



February 2023 Joint Technical Work Group Recaps:

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

Work Group 1 Telecommunication

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001933/ECL 000386 was recommended to MC to pend.
- DERF 001934/ECL 000387 was recommended to MC to approve.
- DERF 001935/ECL 000388 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 001936/ECL 000389 was withdrawn.
- DERF 001937/ECL 000390 was recommended to MC to approve.
- DERF 001938/ECL 000391 was recommended to MC to approve.
- DERF 001939 was approved.

Task Groups:

- The **Telecommunication FAQ Task Group** reviewed seven DERFs and three proposed additions to the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates*. The task group also reviewed proposed enhancements to Quantity and Days Supply terms and data fields.
- 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** presented “Coordination of Benefits (COB) Functionality in Telecommunication Version F6” during the NCPDP Educational Summit in November 2022. The task group also reviewed feedback from the Strategic National Implementation Process (SNIP) Committee on patient pay components Version F6 transition guidance and continued work on tax transition guidance.
- The **Information Reporting Problems Task Group** continued updating 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 completed the update to and received approval to publish the *Medicare Part D Information Reporting Transaction Matching Best Practices* document for Telecommunication Standard VD.0.
- The **Definition of a Valid Prescriber Task Group** created DERF 001933/ECL 00386 requesting an update to the value limitation on Submission Clarification Code value 49. The task group also decided to create a change log instead of an obsolete appendix for *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* that will be presented along with their updates at a future meeting.
- The **Benefit Integration Task Group** continued review of an examples document for benefit synchronization and related layout documents.
- The **Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group** completed review of the Drug Utilization Review (DUR) codes, discussed differences in adherence and compliance and reviewed best practice recommendations for updating or developing new guidance put forth by the Standardization Committee. The task group is seeking input from the work group to identify if there is a need for

guidance encouraging use of more specific DUR codes instead of generic ones and if the task group should create DUR codes which could translate to Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes for service billing.

- The **Telecommunication Agility Next Generation (TANG) Task Group** did not meet this quarter but will advocate for the DERFs that will revise data structures for the Telecommunication Standard in JSON.
- The **Pharmacy Services Billing Task Group** decided to convert the proposed white paper to a guidance document for Telecommunication Service Billing (S1) transaction implementation and began writing assignments.
- The **Eligibility Verification Enhancements Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- 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:** The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for 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 released and NCPDP has submitted comments.
- **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:

- Telecommunication Migration Project update was provided.
- The Co-Chairs recognized the efforts of the task group leaders with the presentation of Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation.

Work Group 2 Product Identification

DERFs Reviewed:

- DERF 001940 was approved.

Old Business:

- Tammy Powell of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) provided an update on RxNorm and DailyMed.
- Anne Johnston provided an update on the Future Format of the National Drug Code (NDC) Stakeholder Action Group (SAG) Part II.

Task Groups:

- The **Product Review and Billing Unit Exception Task Group** reviewed two QUIC forms and brought forth DERF 001940 requesting an update to *FAQ How Do I Convert a GTIN12 OR GTIN14 to a UPC to Create an NCPDP 11-digit UPC Product Identifier?* and *Section 5.3 NATIONAL HEALTH RELATED ITEM CODE* of the Product Identifier Implementation Guide. The task group is working on a DERF to update FAQ 7.39 of the BUS relating to quickly decaying radiopharmaceuticals. Additionally, the task group reviewed Neuraceq (florbetaben f 18 injection) for product identification, billing unit and size and is planning to add to BUS FAQ 7.39 to address the scenario presented in QUIC Form 201209 (Amyvid) and in 2017 (Axumin) and now (Neuraceq).
- The **Naming Standards for Drugs, Biologics and Biosimilars Task Group** did not meet this quarter. A small group is working with Tammy Powell and Chris Hui on the NLM modeling of a potential data solution via RxNorm. Once the research is completed, they will bring it to the task group to

review. The task group will be crafting a letter to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) which describes the current issues and seeks official clarification so RxNorm can appropriately model the intended relationships.

- 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 can be found in the WG2 download materials.

