

Joint Technical Work Group

WORK GROUP RECAPS

May 2025

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 002050/ECL 000452 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 002057/ECL 000453 was recommended to MC to approve.
- DERF 002058/ECL 000454 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 002059/ECL 000455 was recommended to MC to pend.
- DERF 002060/ECL 000456 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 002061/ECL 000457 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 002062/ECL 000458 was recommended to MC to approve.
- DERF 002063/ECL 000459 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.

Task Groups:

- The **Telecommunication FAQ Task Group** reviewed six DERFs and six FAQs. The task group discussed Help Desk fields related to Telecommunication Standard Version F6 and the update to the 8-digit IIN on ID cards. Two Adjudicated Program Type FAQs were updated and approved as modified for publication in the *Telecommunication Version F6 and Above Editorial and Best Practices*.
- The **P and C/WC Monitoring, Billing and Education Task Group** did not meet this quarter. A copy of the latest legislative and regulatory updates can be found in the WG1 download materials
- The **Coordination of Benefits (COB) Task Group** drafted two DERFs and received approval to publish in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* a new FAQ addressing how payers/PBMS should respond to an incorrectly formatted COB claim that contains Other Payer-Patient Responsibility Amount (OPPRA) components and the aggregated patient pay amount. The task group also received approval to publish in the *Telecommunication Version F6 and Above Editorial and Best Practices* two FAQs related to Other Payer Adjudicated Program Type (C47-9T). The task group responded to a question indicating in which situations an Other Payer ID Qualifier (339-6C) value of 99 would be applicable on a B1 transaction and began researching responses to questions about the mapping of Other Payer Amount Paid Qualifier (342-HC) value 06 – *Cognitive Service*, how vouchers may be identified on paid responses and the use of the Internal Control Number (933-A7) in COB claims processing.
 - The **COB F6 Webinar Sub-Task Group** reviewed two DERFs and added several examples to the COB F6 draft webinar presentation. They began coordinating discussions with the WG1 COB Task Group and WG1 Pharmacy Services Billing Task Group around the use of Other Payer Amount Paid Qualifier (342-HC) value 06 – *Cognitive Service*. The task group also seeks a co-lead.
- The **Information Reporting (N) Transactions Task Group** published the *NCPDP Overview of the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coordination of Benefits (COB) Process V2.0* under Resources on the NCPDP website and finalized Medicare Prescription Payment Program and COB scenarios for WG9 Medicare Prescription Payment Plan Program Task Group. The task group is updating their

Telecommunication Standard Version F6 transition guidance based on feedback from the SNIP Committee and discussed several batch and Reconciliation ID (B98-34) questions as they pertain to Telecommunication Standard Version F6. They also discussed the difference between an N transaction B trigger request and an N retrigger request. The task group requested a memo from CMS about Information Reporting Transactions following the Telecommunication Standard VF6 timeline.

- The **Definition of a Valid Prescriber Task Group** received approval to remove question 1 from section 22.22.3, the question in section 22.22.3.1, section 22.22.3.2, and question 2 of section 22.22.7 in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates*. They also received approval to modify question 2 of section 22.22.3, question 3 of section 22.22.4 and question 1 of section 22.22.7 in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates*. They continued monitoring the publication and notification of updates to the CMS Preclusion List, provided prescriber related feedback to WG19 No Rx Transaction Processing Task Group and answered member questions about the use of Prescriber DEA Number (D01-KV) in Telecommunication Standard Version F6.
- The **Benefit Integration Task Group** continued their review of the layout document for Benefit Synchronization.
- The **Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group** presented DERF 002059/ECL 000455 to reactive Reason for Service Code (439-E4) value *CH – Call Help Desk* and began working on an FAQ to explain the use of the value.
- The **Telecommunication Agility Next Generation (TANG) Task Group** was disbanded.
- The **Pharmacy Services Billing Task Group** began discussing the need for new or updated Reject Code (511-FB) values to ensure accurate interpretation of service billing rejects related to the Provider ID (444-E9) field, reviewed the WG19 Emergency Preparedness Task Group presentation on the pseudo-NDC end date and reviewed a DERF and FAQ for the WG1 COB Task Group.
- 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** began updating field categories and explanations to Section 4 *Specific Field Discussion* and updates to the examples to Section 6 *Transaction Examples* in the Batch Standard Subrogation Implementation Guide.
- The **Universal Claim Form (UCF) Task Group** is updating the Workers' Compensation UCF form based on the request to add new fields and is updating the UCF to group similar fields within the claim section together. The task group continues to work on updates to the implementation guide as well.

