

Joint Technical Work Group

WORK GROUP RECAPS

August 2024

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 Reviewed:

- DERF 002008/Emergency ECL 000426 was withdrawn.
- DERF 002009/ECL 000427 was withdrawn.
- DERF 002017/Emergency ECL 000435 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 002020/ECL 000438 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 002021/ECL 000439 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 002022/ECL 000440 was withdrawn.
- DERF 002023/ECL 000441 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 002024/ECL 000442 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 002025/ECL 000443 was recommended to MC to pend.
- DERF 002026 was withdrawn.
- DERF 002036/ECL 000436 was recommended to MC to approve.
- DERF 002037/ECL 000437 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.

Task Groups:

- The **Telecommunication FAQ Task Group** reviewed four DERFs and discussed several topics, including:
 - Inconsistencies between examples within the implementation guide and the proper order of mandatory vs. situational fields. FAQ number F-7 was developed to provide guidance for proper submission of these fields.
 - Proposed updates to the Version D.0 and Version F6 Editorial Document sections for Route of Administration.
 - Updates to the Medicare Prescriber Validation Matrix and Flow.

The task group submitted DERF 002036/ECL 000436 to sunset numeric state codes. The task group received approval for an FAQ addressing the discrepancies in field order within segments among the *NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide Version F6* and the F6 Matrices and approval for an FAQ with modifications addressing Route of Administration and SNOMED CT Codes to be published in the *Telecommunication Standard Version F6 and Above Editorial and Best Practices*. The task group also received approval with modifications to update Section 3.1.8 Route of Administration (995-E2) and SNOMED CT Codes in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates*.

- The **Adjudicated Program Type Sub-Task Group** received approval to publish three FAQs with modifications in the *Telecommunication Standard Version F6 and Above Editorial and Best Practices*. The FAQs address the use of value 9 – “Unknown,” a new value for “Pet Insurance” and a general FAQ on how and when to use the Adjudicated Program Type Shared Code List. They also presented DERF 002037/ECL 000437 for a new value for pet insurance and DERF 002020/ECL 000438 for value limitation updates to value 9 – “Unknown”. The sub-task group received approval with modifications to publish several

examples using values from the Adjudicated Program Type Shared Code List in the next version of the Telecommunication Examples Guide for version F6.

- The **P and C/WC Monitoring, Billing and Education Task Group** did not meet.
- The **Coordination of Benefits (COB) Task Group** drafted additional transition guidance for COB claims when the primary is Telecommunication Standard vD.0 and the secondary is VF6 and for COB claims when the primary is VF6, and the secondary is vD.0 for the three COB billing methods. They also reviewed how to handle expanded dollar fields on COB claims during transition and the COB scenarios drafted by the WG1 Adjudicated Program Type Sub-Task Group.
- The **Information Reporting Problems Task Group** presented the *Overview of the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coordination of Benefits (COB) Process V2* for approval. The white paper was approved and will be published on the NCPDP website. The task group received approval to change their task group name and update their scope and goals. The task group requested clarification on additional incurred costs that are TrOOPable for the Inflation Reduction Act, discussed how to apply Information Reporting transactions with a Patient Pay Amount greater than the Part D Patient Pay Amount and reviewed the D.0 to F6 Comparison Sheet from the RelayHealth website for F6 Information Reporting transactions.
- The **Definition of a Valid Prescriber Task Group** finalized their Medicare prescriber matrices and flow diagram which require additional modification based on work group discussion, reviewed DERF 002008/Emergency ECL 000426 requesting a value limitation update to Prescriber ID Qualifier (466-EZ) value 18 and began discussions of possible Approved Message Code (548-6F) new or updated values for a Medicaid prescriber ID enrollment grace period.
- The **Benefit Integration Task Group** continued their review of the Benefit Integration Implementation Guide, reviewed the layout document and reviewed an ECL DERF for removing numeric state code values.
- The **Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group** reviewed and provided feedback to WG9 Insulin Pump Sub-Task Group on DERF 002024/ECL 000442 and an accompanying FAQ.
- 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** presented *NCPDP Initial Implementation of Telecommunication Standard Version D.0 Service Billing Transaction for Pharmacist Professional Services* for approval. The guidance document was approved and will be published on the NCPDP website.
- The **Eligibility Verification Enhancements Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Expanded Dollar Fields Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Post Adjudication Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Standardized Subrogation Task Group** worked on transition guidance from Medicaid Subrogation to Batch Standard Subrogation and reviewed the WG1 Adjudicated Program Type Sub-Task Group example for subrogation.
- The **Universal Claim Form (UCF) Task** solicited feedback from the WG14 LTPAC Billing Issues Task Group on additional fields need on the UCF for LTPAC billing, discussed the inclusion of ECL values on the form, how to keep the list of values current and field location reorganization and reviewed two drafts of the updated UCF.

