

Joint Technical Work Group

WORK GROUP RECAPS

November 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 002025/**Emergency** ECL 000443 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 002038/ECL 000448 was recommended to MC to approve.
- DERF 002039/ECL 000449 was recommended to MC to approve.
- DERF 002040/ECL 000450 was recommended to MC to approve.

Task Groups:

- The **Telecommunication FAQ Task Group** reviewed three DERFs, several new or updated FAQs and discussed several topics, including:
 - Adjudicated Program Type example updates.
 - How time zones may affect electronically prescribed prescriptions.
 - Updates to the Medicare Prescriber Validation Matrix and Flow.

The task group received approval to publish in the *Telecommunication Version F6 and Above Editorial and Best Practices* an FAQ addressing the same ECL value associated to a single field being repeated in a single transaction and two FAQs about populating the regulatory fee field. The task group also received approval to replace FAQ 3.8 *Prescriber Segment* in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* with new guidance.

- The **Adjudicated Program Type Sub-Task Group** received approval to publish an updated Information Reporting example using values from the Adjudicated Program Type Shared Code List in the next version of the Telecommunication Examples Guide for version F6. They also presented DERF 002038/ECL 000448 to update the long description of value 5: Self-Pay Discount Program and DERF 002039/ECL 000449 requesting the addition of existing Adjudicated Program Type Shared Code list value 29 to Reported Adjudicated Program Type (A29-ZS) and N Payer Adjudicated Program Type (C48-9U).
- The **P and C/WC Monitoring, Billing and Education Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Coordination of Benefits (COB) Task Group** finalized Telecommunication Standard vD.0 to F6 transition guidance for COB claims. They also received approval to publish as modified a new FAQ in the *Telecommunication Version F6 and Above Editorial and Best Practices* about populating the Response Other Payers segment.
- The **Information Reporting (N) Transactions Task Group** submitted the *Overview of the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coordination of Benefits (COB) Process V2* to the internal review team for approval. The task group discussed changes to Supplemental Insurance Type Codes and the impact of “O” no longer being valid. The task group completed review of the D.0 to F6 Comparison Sheet from the RelayHealth website for F6 Information Reporting transactions and drafted transition guidance for the SNIP Committee.
- The **Definition of a Valid Prescriber Task Group** updated their Medicare prescriber matrix and flow diagram based on previous work group discussion and received approval to publish the matrix and flow diagram in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial*

Updates. The task group monitored the publication and notification of the CMS Preclusion List and determined to not move forward with creating ECL values to identify a Medicaid prescriber ID enrollment grace period.

- The **Benefit Integration Task Group** continued their review of the Benefit Integration Implementation Guide and the layout document.
- The **Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- 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** received approval for an FAQ addressing pharmacist medication administration to be published in the *Telecommunication Standard Version F6 and Above Editorial and Best Practices*. The task group also received approval to update Section 6.23 *Pharmacist Services Billing* in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates*. The task group also requested feedback on reject values needed specific to the service billing transactions.
- 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** completed transition guidance from Medicaid Subrogation to Batch Standard Subrogation and submitted it to the SNIP Committee for review.
- The **Universal Claim Form (UCF) Task Group** solicited feedback from payers on the most used Submission Clarification Codes (420-DK) to inform the task group decision of which values to include on the back of the form. The task group updated the draft version of the form to include new fields and created a list of questions for the work group to consider.

Other Reportables:

- **DSMO Change Request:** Topic update can be found in the WG1 download materials.
- NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Version F6 certified members were recognized.