Other Reportables:

- NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Version F6 certified members were recognized.

New Business:

- The **WG1 2024-2025 Accomplishments** presentation was given.
- The work group approved an FAQ and approved as modified updates to two FAQs related to the use of Dispense as Written (DAW)/Product Selection Code (408-D8) value *A* for publication in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates*.
- The work group approved as modified an FAQ related to the use of Benefit Stage Indicator (C51-9X) value *51* for publication in the *Telecommunication Version F6 and Above Editorial and Best Practices*.

Work Group 2 Product Identification

DERFs Reviewed:

- DERF 002064 was approved.

Task Groups:

- The **Product Review and Billing Unit Exception Task Group** reviewed two QUIC Forms. The task group drafted and submitted DERF 002064 for updates to the Billing Unit Standard (BUS) Implementation Guide. Additionally, the task group continued to monitor and address issues with Forteo and Teriparatide injection package size change.
- The **Naming Standards for Drugs, Biologics and Biosimilars Task Group** discussed federal funding cuts and the effects these cuts would have on the industry. The task group co-leads met with Steve Mullenix and Margaret Weiker, both of NCPDP, to discuss sending a letter to Congress. Based on their advice, the group has decided to delay sending the letter and instead focus on compiling a detailed list of programs which have been cut or otherwise affected by federal government actions, along with a summary of the specific impacts these changes have had.
- The **WG2 Dates Associated with Pharmaceutical Products Task Group** continued to review recommendations from the NCPDP review team on the *Dates Associated with Pharmaceutical Products White Paper*.

Other Reportables:

- **WG19 REMS Workflow to Transaction Task Group, WG19 NDC Scarcity Task Group, WG19 Digital Therapeutics Task Group and WG19 No Rx Transaction Processing Task Group:** Recaps for these task groups can be found in the WG2 download materials.

New Business:

- New QUIC Form Review:
 - QUIC #202501 SRP-9003
WG2 approved assignment of BU = EA per section 5.1.7 and 5.5.1 of the BUS with a package size of 1 EA.
 - QUIC #202502 Miudella® (copper intrauterine system)
WG2 approved assignment of BU = EA per section 5.1.14 of the BUS with a package size of 1 EA.
- The **WG2 2024-2025 Accomplishments** presentation was given.

Work Group 7 Manufacturer and Associated Trading Partner Transaction Standards

Task Groups:

- The **Manufacturer Rebates Standard Task Group** discussed next steps for making updates to the *NCPDP Reference Guide to Rebate Processing, Validation, and Dispute Resolution* for situations involving the use of the Manufacturer Rebate Standard versions greater than v07.01.
- The **Specialty Pharmacy Data Exchange Task Group** continued the discussion of the global status file, the data elements for use in the global status file, if the file should be cumulative of all statuses and which file format should be used.
- The **Medical Rebate Standard Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

New Business:

- The **WG7 2024-2025 Accomplishments** presentation was given.
- WG7 was disbanded. The active task groups will move to WG19.

Work Group 9 Government Programs

Ballots:

- **Ballot WG090019** – Enhancements to the Medicaid Pharmacy Encounters Reporting Standard Implementation Guide Version 20 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of

Consensus Group votes and 75+% approval rating. No comments to the ballot were received. See Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet for the ballot results on the WG9 webpage. The ballot will be sent to the NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