Other Reportables:

- **DSMO Change Request:** Topic update can be found in the WG1 download materials.

New Business:

- NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Version F6 certified members were recognized.

- The **WG1 Scope and Goals** were reviewed and approved as modified.

Work Group 2 Product Identification

Task Groups:

- The **Product Review and Billing Unit Exception Task Group** reviewed two QUIC Forms. The task group received and reviewed additional information for previously adjudicated QUIC Form 202402 Ojemda® and had no further recommendations.
- The **Naming Standards for Drugs, Biologics and Biosimilars Task Group** discussed potential ramifications to various NCPDP industry sectors if the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) were to eliminate the use of the 4-letter suffix in biosimilar names. The task group drafted a letter to the FDA docket supporting the FDA's proposal to generally no longer require switching studies for establishing the interchangeability of a biosimilar with its reference product. Additionally, the task group drafted a survey to assess the resources needed and associated timelines for migrating from suffix-based to unmodified international naming of biosimilars in various electronic applications and decision algorithms. The survey was approved by the work group and will be distributed to NCPDP members.
- The **WG2 Dates Associated with Pharmaceutical Products Task Group** continued to review and update the *Dates Associated with Pharmaceutical Products* white paper.

Other Reportables:

- **WG19 REMS Workflow to Transaction Task Group, WG19 NDC Scarcity Task Group and WG19 Digital Therapeutics Task Group:** Recaps for these task groups can be found in the WG2 download materials.
- Tammy Powell of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) provided an update on RxNorm and DailyMed.

New Business:

- New QUIC Form Review:
 - QUIC #202407 Risperidone ER Injection
WG2 approved assignment of BU = EA per section 5.1.2, 5.1.17, and 5.5.1 of the BUS with a package size of 1 EA for NDC 00480-1232-08.
 - QUIC #202408 Galderma TBA
WG2 approved assignment of BU = EA per section 5.1.2 of the BUS with a package size of 1 EA.
- The **WG2 Scope and Goals** were reviewed and approved.

Work Group 7 Manufacturer and Associated Trading Partner Transaction Standards

DERFs Reviewed:

- DERF 002027 was approved as modified.

Task Groups:

- The **Manufacturer Rebates Standard Task Group** brought forth DERF 002027, which requests modifications to previously approved data elements changes, new Invoice and Paid related data elements, additional Reconciliation Reason Code (602-10) fields, inclusion of transitional language for Telecommunication Standard vF6 and modifications to sample values within the implementation guide.
- The **Specialty Pharmacy Data Exchange Task Group** continued the discussion of the global status file and necessary data elements. They reviewed Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN), patient

medical copays, medical patient pay amounts and non-payer calculated patient pay amount fields. The task group also reviewed DERF 002036/ECL 000436 from the WG1 Telecommunication FAQ Task Group and DERF 002037/ECL 000437 from the WG1 Adjudicated Program Type Sub-Task Group.

- The **Medical Rebate Standard Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

New Business:

- The **WG7 Scope and Goals** were reviewed and approved.