Work Group 2 Product Identification

Ballot:

- **Ballot WG020016** – Enhancements to the Billing Unit Standard Implementation Guide Version 5 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75+% approval rating. No comments were received. See Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet for the ballot results on the WG2 webpage. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

Task Groups:

- The **Product Review and Billing Unit Exception Task Group** reviewed five QUIC Forms. The task group voted on a document about reformatting the DI portion of the UDI to be provided to Advamed, a medical device trade association. The work group suggested changing the name of the document to remove FAQ from the name and recommended the addition of footnotes to indicate when the National Health Related Item Code (NHRIC) was no longer approved for use and instructions to manufacturers. The document was approved as modified. Additionally, the task group sent letters to Ascend and Solaris regarding a package size adjustment on EstroGel and Estradiol.
- The **Naming Standards for Drugs, Biologics and Biosimilars Task Group** sent a member survey on the FDA's proposal to replace the existing suffix-based biosimilar naming standard and harmonize with international standards. Based on limited responses to the survey, the task group decided to

extend the survey date and send an eBlast to members. Additionally, the task group reviewed the FDA's publication of the Biosimilar Curriculum Toolkit and Resource Guide for Teaching Facility.

- The **WG2 Dates Associated with Pharmaceutical Products Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

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 #202409 iLet Starter Kit Inset™
WG2 approved assignment of BU = EA per section 5.5.1 of the BUS with a package quantity of 1 EA for each iLet Starter Kit Inset™.
 - QUIC #202410 UGN-102
WG2 approved assignment of BU = EA per section 5.5.1 of the BUS with a package quantity of 1 EA.
 - QUIC #202411 Beta Bionics Patch Intro Kit
WG2 approved assignment of BU = EA per BUS 5.5.1 of the BUS with a package quantity of 1 EA.
 - QUIC #202412 Beta Bionics Patch Refill Kit
WG2 approved assignment of BU = EA per 5.1.6 and FAQ 7.41 of the BUS with a package quantity of 30 EA or 40 EA depending on the configuration of the package.
 - QUIC #202413 obecabtagene autoleucl Infusion
WG2 approved assignment of BU = EA per section 5.5.1 of the BUS with a package quantity of 1 EA for the outer package NDC number.

Work Group 7 Manufacturer and Associated Trading Partner Transaction Standards

Ballots Adjudicated:

- **Ballot WG070017** – Enhancements to the Manufacturer Rebate Standard Implementation Guide Version 07.06 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of the Consensus Group votes and 75+% approval rating. No comments were received. See Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet for the ballot results on the WG7 webpage. The ballot will be sent to the NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

Task Groups:

- The **Manufacturer Rebates Standard Task Group** discussed the status of Ballot WG070017 and next steps for the updates to the implementation guide and reference guide.
- The **Specialty Pharmacy Data Exchange Task Group** continued the discussion of the global status file and necessary data elements. The task group also reviewed feedback from the August Work Group meeting regarding Non-Payer Calculated Patient Pay Amount.
- The **Medical Rebate Standard Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

Work Group 9 Government Programs

Task Groups:

- The **Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs Task Group** sent an invitation to PDMP State Administrators to join the task group calls. The 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** reviewed three memos released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), discussed better ways to identify retiree and COBRA plans so they are excluded from Section 111 reporting and established a new sub-task group to handle issues related to the Daily Transaction Reply Report (DTRR).
 - The **Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement (WCMSA) Sub-Task Group** discussed potential solutions for receiving additional data elements on a file to supplement the COB-OHI file, which will contain NDCs for WCMSA records. The sub-task group presented the potential solutions to the parent task group for broader feedback.
 - The **Daily Transaction Reply Report (DTRR) Sub-Task Group** discussed DTRR file layout changes for 2025, which will be effective April 1, 2025. The task group also discussed outstanding DTRR issues and open help desk tickets.
- The **Hospice Task Group** received Hospice Pilot Project updates from the pilot participants, including updates on the total number of transactions.
- The **Medicare Financial Information Reporting (FIR) Task Group** discussed retroactive processing contractor (RPC) process improvements, identified two issues within the current process and provided recommendations for improvements to CMS.
- The **Medicare FAQ Task Group** reviewed and discussed documents related to the HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) National Coverage Determination (NCD). The task group made modifications to FAQ 2.109 HIV PrEP based on the NCD released by CMS. The modified FAQ was approved for publication in the *Medicare Part D Questions and Answers* document. The task group reviewed DERF 002040/ECL 000450 discussing updates to the Patient Residence Code (384-4X). The task group began discussions on the gaps between coverage for Medicare Part B and Medicare Part D.
 - The **Insulin Pump Sub-Task Group** began drafting a DERF requesting the addition of a new, situational, two-byte, alphanumeric field Medication Delivery Device Method to the Claim Segment. The task group will finalize the DERF in the upcoming quarter.
- The **Medicare Prescription Payment Plan Program Task Group** modified FAQ 3.8 and drafted four new FAQs related to the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan program. All FAQs were approved for publication in the *Medicare Part D Questions and Answers* document.
- The **Maximum Fair Price (MFP) Task Group** made modifications to pended 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 (SDRA) and designated it as an emergency ECL. The task group began reviewing CMS Final Guidance related to MFP.
- The **Medicare Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Task Group** reviewed two CMS memos related to PDE reporting for 2025. The task group closed eight questions previously submitted to CMS, resubmitted four outstanding questions and drafted and submitted two new questions for CMS review. The task group also reviewed an FAQ from the WG19 No Rx Transaction Processing Task Group and a request from the SNIP Committee about the need for F6 PDE transition guidance.
- The **Medicaid Pharmacy Encounters Reporting Standard Task Group** completed the changes needed in the Medicaid Pharmacy Encounters Reporting Standard Implementation Guide.
- The **Medicaid FAQ Task Group** finalized updates to the *NCPDP WG9 Medicaid Questions and Answers* document, which was denied for publication on the NCPDP website. The work group recommended the task group keep this as a working document on the NCPDP Collaborative Workspace for task group use only.

Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services

Task Groups:

- The **MTM and Pharmacist Clinical Services Task Group** reviewed the *Billing Guidance for Pharmacists' Professional and Patient Care Services* white paper. No additional changes were needed. Task group co-leads met with an HL7® education expert to understand how to navigate HL7 working groups and what would be needed to move the Pharmacist eCare Plan forward. The task group is looking to let the C-CDA version of the Pharmacist eCare Plan expire in June 2025.
- The **Pharmacogenomics Task Group** discussed and provided updates on the educational webinar for pharmacogenomics which occurred on Thursday, August 22, 2024. The task group completed a draft of the pharmacogenomics white paper which is currently undergoing a second review by the task group. They continued to review the *Future of Precision Medicine* slide deck. They are working on creating a DERF for new Reject Codes (511-FB) to reflect pharmacogenomics testing.
- 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** is reviewing and discussing potential patient consent use cases and has developed a scenario grid, which is available on the NCPDP Collaborative Workspace. The task group discussed other consent related activities since consent is being discussed through multiple avenues to align with how the task group relates to and/or overlaps with larger discussions in the industry by organizations such as Stewards of Change Institute, ONC FAST FHIR and TEFCA/QHIN. The task group continues to finalize a response letter to Washington State Bill 5213, which requires all new prescriptions filled through mail order to have patient consent before filling.
- The **mL White Paper Task Group** revised the original survey and accompanying letter that had been sent in 2019 to community pharmacies. The task group reviewed the modifications with the intent to send the revised survey to community pharmacies as well as additional groups. The purpose would be to determine what impact the *NCPDP Recommendations and Guidance for Standardizing the Dosing Designations on Prescription Container Labels of Oral Liquid Medications* white papers may have had on policies and practices within their pharmacies. The task group revised their scope statement, which was pended back to the task group by WG10 for additional clarification.

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.

Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions

Ballot Adjudication

- **Ballot WG110097** – Enhancements to the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard and Specialized Standard Implementation Guides V2025011 is considered a valid ballot having received 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75+% approval rating. One affirmative vote with comment was received. WG11 reviewed and categorized the comment as persuasive and editorial. See Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet for the ballot results and categorization of comment with reason on the WG11 webpage. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after the 30-day appeal period.