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** discussed the 2025 Annual Full Refresh File and Telecommunication Version F6 transition guidance, including the impacted fields on the COB-OHI file.
 - The **Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement (WCMSA) Sub-Task Group** reviewed current CMS requirements for WCMSA Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) enforcement. The sub-task group catalogued concerns and obstacles associated with achieving MSP enforcement compliance. The sub-task group began drafting a best practices document.
 - The **Daily Transaction Reply Report (DTRR) Sub-Task Group** discussed DTRR file layout changes for 2025, which were delayed by CMS. The task group also discussed outstanding DTRR issues and open help desk tickets.
- The **Hospice Task Group** began modifying the *Hospice Election Status Transaction Processing Guidelines for Part D Plans*. The task group also discussed existing DTRR issues.
- The **Medicare Financial Information Reporting (FIR) Task Group** discussed T*1A and T*C2 errors, the transition to the FIR Standard V15, and Retroactive Processing Contractor (RPC) concerns. The task group began reviewing the RelayHealth MediFacD website and documented proposed updates.
- The **Medicare FAQ Task Group** continued discussions on the gaps between coverage for Medicare Part B and Medicare Part D, reviewed a new FAQ related to Benefit Stage Indicator (C51-9X) value 51 and reviewed two DERFs, which were voted on in WG1.
 - The **Insulin Pump Sub-Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Medicare Prescription Payment Plan Program Task Group** reviewed questions submitted by task group participants and reviewed *CY 2026 Part D Final Rule*. The task group drafted FAQs related to N transaction scenarios, which were approved as modified by WG9 for publication in the *Medicare Part D Questions and Answers* document.
- The **Maximum Fair Price (MFP) Task Group** reviewed and discussed Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) and Remittance Advice Remark Codes (RARC) values specific to the Maximum Fair Price Drug Negotiation Program that were made effective March 1, 2025. The task group also reviewed, discussed and submitted to CMS questions brought forward by task group participants.
- The **Medicare Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Task Group** reviewed four CMS memos related to PDE reporting for 2026. The task group submitted two new questions for CMS review. The task group reviewed and revised the *Medicare Part D Post POS Claim Adjustments* document, which was approved by WG9 for publication on the NCPDP website.
- The **Medicaid Pharmacy Encounters Reporting Standard Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Medicaid FAQ Task Group** reviewed responses to the Best Available Evidence (BAE) questions provided by Limited Income Newly Eligible Transition Program (LI NET) representatives. The task group created an educational letter addressed to Medicaid directors outlining the upcoming NCPDP standard changes to claims for over-the-counter products, which was approved by WG9.

New Business:

- The **WG9 2024-2025 Accomplishments** presentation was given.

Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services

Task Groups:

- The **MTM and Pharmacist Clinical Services Task Group** representatives asked HL7® for a two-year extension on the FHIR® version of the eCare Plan, which was granted. Task Group representatives are working with HL7 to have the project scope statement updated. A decision was made to not support the C-CDA version of the eCare Plan which expires in June 2025. People can still use it, but it will not be updated.
- The **Pharmacogenomics Task Group** is drafting a DERF for new reject codes to reflect pharmacogenomics (PGx) testing. The modified task group scope and goals were approved. The *How Standardization Can Make Pharmacogenomics (PGX) a Viable Process* white paper was approved by WG10 for publication on the NCPDP website.
- The **WG14/WG10 Standardized Medication Profile Task Group** continued to draft a white paper to assist application programming interface (API) vendors with how to access medication lists and perform medication reconciliation.
- The **Identification of Social Determinants of Health Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **WG10/WG11 Patient Consent Task Group** reviewed work in process being done by the FAST FHIR management efforts and identified potential areas for collaboration related to the NCPDP/HL7 Specialty Medication Enrollment FHIR Implementation Guide (IG). Areas needing updates in the IG were identified in order to align with current FHIR conventions which have been developed since publishing the IG. A two-year IG extension was initiated to comply with the HL7 trial/use standard lifecycle. Updates to the IG are anticipated within the next year which will be balloted by NCPDP and HL7.
- The **mL White Paper Task Group** received survey responses from eight chain drugstores on current policies and practices concerning universal adoption of metric-only dosing instructions on prescription container labeling for oral liquid medications, resulting in the extension of the survey into May with the hopes of gaining additional responses. The survey was adapted for submission to the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), who agreed to distribute the survey to their members. Other potential sources of quantitative data on what appeared on the prescription container data were investigated. The task group considered surveying the drug compendia on editorial policies concerning inclusion of metric-only versus metric and household units in their prescription instruction datasets (“Sigs”). The revised task group name of Metric Measures Adoption Task Group and scope were approved with modifications by WG10.

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:

- A **WG10 2024-2025 Accomplishments** presentation was given.

Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions

Ballots:

- **Ballot WG110099** for the SCRIPT, Specialized, and XML Standard Implementation Guides Version 2025071 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75+% approval rating. One affirmative vote with comments was received. WG11 reviewed and categorized as persuasive and editorial. See Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet for the ballot

results and categorization of comments with reason on the WG11 webpage. The ballot will be sent to the NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after the 30-day appeal period.

- **Ballot WG110100** for the Formulary and Benefit Standard Implementation Guide Version 63 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 WG11 webpage. The ballot will be sent to the NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

DERFs Reviewed:

- DERF 002053 was withdrawn prior to the Work Group meeting.

Task Groups:

- The **Formulary and Benefit Task Group** finalized the examples document for the Formulary and Benefit Standard V60. Work will continue on updating the *Formulary and Benefit Implementation Recommendations* document. The task group received work group approval to publish the NCPDP Formulary and Benefit Transition Guidance document.
- The **Implementation of Structured Sig Task Group** received approval to publish FAQs related to the use of the SNOMED code for unspecified in structured sig, how to differentiate between military and non-military time, updates to the Sig grammar rules and the expected use of the OtherMedicationDate Qualifiers values of StartDate, PeriodEnd, EffectiveDate and ExpirationDate in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.
- The **Pharmacy Product Locator Task Group** continued monitoring the Pharmacy Product Availability pilot and providing guidance as necessary.
- The **Prior Authorization Workflow-to-Transactions Task Group** continued reviewing the current examples. The work group approved the task group name change to the Electronic Prior Authorization (ePA) Task Group. The task group will continue working on the examples and begin reviewing the current guidance in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.
- The **RxChange Task Group** provided recommendations to the WG11 Transition Guidance Sub-Task Group on the use of the new Pending Response type. The task group began drafting a DERF for updates to the RxChange transactions for submission at the August Work Group meeting. The changes include making the ReasonCode mandatory in the Denied response, and the addition of new ReasonCode values and DenialReason along with new MessageRequestCode and MessageRequestSubCode values.
- The **SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group** received approval to publish FAQs regulatory requirements related indicating whether the prescriber name or the medication name should not be printed on a prescription label in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.
 - The **RxRenewal Review Sub-Task Group** received approval to publish an FAQ related to the use of the FollowUpRequest in the RxRenewal transactions in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document. The task group continued working on changes to the RxRenewal transaction guidance that will be included in a DERF for the August Work Group meeting.
 - The **RxTransfer Sub-Task Group** continued working on the RxTransfer examples to ensure the examples are clear and correct. Approval was received to publish an FAQ related to the use of the FollowUpRequest in the RxTransfer transactions in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document. The task group continued work on the examples and some updates to the implementation guide for next quarter.
 - The **Transition Guidance Sub-Task Group** received approval to publish FAQ “Considerations for Translating Transaction between NCPDP SCRIPT Version 2017071 and 2023011” in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.

- The **XML and JSON Task Group** continued the work necessary to move the XML schema to the JSON format. The task group is updating implementation guides for the SCRIPT and Specialized Standards and has drafted a new JSON Standard Implementation Guide. The task group assisted in the creation of the JSON schema and API for the Pharmacy Product Availability Pilot.
- The **WG10/WG11 Patient Consent Task Group** reviewed work in process being done by the FAST FHIR® management efforts and identified potential areas for collaboration related to the NCPDP/HL7 Specialty Medication Enrollment FHIR Implementation Guide (IG). Areas needing updates in the IG were identified in order to align with current FHIR conventions which have been developed since publishing the IG. A two-year IG extension was initiated to comply with the HL7 trial/use standard lifecycle. Updates to the IG are anticipated within the next year which will be balloted by NCPDP and HL7.
- The **WG14/WG11 LTPAC ePrescribing Task Group** continued the process to move the section “Long-Term Post-Acute Care (LTPAC) Medication Change Process” under the Transactions chapter to its own chapter with the suggested title “Long-Term Post-Acute Care (LTPAC) Related Business Practices” as well as updating the Drug Administration section in the SCRIPT Implementation Guide with the goal of submitting a DERF for the modification at the August Work Group meeting.

Other Reportables:

- **WG19 API Task Group, 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.

New Business:

- The **WG11 2024-2025 Accomplishments Presentation** was given.