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 by WG9 for publication on the NCPDP website.
- The **Medicare Part D Coordination of Benefits Other Health Insurance (COB-OHI) Data Sharing Task Group** identified out-of-sync issues between the Benefits Coordination and Recovery Center (BCRC) and Medicare Beneficiary Database (MBD) and began developing a plan for sending the Common Working File (CWF) Non-Group Health Plan (NGHP) COB-OHI records to Medicare Part D plans. The task group reviewed two memos released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and provided informal feedback to CMS.
 - The **Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement (WCMSA) Sub-Task Group** provided CMS with impediments to WCMSA investigation and requested assistance in the form of guidance.
- The **Hospice Task Group** drafted DERF 002021/ECL 000439 to request a new Reject Code (511-FB). The task group also discussed Transaction Reply Report (TRR) File issues.
- The **Medicare Financial Information Reporting (FIR) Task Group** discussed non-participating Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) plan True Out of Pocket (TrOOP) calculations with CMS. CMS provided information to the task group about the different types of PACE plans and the CMS PACE calculator tool.
- The **Medicare FAQ Task Group** reviewed and discussed documents related to the HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) National Coverage Determination (NCD). The task group drafted an FAQ related to the HIV PrEP NCD, which was withdrawn based upon guidance released by CMS prior to the work group meeting. The task group also reviewed DERFs drafted by the WG9 Insulin Pump Sub-Task Group and the WG9 Maximum Fair Price (MFP) Task Group.
 - The **Insulin Pump Sub-Task Group** drafted DERF 002024/ECL 000442 for new insulin administration DUR values and a supporting FAQ. The FAQ was approved as modified for publication in the *Medicare Part D Questions and Answers* document and the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates*.
- The **Medicare Prescription Payment Plan Program Task Group** reviewed *Medicare Prescription Payment Plan Program Final Part Two Guidance*. The task group drafted four FAQs related to the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan program, which were approved for publication in the *Medicare Part D Questions and Answers* document.
- The **Maximum Fair Price (MFP) Task Group** drafted DERF 002025/ECL 000443, which requests a new Additional Message Information Qualifier (132-UH) to indicate an estimated Maximum Fair Price drug standard default refund amount and DERF 002026, which requests the addition of a new field used for returning the estimated Maximum Fair Price drug standard refund amount, to be available for future versions of the Telecommunication Standard.
- The **Maximum Fair Price Back-End Processing Task Group** was disbanded.

- The **Medicare Part D Section 111 Issues and Questions Task Group** was disbanded.
- The **Medicare Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Task Group** reviewed three CMS memos and resolved outstanding questions related to the memos. The task group closed four questions previously submitted to CMS. The task group also reviewed a future DERF related to Patient Residence Code values and clarified the PDE value to be sent is 00 (Not Specified/Not Listed) for Patient Residence Code values not currently accepted on the PDE.
- The **Medicaid Pharmacy Encounters Reporting Standard Task Group** continued identifying changes needed in the Medicaid Pharmacy Encounters Reporting Standard Implementation Guide.
- The **Medicaid FAQ Task Group** continued reviewing the *NCPDP WG9 Medicaid Questions and Answers* document. The task group collaborated with the WG9 Medicare FAQ Task Group to review a future DERF related to Patient Residence Code values and the Best Available Evidence (BAE) form.
- The **340B Task Group** was disbanded.
- The **Medicare Standardized Fraud, Waste and Abuse Training Attestation Task Group** was disbanded.

New Business:

- The **WG9 Scope and Goals** were reviewed and approved.

Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services

Task Groups:

- The **MTM and Pharmacist Clinical Services Task Group** discussed updates to the *Billing Guidance for Pharmacists' Professional and Patient Care Services* white paper as recommended by WG1 Pharmacy Services Billing Task Group. With the help of several HL7® experts, the task group is diving into all aspects of HL7® to equip the group for the work of moving the Pharmacist eCare Plan to a new version to align with updated FHIR® and US Core versions. The task group received an eCare Plan demonstration from PioneerRx.
- The **Pharmacogenomics Task Group** reviewed the NCPDP Precision Medicine Executive Summary Report and discussed creating a pharmacogenomics white paper. They reviewed the *Future of Precision Medicine* slide deck.
- The **WG14/WG10 Standardized Medication Profile Task Group** continued to work on two projects. The first project is writing a white paper or guidance document to assist API vendors on how to access medication lists and perform medication reconciliation. The second project is building a standard FHIR® resource for a standardized medication profile (SMP) based off the HL7®/NCPDP Standardized Medication Profile white paper.
- The **Identification of Social Determinants of Health Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **WG10/WG11 Patient Consent Task Group** reviewed and discussed potential use cases. The task group created a response letter to Washington State Bill 5213 which requires all new scripts filled through mail order have patient consent before filling.
- The **mL White Paper Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

Other Reportables:

- **WG1 Pharmacy Services Billing Task Group, WG14 Consultant Pharmacist Interoperability Task Group** and **WG20 Health Equity Task Group**: Recaps for these task groups can be found in the WG10 download materials.

New Business:

- The **WG10 Scope and Goals** were reviewed, modified and approved as modified.

Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions

DERFs Reviewed:

- DERF 002028/ECL 000444 was withdrawn.
- DERF 002029/ECL 000445 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 002030/ECL 000446 was recommended to MC to approve.
- DERF 002031/ECL 000447 was recommended to MC to approve.
- DERF 002032 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002033 was approved.
- DERF 002034 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002035 was approved as modified.

Task Groups:

- The **ePrescribing Regulatory Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Formulary and Benefit Task Group** brought forth DERF 002035 requesting a new version of the NCPDP Formulary and Benefit Standard. The task group also continued working on the examples document for the Formulary and Benefit Standard V60 and transition guidance from V3.0 to V60.
- The **Implementation of Structured Sig Task Group** brought forth DERF 002031/ECL 000447. The task group received approval to add an additional value of Kit to the DoseUnitOfMeasure in the NCPDP National Cancer Institute Thesaurus (NCIt) Subset.
- The **Pharmacy Product Locator Task Group** completed the initial draft of the request and response data elements based on use case three. The task group also reviewed and reestablished the five use cases, reviewed and reinforced what is out of scope, defined key parameters to frame the business case of the transaction and the value and benefit of the transaction to pharmacy, prescriber and patient.
- The **Prior Authorization Workflow-to-Transactions Task Group** continued review of the prior authorization related guidance in the SCRIPT Implementation Guide. The task group also reviewed the use of prior authorization (PA) approval and denial letters in an attachment and determined it could be accomplished today.
- The **RxChange Task Group** brought forth DERF 002030/ECL 000446. The task group also asked the work group, since pharmacist prescriptive authority is becoming more prevalent, what work group or task group should provide interoperability recommendations or create/enhance standards for communicating pharmacist prescribed medication. It was decided to send this to the WG11 SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group.
- The **SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group** brought forth DERFS 002032 and 002033. The work group pended the addition of the following items to the associated NCPDP NCIt code sub-set back to the task group for more discussion:
 - QuantityUnitOfMeasure
 - Reactivate the following
 - Nebule (C71204)
 - Inhaler (C62275)
 - Milligram (C28253)
 - Add the following value:
 - International Units (C48579)
 - StrengthUnitOfMeasure
 - Add the following
 - Units/per mL (C77607)

The task group also received approval to publish FAQs in the *SCRIPT Implementation*

Recommendations document. The FAQs address the use of the MessageIndicatorFlag, and how to respond to a NewRxRequest for EPCS. The request to update the section: “Quantity Unit Of Measure” in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document was pended back to the task group for more discussion.

- The **RxTransfer Sub-Task Group** reviewed questions received about the use of the transfer transactions. The task group received approval to publish FAQs in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document. The FAQs included questions related to the implementation of the RxTransfer message reported to the task group.
- The **Transition Guidance Sub-Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **XML and JSON Task Group** continued the work necessary to move the XML schema to the JSON format. A new xslt has been created for the conversion that provides better support of the required features, more control over the output and reduces the number of \$ref elements to make validation for API more performant. The task group also reviewed the DERFs submitted for WG11 approval during the August Work Group.
- The **WG10/WG11 Patient Consent Task Group** reviewed and discussed potential use cases. The task group created a response letter to Washington State Bill 5213 which requires all new scripts filled through mail order have patient consent before filling.
- The **WG14/WG11 LTPAC ePrescribing Task Group** brought forth DERFs 002028/ECL 000444 and 002029/ECL 000445. The task group reviewed several open topics including:
 - The use of both the MedicationList and RxHistoryResponse transactions; determining both transactions would be useful.
 - NonDrugCoded should be used in the SCRIPT Standard v2023011 when the prescriber does not provide an NDC.

Other Reportables:

- **WG19 Real-Time Prescription Benefit Task Group, WG19 API Task Group and WG19 REMS Workflow to Transactions Task Group:** Recaps for these task groups can be found in the WG11 download materials.
- Kristol Chism of Optum Insight brought forth DERF 002034 created by the **WG19 REMS Workflow to Transaction Task Group**.

New Business:

- The **WG11 Scope and Goals** were reviewed and approved as modified.
- An update was provided on the Final Rule naming Formulary and Benefit Standard v60, Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard v13 and the SCRIPT Standard v2023011 and the ASTP/ONC NPRM naming the SCRIPT transactions for certification.
- An RxNorm and National Library of Medicine (NLM) update was provided.