- **Ballot WG001198** – Enhancements to the Formulary and Benefit Standard Implementation Guide V62 is considered a valid ballot having received 60+% of Censuses Group votes and 75+% approval rating. No comments were received. See Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet for the ballot results on the WG11 webpage. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

DERFs Reviewed:

- DERF 002041 was approved.
- DERF 002042 was approved.
- DERF 002043 was pended.
- DERF 002044 was approved.
- DERF 002045 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002046 was approved.
- DERF 002047 was approved.
- DERF 002048 was approved.

Task Groups:

- The **ePrescribing Regulatory Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Formulary and Benefit Task Group** brought forth DERFs 002041, 002042 and 002403 requesting updates to the NCPDP Formulary and Benefit Standard. The task group continued working on the examples document for the Formulary and Benefit Standard V60.
- The **Implementation of Structured Sig Task Group** reviewed the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) Error Prone Abbreviations document and the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy/Office of the National Coordination for Health Information Technology (ASTP/ONC) HTI-2 proposed rule. They received approval to publish “How should abbreviations and UPPER/lower/Mixed case text be handled in Sig?” in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document. A straw poll was conducted to determine if there is a need for an end date in Duration. Based on the straw poll results, the task group will continue looking at adding an end date to Duration.
- The **Pharmacy Product Locator Task Group** continued focusing on Use Case #3, which is a prescriber asking a pharmacy if they have a medication in stock. A new JSON Schema (Product Availability) has been created based on the use case and will be part of a pilot through ASTP/ONC. If your organization is interested in participation in the pilot, please email pilot@ncdp.org.
- The **Prior Authorization Workflow-to-Transactions Task Group** brought forth DERF 002048 and received approval to publish an FAQ and an update to the “Best Practices for the Use of Attachments in Electronic Prior Authorization” section in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document. The FAQ addresses the numeric requirement for ChoiceID when using NoneChoiceID, and the update includes additional information on the use of attachments. The task group will begin working on transition guidance for prior authorization transitions and review of the current examples during the next quarter.
- The **RxChange Task Group** received approval to publish as modified “How should the MedicationRequested/Note be used in an RxChangeRequest.” in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document. The task group will continue working on new MessageRequestCode and MessageRequestSubCode values during the next quarter.
- The **SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group** brought forth DERFs 002046 and 002047. The task group also received approval to publish FAQs in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document. The approved FAQs address the how long resolved allergies or incorrect or adverse events should be transmitted, additional clarification on ReasonForCancellation, which was modified to remove the use of the

<MedicationPrescribed><Notes> field and NCI Thesaurus Code List, and the removal of section: SCRIPT Field References. Updates to the QuantityUnitOfMeasure section were pended back to the task group for more specific guidance on the usage of international units, milligrams and micrograms. A straw poll was conducted to determine if the value of ‘Unspecified’ in the QuantityUnitOfMeasure subset could be removed and if guidance is needed.

- The **RxRenewal Review Sub-Task Group** continued reviewing what elements can be changed for the response of ApprovedWithChanges verses the response of Replace.
- The **RxTransfer Sub-Task Group** brought forth DERF 002045. 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. A straw poll was conducted to determine if guidance is needed to strongly recommend both a date and time be used for WrittenDate on new prescriptions to avoid time zone issues. The result of the straw poll was for the sub-task group to write guidance.
- The **Transition Guidance Sub-Task Group** began working on a transition guidance document for the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard v2023011 implementation.
- The **XML and JSON Task Group** brought forth DERF 002044 and continued the work necessary to move the XML schema to the JSON format. The task group is currently working on updated implementation guides for the SCRIPT and Specialized Standards. The task group also reviewed the DERFs submitted for WG11 approval during the November Work Group. The task group will continue working on a DERF to move SCRIPT, Specialized and XML Standards to JSON and the sunset of the current XML schema.
- The **WG10/WG11 Patient Consent Task Group** is reviewing and discussing potential patient consent use cases and has developed a scenario grid, which is available on the NCPDP Collaborative Workspace. The task group discussed other consent related activities since consent is being discussed through multiple avenues to align with how the task group relates to and/or overlaps with larger discussions in the industry by organizations such as Stewards of Change Institute, ONC FAST FHIR® and TEFCA/QHIN. The task group continues to finalize a response letter to Washington State Bill 5213, which requires all new prescriptions filled through mail order to have patient consent before filling.
- The **WG14/WG11 LTPAC ePrescribing Task Group** submitted comments on *Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2025 Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Changes to Part B Payment and Coverage Policies; Medicare Shared Savings Program Requirements; Medicare Prescription Drug Inflation Rebate Program; and Medicare Overpayments*. A straw poll was conducted, and the work group agreed to moving the section “Long-Term Post-Acute Care (LTPAC) Medication Change Process” to be a sub-chapter under the Transactions chapter with the suggested title “Long-Term Post-Acute Care (LTPAC) Related Business Practices” in the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide. This would provide implementers with one location for all LTPAC-focused practices and guidance as information is added or moved in the future.