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

Task Groups:

- The **LTPAC Billing Issues Task Group** reviewed a question regarding the maximum fee per dose. Since NCPDP does not have any specific fields for dosage quantities in the NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Version D.0 or Version F6, the plan/processor will need to work with the client to negotiate a way to use maximum quantity/cost per period since that information is available via the prescription transmission.
- The **Consultant Pharmacist Interoperability Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **WG14/WG11 LTPAC ePrescribing Task Group** continued the process to move the section “Long-Term Post-Acute Care (LTPAC) Medication Change Process” under the Transactions chapter to its own chapter with the suggested title “Long-Term Post-Acute Care (LTPAC) Related Business Practices” as well as updating the Drug Administration section in the SCRIPT Implementation Guide with the goal of submitting a DERF for the modification at the August Work Group meeting.
- The **WG14/WG10 Standardized Medication Profile Task Group** continued to draft a white paper to assist application programming interface (API) vendors with how to access medication lists and perform medication reconciliation.

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.

New Business:

- The **WG14 2024-2025 Accomplishments** presentation was given.

Work Group 19 NCPDP Standards Coordination

DERFs Reviewed:

- DERF 002054 was approved as modified.

Task Groups:

- The **Emergency Preparedness Task Group** did not meet this quarter but provided a presentation on *Pseudo-NDC End Date*.
- The **Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard Task Group** created an FAQ for MaximumAmount/Maximum Amount (933-GB) and guidance on QuantityUnitOfMeasure which were approved by the work group for publication in the *Real-Time Prescription Benefit (RTPB) Standard Implementation Recommendations document*. For the next version of the Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard, the task group decided to change the conditionality of StateProvince and PostalCode data elements because of international addresses, add new fields, MinimumAmount and MinimumAmountQualifier, and update the counts and annotations for MaximumAmountQualifier and MaximumAmount. The task group reviewed a DERF from WG1 Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group to reactivate value CH – Call Help Desk for ServiceReasonCode and Reason for Service Code (439-E4). The task group discussed whether pharmacy REMS status is assessed in RTPB and decided not to take any action at this time. The task group determined that the transition to the 8-digit IIN will not have an impact on the RTPB transactions because the XML schema supports up to 50 characters for the field used for sending the IIN with no fixed format.
 - The **Consumer and Provider RTPB Standards Monitoring Sub-Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Digital Therapeutics Task Group** worked on developing a method to communicate digital therapeutics activation codes to pharmacies via new or existing request/response messages/transactions for SCRIPT and Telecommunication. The task group is working on the details for a virtual stakeholder action group (SAG) which will be held at the end of July to address the evolving needs related to data exchange in support of patient care, and payer, provider and pharmacy operations for digital therapeutics.
- The **NDC Scarcity Task Group** facilitated the NCPDP-sponsored GS1 free webinar (*The Basics of GS1 Standard - Applications of Standards in Pharmaceutical Supply Chain and the Impact of NDC Format Changes*). The FDA delay in issuing a Final Rule regarding the Labeler Code expansion/modification was discussed. The task group encouraged NCPDP member organizations to contact the FDA to remind them of the time it will take to implement the final rule.
- The **COVID Post PHE Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **REMS Workflow to Transaction Task Group** completed discussion on the REMSReferenceID field to gain a better understanding of how this field was designed to be used historically and how it may be leveraged differently. It was determined no changes are needed to existing fields across the various REMS transactions. The task group continued to follow the developments under HL7®'s CodeX FHIR® Accelerator of a new REMS process and workflow. Work began on creating a new DERF to add a field to identify a test transaction for REMS drugs with time limits for dispensing. Work also began on a new DERF to add more detail under the existing Reproductive Potential field to support enhanced automation for REMS products.
- The **API Task Group** met this quarter, but no recap report was submitted.
- The **Appropriate Use of Reject Code and Coverage Restriction Code Values Task Group** completed categorization of universal/standard reject code (511-FB) values (e.g., Missing/Invalid, Not Used in this Transaction Code, etc.) into the Data Integrity category. The task group continued to discuss use cases for values to determine appropriate categorization. Based on task group discussion, the category assigned to the reject code was either finalized or put in the parking lot to discuss further.
- The **No Rx Transaction Processing Task Group** worked in collaboration with the WG9 Medicare FAQ, WG9 Medicaid FAQ and WG1 Definition of a Valid Prescriber Task Groups to review and