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

Task Groups:

- The **LTPAC Billing Issues Task Group** discussed questions from WG1 Universal Claim Form Task Group on the Universal Claim Form (UCF) and the use of additional fields for LTPAC Billing Methodology.
- The **Consultant Pharmacist Interoperability Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **WG14/WG11 LTPAC ePrescribing Task Group** brought forth DERFs 002028/ECL 000444 and 002029/ECL 000445. The task group reviewed several open topics including:

- The use of both the MedicationList and RxHistoryResponse transactions; determining both transactions would be useful.
- NonDrugCoded should be used in the SCRIPT Standard v2023011 when the prescriber does not provide an NDC.
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- The **WG14/WG10 Standardized Medication Profile Task Group** continued to work on two projects. The first project is writing a white paper or guidance document to assist API vendors on how to access medication lists and perform medication reconciliation. The second project is building a standard FHIR® resource for a standardized medication profile (SMP) based off the *HL7®/NCPDP Standardized Medication Profile* white paper.

Other Reportables:

- **WG9 Medicare FAQ Task Group, WG9 Hospice Task Group and WG1 Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group:** Recaps are provided in the WG14 download materials.
- Timothy D. Fensky of Advanced Wellness Pharmacy, WG14 co-chair, provided a LTPAC industry update.

New Business:

- The **WG14 Scope and Goals** were reviewed and approved.

Work Group 19 NCPDP Standards Coordination

Task Groups:

- The **Emergency Preparedness Task Group** completed reviewing the COVID-19 related modifications to the NCPDP Emergency Preparedness Guidance Document v1.17 as recommended by the **WG19 COVID Post PHE Task Group**. The document was approved for publication on the NCPDP website.
- The **Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard Task Group** worked on several upcoming NCPDP RTPB Standard - Version 13 educational sessions: a webinar in September and the NCPDP Virtual Education Summit in October. The task group reviewed a DERF for a new value for Reason for Service Code (439-E4)/ServiceReasonCode from the WG9 Insulin Pump Sub-Task Group and a DERF to sunset numeric state code values. They discussed creating an RTPB payer sheet for EHR vendors. They also discussed the removal of EDI content from the RTPB Implementation Guide and initiated a review of ASTP/ONC's HTI-2 Proposed Rule as it relates to RTPB.
 - The **Consumer and Provider RTPB Standards Monitoring Sub-Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
 - The **Related RTPB Law Review Sub-Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Digital Therapeutics Task Group** revised their task group scope statement, which was approved by WG19.
- The **NDC Scarcity Task Group** met with GS1 to discuss questions and concerns on the proposed FDA NDC reformatted identifiers and drug label requirements.
- The **COVID Post PHE Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **REMS Workflow to Transaction Task Group** drafted DERF 002034 for the development of REMSReversal transactions along with modifications to the SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide to help clarify the utilization of all REMS transactions by pharmacists and pharmacies. The task group will continue to follow the developments under HL7®'s CodeX FHIR® Accelerator of a new REMS process and workflow.
- The **API Task Group** updated the task group scope statement, which was approved by WG19. The task group discussed authorization in the API: methods for authentication and authorization, defining and testing using Open API, implementer options and related topics. The task group also identified

areas for further investigation and guidance from the task group, including definition of standard authorization scopes. The task group discussed options for aligning the JSON schema with the different NCPDP standards and versions. They considered different standards that share a schema (SCRIPT and Specialized) and determined that separate APIs for each standard, while still representing them in a single schema would be possible and would support independent versioning of the standards' APIs. The task group began a review of the Connectivity Rules document to identify needed changes.

- The **Appropriate Use of Reject Code and Coverage Restriction Code Values Task Group** continued reviewing previously identified categories and suggested new categories to group reject codes. The task group completed initial organization of defined parent and child categories with a goal to refine further as reject codes are organized into categories.
- The **USCDI Data Element Review Task Group** reviewed the USCDI v5 Data Classes and prioritized the work of the task group by assigning an “A” priority (ten classes), a “B” priority (eight classes) or an “N/A” priority (four classes) to the Data Classes. The task group discussed the need for a tool to document decisions on data elements within the data classes and reviewed the WG20 Health Equity Data Element Inventory Tracker tool utilized by the WG20 Health Equity Task Group. They drafted a new tool for the task group to use.
- The **No RX OTC Transaction Processing Task Group** modified the task group scope statement, which was approved. The task group reviewed pended DERFs 002008 and 002017 from WG1, discussed the business needs, timelines and various options available to communicate there is no prescription – and therefore no prescriber ID – associated to the submitted claim. The task group proposed modifications to DERF 002017 and recommended DERF 2008 be withdrawn.