Other Reportables:

- **WG19 Real-Time Prescription Benefit Task Group** and **WG19 REMS Workflow to Transactions Task Group**: Recaps for these task groups can be found in the WG11 download materials.
- **WG19 API Task Group**: An update on the work being done on an NCPDP API using OpenAPI and the usage of the External Code List (ECL) among the different XML/JSON standards was provided.

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

Task Groups:

- The **LTPAC Billing Issues Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Consultant Pharmacist Interoperability Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **WG14/WG11 LTPAC ePrescribing Task Group** submitted comments on *Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2025 Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Changes to Part B Payment and Coverage Policies; Medicare Shared Savings Program Requirements; Medicare Prescription Drug Inflation Rebate Program; and Medicare Overpayments*. A straw poll was conducted, and the work group agreed to moving the section “Long-Term Post-Acute Care (LTPAC) Medication Change Process” to be a sub-chapter under the Transactions chapter with the suggested title “Long-Term Post-Acute Care (LTPAC) Related Business Practices” in the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide. This would provide implementers with one location for all LTPAC-focused practices and guidance as information is added or moved in the future.
- 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 for these task groups can be found in the WG14 download materials.

Work Group 19 NCPDP Standards Coordination

DERFs:

- DERF 002049/ECL 000451 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.

Task Groups:

- The **Emergency Preparedness Task Group** addressed concerns regarding the COVID-19 Emergency Use Authorization which ends on December 31, 2024. They began their annual review of the NCPDP *Emergency Preparedness Guidance* document. They revised their task group scope statement, which was approved by WG19.
- The **Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard Task Group** created a Real-Time Prescription Benefit (RTPB) Standard v13 implementation timeline, incorporated SNIP Committee feedback and recommended adding the timeline to the Standards Lookup page on MyNCPDP with other RTPB Standard documents. The task group decided to create an example around the situation of use for the Coverage Status Message field. The task group decided there are no major concerns with WG11 SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group’s proposed NCIIt NCPDP QuantityUnitOfMeasure Terminology subset updates but recommended developing an FAQ related to the options for converting a NCIIt code to a billable unit.
 - 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** created a Digital Therapeutics (DTx) Integration and Workflow Report. The report has Non-Rx Prescription Workflows data exchanges.
- The **NDC Scarcity Task Group** did not meet this quarter, but the co-leads discussed planning a free webinar on Global Trade Item Number (GTIN) Basics to be hosted by NCPDP and presented by GS1 in 2025.