New Business:

- New QUIC Form Review and Final Adjudication:
 - QUIC #202203 Tempo™ Refill Kit
BU=EA per section 5.5.1 of the BUS with a package quantity of 1 due to the gauze pads included in the package for the Tempo™ Refill Kit
 - QUIC #202204 HEMGENIX®
BU=EA per section 5.1.7 of the BUS with a package quantity of 1 due to the variable strength per single-dose unit
- The Co-Chairs recognized the efforts of the task group leaders with the presentation of Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation.

Work Group 7 Manufacturer and Associated Trading Partner Transaction Standards

DERFs Reviewed:

- DERF 001941 was approved as modified.

Task Groups:

- The **Manufacturer Rebates Standard Task Group** created DERF 001941 requesting updates to the Manufacturer Rebate Standard.
- The **Medical Rebate Standard Task Group** brought on a new co-lead, continued reviewing the current standard and continued discussions about necessary modifications for standard improvement.

New Business:

- The Co-Chairs recognized the efforts of the task group leaders with the presentation of Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation.

Work Group 9 Government Programs

Task Groups:

- The **Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs Task Group** continued monitoring state prescription monitoring program (PMP) activity and updated the State PMP Tracking Document, which was approved for publication by WG9.
- The **Medicare Part D Coordination of Benefits Other Health Insurance (COB-OHI) Data Sharing Task Group** discussed with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) the priorities for the Other Health Information Change Request (OHI CR) and began drafting a memo containing updated information about the Annual Full Replacement File.
 - The **Government Funded Entitlement Programs Sub-Task Group** collaborated with CMS, the Benefits Coordination and Recovery Center (BCRC) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to create a memo to raise industry awareness about the World Trade

Center (WTC) Health Program. The sub-task group also submitted a question for approval to the WG11 SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations (SIR) Task Group. The FAQ was approved for publication in WG11.

- The **Hospice Task Group** continued to review use case scenarios and discussed the addition of the Direct Data Entry (DDE) data for future use cases. The task group also began work on a new document, *Coordination of Benefits for Medicare Hospice Beneficiaries*.
- The **Medicare Financial Information Reporting (FIR) Task Group** continued drafting content for a Health Plan Management System (HPMS) memo with 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 bad BIN/Cardholder ID information.
- The **Medicare Part D Frequently Asked Questions Task Group** reviewed an FAQ from the WG14 LTPAC Billing Issues Task Group regarding Patient Residence (384-4X). The task group made no modifications to the original FAQ and submitted the FAQ to the WG1 Telecommunication FAQ Task Group for review. The task group continued discussions about Medicare-related topics needing F6 transition guidance in response to the NPRM released November 9, 2022.
- The **Medicare Part D Section 111 Issues and Questions Task Group** reviewed updates to the CMS Non-Group Health Plan (NGHP) and Group Health Plan (GHP) Section 111 User Guide. The task group changed the call cadence to begin meeting once monthly rather than bi-weekly.
- The **Medicare Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Task Group** reviewed and provided feedback on the CMS memo *New 2025 Prescription Drug Event (PDE) File Layouts (Draft); Seeking Feedback*.
- The **Medicaid Pharmacy Encounters Reporting Standard Task Group** drafted a letter to the National Association of Medicaid Directors (NAMD) promoting the adoption and implementation of the new Medicaid Pharmacy Encounter Reporting Standard.
- The **Medicaid Frequently Asked Questions Task Group** discussed making modifications to the name and definition of Adjudicated Program Type shared ECL value 1 – Medicaid Title XIX. The task group worked in conjunction with WG1 Telecommunication FAQ Task Group and will draft a DERF in the upcoming quarter with suggested revisions to the entire Adjudicated Program Type shared code list. The task group also decided against adding a credentials field in the Medicaid Provider Enrollment Standard as the values cannot be standardized without constant maintenance of the ECL.
- 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.

New Business:

- The Co-Chairs recognized the efforts of the task group leaders with the presentation of Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation.

Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services

Task Groups:

- The **MTM and Pharmacist Clinical Services Task Group** is still waiting for the HL7® Patient Care Work Group (PCWG) to ballot the *Multiple Chronic Condition (MCC) Dynamic Electronic Care (eCare) Planning and Management Fast Health Interoperability Resource (FHIR®) Implementation Guide* profile for patients and clinical team ([MCC eCare Plan efforts](#)). The task group previously 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® standards. *NCPDP/HL7® Pharmacist eCare*

Plan C-CDA template and Fast Healthcare Interoperability for FHIR® release 4 is published by HL7® and NCPDP. The white paper has some internal comments which are being addressed by the task group before submitting to the Standardization Committee for approval.