address questions outlining the potential impacts to Medicare and Medicaid claims processing of products covered without a prescription. Work Group 9 Government Programs approved the letter drafted to Medicaid state agency directors outlining NCPDP Telecommunication FAQ 3.8 and External Code List (ECL) changes effective October 15, 2025, (Prescriber ID Qualifier (466-EZ) value 18; Prescriber ID (411-DB) value 0; Prescription Origin Code (419-DJ) value 6; Reject Code (511-FB) value DO6). The task group also drafted edits to FAQ 6.5.3 in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates*, which were sent with FAQ 3.8 to WG1 Telecommunication FAQ Task Group for review with a plan to present for a vote during the August Work Group meeting. The task group continued use case discussion at the stakeholder level for a new No Rx Transaction to support patient-to-plan coverage and financial communication, which eliminates the need for clinical provider interaction. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Additional Condition for Nonprescription Use (ACNU) Final Rule [Docket No. FDA–2021–N–0862] RIN 0910–AH62 effective date was changed from 1/27/2025 to 3/21/2025, and after a response from WG2 Product Review and Billing Exceptions Task Group, simplified questions were drafted for WG2 to send to the FDA.

- The **USCDI Data Element Review Task Group** continued documenting decisions on data elements and code sets within the data classes for the USCDI v5 Data Classes review. The task group conducted a straw poll in WG19 on the need for the processor control number (PCN) to help determine eligibility. The poll results confirmed the PCN is needed for eligibility.
- The **Entities Dictionary Task Group** modified their scope which was approved by WG19. The task group reviewed and modified pending DERF 002054, which was approved as modified by the work group.

New Business:

- A **WG19 2024-2025 Accomplishments** presentation was given.

Work Group 20 Coordination of Care and Innovation (CoCI)

Task Groups:

- The **Health Equity Task Group** worked on a draft of a FAQ about the use of data elements representing administrative and clinical gender concepts in NCPDP standards.
- The **Pharmacy Technology Innovation (PTI) Task Group** discussed data analytics and potential speakers for an Artificial Intelligence (AI) roundtable. The task group also discussed hosting, in conjunction with HL7®, a Connectathon-type testing environment titled *Collabor8* to bring together those working in CodeX® with REMS transactions for prescribing and dispensing.
 - The **Pharmacist/Pharmacy EHR Definition Sub-Task Group** discussed the sub-task group's key objectives for 2025 and reviewed the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy (ASTP) Base Electronic Health Record (EHR) definition certification criteria for pharmacy EHR.

New Business:

- The **WG20 2024-2025 Accomplishments** presentation was given.

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** began drafting a guidance document discussing how the newly approved Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) and Remittance Advice Remark Codes (RARC) should be used on the 835 remittance advice for the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation

Program. The task group also continued 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** did not meet this quarter.
- 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 Committee, CAQH CORE, X12 and HL7® can be found in the WG45 download materials.

New Business:

- The **WG45 2024-2025 Accomplishments** presentation was given.

MC Maintenance and Control

DERFs/ECLs: Ten new and three pended DERFs/ECLs were reviewed (see WG1, WG2, WG11 and WG19).

- DERF 002050/ECL 000452 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002053 was withdrawn.
- DERF 002054 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002057/ECL 000453 was approved.
- DERF 002058/ECL 000454 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002059/ECL 000455 was pended.
- DERF 002060/ECL 000456 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002061/ECL 000457 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002062/ECL 000458 was approved.
- DERF 002063/ECL 000459 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002064 was approved.
- DERF 002065 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002066 was approved as modified.

Task Groups:

- The **Education, Legislation and Regulations Task Group** completed the review and drafting of NCPDP's response to the DEA Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) Docket No. DEA-407 and the draft United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) v6.
- The **Non-NCPDP Code Sets Task Group**, in conjunction with compounding subject matter experts (SMEs), reviewed the list of values in the NCPDP StrengthForm Terminology subset of the National Cancer Institute Thesaurus (NCIt) to determine applicability of the values to compounds.

New Business:

- The attendees received recaps of each Work Group's activities.
- The **WGMC 2024-2025 Accomplishments** presentation was given.