if they are needed in the turnaround time metric. The task group also discussed beta implementation of Specialty Pharmacy Data Reporting Standard – a pharmacy partner and manufacturer are willing to pilot, but the task group is waiting on the pharmacy to become NCPDP members.
- The **Benefit Coverage Identification Task Group** reviewed three letters regarding the NCPDP *Specialty Pharmacy Benefit Coverage Identification White Paper*. The first letter was addressed to the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE). The second letter was addressed to America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP). The third letter was addressed to X12.
- The **Patient Consent Task Group** worked toward supporting the three priority task group business cases within the NCPDP/HL7® Specialty Medication Enrollment FHIR® Implementation Guide (Unsolicited Consent transmission, Consent Request/Response from the dispenser to the prescriber/clinic and Consent Notification during the encounter). The HL7® Ballot for the consent additions to the Specialty Medication Enrollment FHIR® Implementation Guide (STU2) passed in September.
- The **Specialty Requirements for ePrescribing Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

### Other Reportables:

- **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 can be found in the WG18 download materials.

### New Business:

- **MC: Digital Therapeutic Task Group** provided a recap report.

## 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** did not meet this quarter.
- The **834/835 FAQ Task Group** submitted a Request for Interpretation (RFI) to X12 seeking input on how to use the race and ethnicity field in accordance with CMS guidance. They also began updating the 834/835 FAQ document.
- The **Document Revisions Task Group** reviewed the Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) Mapping document and recommended updates for some values to be changed from No to Yes in the Pharmacy Use column. The document value A1 description was updated based on the outcome of the X12 Code Committee update from September. The task group also deemed guidance around the CARC Mapping document is necessary and will be asking WG45 834/835 FAQ Task Group to draft such guidance. Additional documents are being reviewed for administrative update needs and updates for the expected adoption of Telecommunication Standard Version F6.
- The **DSMO Task Group** received no DSMO requests for review.

### New Business:

- A request was made to create a new task group to address X12 transaction changes. There were no volunteers to lead the task group, so no task group was formed.

### **MC Maintenance and Control – DERF Harmonization**

New Business:

- DERF 001932 was referred to Work Group 1 Telecommunication and Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions for review for harmonization.

### **MC Maintenance and Control**

DERFs/ECLs: 14 new and two pended DERFs/ECLs were reviewed (see WG1, WG7 and WG11).

- DERF 001907/ECL 000375 was withdrawn.
- DERF 001908/ECL 000376 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001919/ECL 000381 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001920/ECL 000382 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001921/ECL 000383 was approved.
- DERF 001922/ECL 000384 was approved.
- DERF 001923/ECL 000385 was approved.
- DERF 001924 was approved.
- DERF 001925 was approved.
- DERF 001926 was approved.
- DERF 001927 was approved.
- DERF 001928 was withdrawn.
- DERF 001929 was withdrawn.
- DERF 001930 was pended.
- DERF 001931 was pended.
- DERF 001932 was pended.

Old Business:

- Received updates for:
  - Board of Trustees
  - SNIP Committee
  - NCPDP Foundation
  - HIPAA
  - DSMO Change Request System (CRS) Requests No. 1201, 1202 and 1208

Task Groups:

- The **Education/Legislation and Regulations Task Group** reviewed United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) V3 and Interoperability Standards Advisory (ISA) Reference Edition. For both, the task group drafted and submitted comments on behalf of NCPDP.
- The **Emergency Preparedness Task Group** discussed New York Department of Health Paxlovid patient assessment, COVID bivalent booster Emergency Use Authorization and requirements for pharmacists to diagnose and prescribe Paxlovid for COVID patients. The task group also updated the *NCPDP Emergency Preparedness Guidance Document v1.16* which the work group approved.
- The **X12 TR3 Comment Consolidation Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Real Time Prescription Benefit Standard (RTPB) Task Group** discussed and decided to not incorporate a concept similar to the Telecommunication Standard's Additional Message Qualifiers for point-of-sale price concessions. The task group created a high-level explanation of the step

therapy provisions in the RTPB Standard for EDvocacy participants. The notes from a discussion about using RTPB to determine coverage and patient out-of-pocket costs pharmacist administration of non-vaccine injectables was added to the parking lot items.

- The **Consumer and Provider RTPB Standards Monitoring Sub-Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Related RTPB Law Review Sub-Task Group** reviewed modifications made to previously reviewed legislation in California and New York. There were no concerns with the modifications.
- The **Digital Therapeutics Task Group** reviewed survey responses from Digital Therapeutics Alliance (DTA) members and determined Digital Therapeutics (DTx) organizations need assistance with product identifiers and product coverage under the prescription benefit. A small group was formed to discuss workflow, structure and friction/pain points and obtain input from drug data compendia.
- The **NDC Scarcity Task Group** reviewed the NPRM [Docket No. FDA–2021–N–1351] *Revising the National Drug Code Format and Drug Label Barcode Requirements* and began to draft comments. The task group is preparing for the first of a two-part Future Format of the NDC Stakeholder Action Group scheduled for November 10, 2022, in a virtual format.
- The **Definition and Use of Quantity and Day Supply Task Group** reviewed the initial draft of a presentation to socialize discrete data element definitions and possible implementation guide changes with other task groups. The task group also evaluated and identified what days supply represents in the new Medicaid Pharmacy Encounters Reporting Standard.
- The **REMS Workflow to Transactions Task Group** identified the optimal flow for pharmacy and documented, in a diagram, the flow including applicable existing transactions. The task group also reviewed original use cases for REMSRequest/Response transactions and reviewed and collated existing REMS-related reject codes.
- The **NCPDP Standards Message Structure Harmonization Task Group** completed preparation of a presentation with recommendations for real-time and batch standards for the Standardization Committee. They also reviewed standards implementation timelines with the Strategic National Implementation Process (SNIP) Committee.
- The **MC Prior Authorization Communication, Evaluation and Recommendations (PACER) Task Group** completed a gap analysis of the Telecommunication Prior Authorization (PA) Request Only (P4) transaction versus SCRIPT's PARRequest message. During the work group meeting, the task group lead asked work group attendees whether they should continue analysis and mentioned the idea of NCPDP requesting an exception to HIPAA to use the SCRIPT standard for prior authorization transactions instead of the Telecommunication standard.
- The **Barcode Utilization Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

New Business:

- The attendees received recaps of each Work Group's activities.