- The **Pharmacogenomics Task Group** continued to review pharmacogenomics (PGx) use cases related to pharmacy and laboratory PGx data exchanges. They reviewed the article [The Outcomes of Implementing and Integrating Pharmacogenomics within Comprehensive Medication Management in Team-Based Care: A Review of the Evidence on Quality, Access and Costs, October 2020](#) and discussed the work of Dr. Matt Might that outlines precision medication initiatives.
- The **WG14/WG10 Standardized Medication Profile Task Group** continued to work on two projects. Project one will be to write a white paper or guidance document to assist application programming interface (API) vendors in accessing medication lists and performing medication reconciliation. Project two will be to build a standard FHIR® resource for a standardized medication profile (SMP) based off the HL7®/NCPDP white paper.
- The **Identification of Social Determinants of Health Task Group** continued to work on the white paper to address recommendations for social determinants of health in the pharmacy within NCPDP standards. They addressed comments presented by the NCPDP Standards Review Team.

Other Reportables:

- **WG1 Pharmacy Services Billing Task Group:** An update on the work of this task group was given.
- **WG18 Specialty Requirements for ePrescribing Task Group** and **WG14 Consultant Pharmacist Interoperability Task Group:** Recaps for these task groups 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 Cathy Graeff.

New Business:

- The Co-Chairs recognized the efforts of the task group leaders with the presentation of Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation.

Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions

DERFs Reviewed:

- DERF 001930 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001931 was withdrawn.
- DERF 001942 was approved.
- DERF 001943 was approved.
- DERF 001944 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001945 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001946 was approved.
- DERF 001947 was approved.
- DERF 001948 was approved.

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 DERF 001945 for Formulary and Benefit Version 60 Operating Rules. They began working on a crosswalk between V3.0 and V60. The work group approved to request the Formulary and Benefit Standard V60 be named in regulations.
- The **Implementation of Structured Sig Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

- The **Pharmacy Product Locator Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Prior Authorization Workflow-to-Transactions Task Group** brought forth DERF 001930 requesting updates to the branching logic for questions in the prior authorization transactions. They also received approval for several frequently asked questions for inclusion in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.
- The **RxChange Group** brought forth DERF 001944 for a new MessageRequestCode requesting either a prior authorization or a therapeutic substitution.
- The **SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group** brought forth DERF 001948 requesting an update to the GroupName field length. They received approval for three additions to the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document. The work group approved recommending the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard V2023011 as the named standard in the comments being created for NPRM 45 CFR Part 170.
- The **XML Task Group** brought forth three DERFs:
 - DERF 001942 requesting the removal of the Quick Reference section and Appendix A from the SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide and the Quick Reference section from the Specialized Implementation Guide.
 - DERF 001943 requesting the addition of a new composite for ScoreNameValue which will point to the existing data element of ScoreName and ScoreValue.
 - DERF 001947 requesting general clean-up of the current schema.
- The **WG14/WG11 LTPAC ePrescribing Task Group** received approval for two new FAQs for inclusion in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.

Other Reportables:

- SCRIPT Version 2017071 NSC-11 certified members were recognized.
- A RxNorm and NLM update was given.

New Business:

- The following DERF was presented:
 - DERF 001946 requesting modifications to the NCPDP XML Standard.
- The Co-Chairs recognized the efforts of the task group leaders with the presentation of Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation.

Work Group 14 Long Term and Post Acute Care (LTPAC)

Task Groups:

- The **LTPAC Billing Issues Task Group** continued reviewing and updating Version D Editorial Document for language related to LTPAC Short Cycle and to replace Submission Clarification Codes (SCC) with LTPAC Dispense Frequency where applicable in Telecommunication Standard Version F6. The task group drafted DERF 001937/ECL 00390 requesting a new Reject Code (511-FB) value to identify Submission Clarification Code (420-DK) values that should not be combined. The task group drafted and submitted to WG1 Telecommunication FAQ Task Group a response to the FAQ *When would a payer return the reject code Invalid Submission Clarification Code (SCC) Combination?* The task group drafted and submitted to WG1 Telecommunication FAQ Task Group a response to FAQ *Which Patient Residence (384-4X) value is submitted when sending a claim for a patient being discharged from a LTC facility to home?* Additionally, the task group completed work on the Short Cycle Dispensing Validity Matrix and transition guidance for Telecommunication Standard F6.
- The **Consultant Pharmacist Interoperability Task Group** is in the final stages of co-publishing the Pharmacist Consultation Note Version 1.1 guidance document with HL7®. This is an update to the

previously published NCPDP Consultant Pharmacist Consult Note Version 1.0 guidance. This updated guidance incorporates HL7® FHIR® resources and expands the target audience beyond LTC consultant pharmacists.

- The **WG14/WG10 Standardized Medication Profile Task Group** continued to work on two projects. Project one will be to write a white paper or guidance document to assist application programming interface (API) vendors in accessing medication lists and performing medication reconciliation. Project two will be to build a standard FHIR® resource for a standardized medication profile (SMP) based off the HL7®/NCPDP white paper.
- The **WG14/WG11 LTPAC ePrescribing Task Group** received approval for two new FAQs for inclusion in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.

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.

New Business:

- The Co-Chairs recognized the efforts of the task group leaders with the presentation of Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation.

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 a beta implementation of Specialty Pharmacy Data Reporting Standard for which a manufacturer is lined-up but currently looking for a pharmacy to participate.
- The **Benefit Coverage Identification Task Group** is currently awaiting responses to letters sent on November 16, 2022, to the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE), America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) and X12 regarding the NCPDP *Specialty Pharmacy Benefit Coverage Identification White Paper*. The objective of the letters was to seek input for utilization of a standard to support identifying the coverage available for drugs under the medical benefit. The task group had a call with CAQH on January 27, 2023, to discuss the letter.
- The **Patient Consent Task Group** worked toward supporting the two-priority task group business cases within the *NCPDP/HL7® Specialty Medication Enrollment FHIR® Implementation Guide* (Unsolicited Consent transmission (priority), Consent Request/Response from the dispenser to the prescriber/clinic (priority) and Consent Notification during the encounter). The task group is in the process of determining its next steps.
- The **Specialty Requirements for ePrescribing Task Group** was disbanded.

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:

- The Co-Chairs recognized the efforts of the task group leaders with the presentation of Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation.

- WG18 was disbanded. The active task groups will move to other existing work groups.
 - **Specialty Pharmacy Data Exchange Task Group** will move to WG7.
 - **Benefit Coverage Identification Task Group** will move to WG45 (potential for activity related to CAQH CORE).
 - **Patient Consent Task Group** will move to joint WG10/WG11.

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** discussed a payer request to repurpose REF01-128 Reference Identification Qualifier values for Race and Ethnicity and drafted comments to the National Committee on Vital Health Statistics (NCVHS) regarding the adoption of 8020 version of the X12 Health Care Claim Payment/Advice (835) transaction.
- The **Document Revisions Task Group** reviewed the Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) Mapping document based on feedback from the November 2022 Work Group and recommended and received approval to update CARC 101 to No in the Pharmacy Use column. The task group also republished the *NCPDP Payer Audit Reporting of Pharmacy Claims on the X12 005010X221A1 Health Care Claim Payment/Advice* document with administrative updates and revised and received approval to update their task group scope.
- The **DSMO Task Group** received no DSMO requests for review.

New Business:

- The Co-Chairs recognized the efforts of the task group leaders with the presentation of Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation.

MC Maintenance and Control

DERFs/ECLs: 16 new and three pended DERFs/ECLs were reviewed (see WG1, WG2, WG7 and WG11).

- DERF 001930 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001931 was withdrawn.
- DERF 001932 was withdrawn.
- DERF 001933/ECL 000386 was pended.
- DERF 001934/ECL 000387 was approved.
- DERF 001935/ECL 000388 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001936/ECL 000389 was withdrawn.
- DERF 001937/ECL 000390 was approved.
- DERF 001938/ECL 000391 was approved.
- DERF 001939 was approved.
- DERF 001940 was approved.
- DERF 001941 was approved with modifications.
- DERF 001942 was approved.
- DERF 001943 was approved.
- DERF 001944 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001945 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001946 was approved.