- The **COVID Post PHE Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **REMS Workflow to Transaction Task Group** started discussing the REMSReferenceID field to gain a better understanding of the history of how this was designed to be used and how it may be leveraged differently. 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** reviewed API design and changes to support the Telecommunication, SCRIPT, Benefit Integration and RTPB standards. All standards have been approved to be converted to JSON and have an OpenAPI specification. The task group enhanced how ECLs are converted to JSON and displayed in the OpenAPI swagger page so the codes and values are available directly in the schema and displayed in the swagger page. Significant discussion was held on ECLs in the standard and when/how they should be used once extensibility is available in all standards.
- The **Appropriate Use of Reject Code and Coverage Restriction Code Values Task Group** completed reviewing previously identified categories and new suggested categories to group Reject Codes (511-FB). The task group applied existing categorizations from individual stakeholders to each Reject Code (511-FB) as a starting place to identify Reject Codes (511-FB) of interest for further discussion.
- The **No Rx Transaction Processing Task Group** reviewed Telecommunication Claim Billing use case guidance and an FAQ when there is no prescription and no Prescriber ID. The task group discussed a new no prescription transaction use case to support patient-to-plan coverage and financial communication eliminating clinical provider interaction. They revised their task group goals, which was approved by WG19. The task group modified the existing *Telecommunication Version D.0 and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* FAQ under Section 3.8, which was approved by WG19.
- The **USCDI Data Element Review Task Group** is using a new tracking tool (Excel document) for documenting decisions on data elements and code sets within the data classes for the USCDI v5 Data Classes review. The task group agreed it may be helpful to identify NCPDP data elements needed in USCDI for interoperability at the same time existing data elements within a data class are reviewed.

New Business:

- DERF 002043 was discussed. The field of Sex Assigned at Birth (F32-W8) was discussed to determine whether the conditionality of the field should be harmonized across all standards.

Work Group 20 Coordination of Care and Innovation (CoCI)

Task Groups:

- The **Health Equity Task Group** reviewed and discussed the documentation of the history, the conditionality of and the transactions in which NCPDP data elements related to the health equity concepts of race, ethnicity, language and pregnancy status are used.
- The **Admit, Discharge and Transfer (ADT) Notification for Pharmacy Task Group** completed the *Industry Guidance for Implementation of Admit, Discharge and Transfer Notifications for Pharmacy* paper, and it was approved by the work group for publication.
- The **Pharmacy Technology Innovation (PTI) Task Group** reviewed the results of the survey to identify the emerging technical topics and noted the need to socialize the survey results outside the task group. The task group discussed data analytics and a four-session virtual meeting from Stratis Health on Artificial Intelligence (AI).

New Business:

- The work group received a presentation entitled *History and Overview of the HL7/NCPDP EHR-System Pharmacy/Pharmacist Provider Functional Profile, R1 and Related Industry Activities*.

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** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Document Revisions Task Group** discussed updates to use cases, references and created some notes for CARCs. They also began reviewing the *NCPDP Pharmacy Reference Guide to the X12/005010X221A1 Health Care Claim Payment/Advice (835)* for necessary updates to align with *NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Version F6*.
- The **DSMO Task Group** received no DSMO requests for review.
- The **Benefit Coverage Identification Task Group** worked with CAQH CORE to review straw poll #3 regarding bundled payments and level set on draft rule requirements.
- 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.

MC Maintenance and Control

DERFs/ECLs: 12 new and one pended DERFs/ECLs were reviewed (see WG1, WG11 and WG19).

- DERF 002025/**Emergency** ECL 000443 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002038/ECL 000448 was approved.
- DERF 002039/ ECL 000449 was approved.
- DERF 002040/ECL 000450 was approved.
- DERF 002041 was approved.
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- DERF 002045 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002046 was approved.
- DERF 002047 was approved.
- DERF 002048 was approved.
- DERF 002049/ECL 000451 was approved with modifications.

Task Groups:

- The **Education, Legislation and Regulations Task Group** finalized and submitted NCPDP's response to the Health Data, Technology Interoperability: Patient Engagement, Information Sharing and Public Health Interoperability (HTI-2) proposed rule. The task group began to review the Draft Federal FHIR® Action Plan.
- The **Non-NCPDP Code Sets Task Group** drafted content about the code set change for Compound Dosage Form Description Code (450-EF) for the *NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Version F6 Transition Guidance* as requested by the Strategic National Implementation Process (SNIP) Committee. The task group developed instructions for accessing the NCPDP StrengthForm Terminology subset of the National Cancer Institute Thesaurus (NCIt). The instructions were added to the entry for Compound Dosage Form Description Code in the web-enabled lookup tool for the External Code List. The task group began to review the StrengthForm Terminology subset values

used in FinalCompoundPharmaceuticalDosageForm in a sample set of electronic prescriptions for compounds.

New Business:

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