New Business:

- Kim Boyd of Boyd Consulting Group, LLC, provided an update on Industry and Policy Updates.
- The **WG19 Scope and Goals** were reviewed and approved as modified.

Work Group 20 Coordination of Care and Innovation (CoCI)

Task Groups:

- The **Health Equity Task Group** identified and categorized the gaps from the comparison of the health equity concepts in United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) to the NCPDP Data Dictionary, ECL and standards. The task group also reviewed and submitted comments for Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology's (ONC) *Advancing Health Equity by Design and Health Information Technology: Proposed Approach, Invitation for Public Input, and Call to Action*.
- The **Admit, Discharge and Transfer (ADT) Notification for Pharmacy Task Group** continued to work on a paper tentatively titled *Industry Guidance and Recommendations for Implementation of Admit, Discharge and Transfer Notifications for Pharmacy*.
- The **Pharmacy Technology Innovation (PTI) Task Group** developed a survey to identify the emerging technical topics the membership would like the task group to address.

New Business:

- The **WG20 Scope and Goals** were reviewed, modified and approved as modified.

Work Group 45 External Standards Assessment and Implementation Guidance

Task Groups:

- The **Pharmacy and/or Combination ID Card Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

- The **834/835 FAQ Task Group** drafted a new FAQ about the appearance of a Medicare Prescription Payment Plan transaction on an 835 file. The task group received approval to publish the FAQ in the *X12N/005010X221A1 Health Care Claim Payment/Advice (835) Questions and Answers*.
- The **Document Revisions Task Group** attempted to meet multiple times, but all calls had to be cancelled due to a lack of attendees.
- The **DSMO Task Group** received no DSMO requests for review.
- The **Benefit Coverage Identification Task Group** worked with CAQH CORE to draft and conduct a straw poll regarding medication under the medical benefit and analyze results of the straw poll.
- The **Barcode Utilization Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **X12 TR3 Comment Coordination Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

Other Reportables:

- Industry updates for WEDI, NCPDP SNIP, CAQH CORE, X12 and HL7® can be found in the WG45 download materials.

New Business:

- The **WG45 Scope and Goals** were reviewed and approved.

MC Maintenance and Control

DERFs/ECLs: 18 new and three pended DERFs/ECLs were reviewed (see WG1, WG7 and WG11).

- DERF 002008/Emerg. ECL 000426 was withdrawn.
- DERF 002009/ECL 000427 was withdrawn.
- DERF 002017/Emerg. ECL 000435 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002036/ECL 000436 was approved.
- DERF 002037/ECL 000437 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002020/ECL 000438 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002021/ECL 000439 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002022/ECL 000440 was withdrawn.
- DERF 002023/ECL 000441 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002024/ECL 000442 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002025/ECL 000443 was pended.
- DERF 002026 was withdrawn.
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- DERF 002029/ECL 000445 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002030/ECL 000446 was approved.
- DERF 002031/ECL 000447 was approved.
- DERF 002032 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002033 was approved.
- DERF 002034 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002035 was approved as modified.

Task Groups:

- The **Education, Legislation and Regulations Task Group** reviewed and submitted NCPDP's response to the 2024-2030 Federal Health IT Strategic Plan and the Interoperability Standards Advisory (ISA).
- The **Management of Non-NCPDP Code Sets Task Group** proposed modifications to content related to Route of Administration (995-E2) and SNOMED values in the *Telecommunication Version D* and

Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates and content for the future version of the document for Version F6. The task group also reviewed and updated SNOMED CT - Route of Administration (995-E2) content in the *NCPDP Use of External Codes and Vocabularies*. The revised version was in the July 2024 publication of the ECL. The task group learned about the background of the NCPDP National Cancer Institute Thesaurus (NCIt) subsets, and the StrengthForm Terminology subset used for Compound Dosage Form Description Code (450-EF) values in the Telecommunication Standard Versions D3 and higher.

New Business:

- The attendees received recaps of each Work Group's activities.
- The **MC Scope and Goals** were reviewed and approved.