- DERF 001947 was approved.
- DERF 001948 was approved.

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 and drafted an NCPDP response to the NPRM from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), which included CMS' recommendation to adopt SCRIPT Standard Version 2022011 and Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard Version 12.
- The **Emergency Preparedness Task Group** continued to discuss New York Department of Health Paxlovid patient assessment reimbursement requirements and how it relates to other states. The task group created a letter regarding Medicare Part D coverage of oral antivirals for COVID-19. They also discussed the topics of monovalent boosters and a legislative provision to allow Medicare Part D payment of emergency use authorized products.
- The **X12 TR3 Comment Consolidation Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Real Time Prescription Benefit Standard (RTPB) Task Group** reviewed the RTPB sections of the CMS NPRM and drafted responses to provide to the MC Education, Legislation and Regulations Task Group. The task group also reviewed WG1 Coordination of Benefits (COB) Task Group's DERF requesting modification Patient Pay Component Qualifier/PatientPayComponentQualifier value extended descriptions.
 - The **Consumer and Provider RTPB Standards Monitoring Sub-Task Group** reviewed new bills introduced for 2023 by Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Oregon and Virginia. The sub-task group identified no concerns with the HL7® FHIR® CARIN Consumer Realtime Pharmacy Benefit Check supporting the requirements in the bills.
 - The **Related RTPB Law Review Sub-Task Group** reviewed new 2023 legislation introduced in Virginia, New York and Oregon. The sub-task group identified no concerns with the RTPB Standard's ability to support the requirements in the bills. They also modified their scope statement to remove reference to the year of 2021.
- The **Digital Therapeutics Task Group** worked with the Digital Therapeutics Alliance (DTA) in utilizing a tool to document the journey of a digital therapeutic product from the prescriber to the patient in an effort to identify pain points. A small group worked on the initial draft of a PowerPoint presentation documenting findings in terms of pain points getting a DTx product covered under the prescription benefit. The presentation was included as part of the NCPDP-hosted Digital Therapeutics Integration Workflow Workshop January 18-20, 2023.
- The **NDC Scarcity Task Group** submitted comments for the NPRM [Docket No. FDA-2021-N-1351] Revising the National Drug Code Format and Drug Label Barcode Requirements. The task group has changed position and is now recommending alphanumeric versus the 12-digit format.
- The **Definition and Use of Quantity and Day Supply Task Group** socialized the recommendations for discrete quantity and days supply data element definitions and possible implementation guide changes to the WG1 Telecommunication FAQ Task Group on January 10, 2023. The same recommendations were presented to Maintenance and Control. A straw poll indicated a lack of

support for the task group to continue with the creation of discrete quantity and days supply data elements. The task group was disbanded.

- The **REMS Workflow to Transactions Task Group** continued to partner with HL7®/CodeX™ to harmonize between standards across stakeholders. The task group initiated a review of REMSResponse reject code values for opportunities to improve, clarify and streamline values. A modification to the task group scope statement was approved by Maintenance and Control. There was a presentation to Maintenance and Control about the CodeX™ REMS Integration Use Case.
- The **NCPDP Standards Message Structure Harmonization Task Group** addressed final feedback and questions from the Standards Review Team on a presentation with recommendations for real-time and batch standards. The presentation was reviewed with the Standardization Committee on January 27, 2023. A summary of the task group's recommendations was presented to Maintenance and Control.
- The **MC Prior Authorization Communication, Evaluation and Recommendations (PACER) Task Group** determined there is limited use (only one state) of the Telecommunication Standard Prior Authorization (P) transactions in the industry. The task group will not apply for a HIPAA exception to also adopt the SCRIPT standard for prior authorization because NCPDP members do not want the SCRIPT prior authorization messages to be adopted under HIPAA. The task group was disbanded.
- The **Barcode Utilization Task Group** continued to work on updates to the NCPDP GS1 DataMatrix White Paper. The task group also drafted a new outline to the white paper which contains additional barcode utilization topics beyond the GS1 DataMatrix.

New Business:

- The attendees received recaps of each Work Group's activities.
- The Co-Chairs recognized the efforts of the task group leaders with the presentation of Task Group Leader Certificates of Appreciation.
- NCPDP Most Valuable Participants were announced.