

Joint Technical Work Group

WORK GROUP RECAPS

November 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/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 002071/ECL 000464 was recommended to MC to pend.
- DERF 002080 was approved.
- DERF 002081/ECL 000466 was recommended to MC to approve.
- DERF 002082/Emergency ECL 000467 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 002083/ECL 000468 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.

Task Groups:

- The **Telecommunication FAQ Task Group** reviewed one DERF and five FAQs. The task group reviewed the current list of code values for Multiple Prescription/Service Order Group Reason Code (D22-M4) relative to the list of code values in the SCRIPT field OrderGroupReason and discussed the business case around the "Captured" value as a transaction response. The task group received approval to publish four FAQs in the *Telecommunication Version D[®] and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* and the *Telecommunication Version F6[®] and Above Editorial and Best Practices*.
 - The **Single Response, Multiple Payers Transaction Sub-Task Group** continued their review of a high-level process flow to understand current industry practices and associated business challenges.
- The **P and C/WC Monitoring, Billing and Education Task Group** discussed the Universal Claim Form for Workers' Compensation and finished reviewing the associated implementation guide.
- The **Coordination of Benefits (COB) Task Group** discussed whether the Internal Control Number (993-A7) is utilized in COB claims processing and determined an FAQ would be drafted for publication at a later date. The task group drafted an FAQ on how to map the Other Payer Amount Paid Qualifier (342-HC) value 06 – Cognitive/Professional Services, which was approved for publication in the *Telecommunication Version D[®] and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* and the *Telecommunication Version F6[®] and Above Editorial and Best Practices*. The task group updated FAQ 10.5.1, which was approved for publication in the *Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates*.
 - The **COB F6 Webinar Sub-Task Group** presented their webinar. The sub-task group was disbanded.
- The **Information Reporting (N) Transactions Task Group** finalized the F6 Transition Guidance for the SNIP Committee, began updating the *NCPDP SPAP and ADAP Resource Document* and began reviewing the *Overview of the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coordination of Benefits (COB) Process* for F6 implementations.

- The **Definition of a Valid Prescriber Task Group** continued reviewing the *Telecommunication Version D[©] and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates*. The task group received approval to modify sections 6.5.3, 22.22.7 and 22.22.6, to delete sections 22.22.4 and 22.26 and to move section 22.22.7.
- The **Benefit Integration Task Group** continued working on the Benefit Integration Standard[©] white paper.
- The **Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group** made updates to the DUR Free Text Message (544-FY) Field FAQ and the More than 9 Alerts FAQ, which were both approved for publication in the *Telecommunication Version D[©] and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates*.
- The **Pharmacy Services Billing Task Group** collaborated with the WG20 Health Equity Task Group to incorporate answer options regarding Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) into their finalized survey, which evaluates the use of the S1 transaction today and potential adoption in the future. The task group also reviewed the use of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes to determine if both would be used by the S1 transaction(s).
- The **Eligibility Verification Enhancements Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Expanded Dollar Fields Task Group** did not meet this quarter and was disbanded.
- The **Post Adjudication Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Standardized Subrogation Task Group** brought forth DERF 002080, which was approved. The task group drafted two FAQs – What is Payer-to-Payer Coordination of Benefits and How is Reported Adjudicated Program Type (A29-ZS) Used in Subrogation. The first FAQ was approved for publication in the *Telecommunication Version D[©] and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates* and *Telecommunication Version F6[©] and Above Editorial and Best Practices*. The second FAQ was approved for publication in the *Telecommunication Version F6[©] and Above Editorial and Best Practices* document. The task group continued updating the Batch Standard Subrogation Implementation Guide[©].
- The **Universal Claim Form (UCF) Task Group** received feedback from the WG1 P and C/WC Monitoring, Billing and Education Task Group on the UCF form and continued reviewing the *Manual Claims Form Reference Implementation Guide*.

Other Reportables:

- NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Version F6[©] certified members were recognized.

Work Group 2 Product Identification

Ballot:

- **Ballot WG020017** – Enhancements to the Billing Unit Standard[©] Implementation Guide Version 5.1 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 four QUIC Forms. The task group composed, reviewed and approved a letter to the FDA regarding package size representation corrections. The letter was sent to the FDA on September 12, 2025.

- The **Naming Standards for Drugs, Biologics and Biosimilars Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **WG2 Dates Associated with Pharmaceutical Products Task Group** was disbanded.

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 #202503 Magtrace®
 - **WG2 pended QUIC #202503 Magtrace®**
 - QUIC #202505 Mint Starter Kit
 - **WG2 approved assignment of BU = EA per section 5.5.1 of the BUS with a package size of 1**
 - QUIC #202506 Mint Refill Kit
 - **WG2 approved assignment of BU = EA per section 5.5.1 of the BUS with a package size of 5 for each refill kit**
 - QUIC #202507 Zolgensma®
 - **WG2 approved assignment of BU = EA per Section 5.1.7 of the BUS, with a package size of 1 EA for both the inner and outer NDC numbers**

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 task group also updated their scope and goals, which were approved by the work group.
- The **Medicare Part D Coordination of Benefits Other Health Insurance (COB-OHI) Data Sharing Task Group** discussed Telecommunication Standard VF6[®] transition guidance related to COB-OHI other health fields and made a recommendation to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to move the IIN to a different position in the COB-OHI file. The task group completed changes needed to the Plan Communication User Guide (PCUG) and Chapter 14.
 - The **Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement (WCMSA) Sub-Task Group** paused best practices discussion for Member WCMSA education and outreach/investigation letters pending the anticipated direction updates from CMS.
 - The **Daily Transaction Reply Report (DTRR) Sub-Task Group** continued discussing outstanding DTRR issues and open help desk tickets, as well as new issues needing feedback from the MAPD Help Desk.
- The **Hospice Task Group** reviewed the *Alternative Method for Part D Plan Sponsors to Receive Hospice Notice of Election (NOE) Information* published August 15, 2025. The task group is finalizing updates to the *Hospice Election Status Transaction Processing Guidelines for Part D Plans* and will seek approval to publish on [NCPDP.org](https://www.ncpdp.org) as a Medicare Part D resource.
- The **Medicare Financial Information Reporting (FIR) Task Group** continued working on the

Non-Participating PACE Plans Best Practices document.

- The **Medicare FAQ Task Group** reviewed one submitted question, reviewed and approved two new FAQs and updated one FAQ. The FAQs were approved as modified. FAQ 2.103 will be published in the *Medicare Part D Questions and Answers* document. The vaccine billing FAQs were approved as modified, but based on updates made to the corresponding DERF, were sent back to the task group for further updates. The task group also reviewed DERF 002082/Emergency ECL 000467 related to New Reason for Service Code/Result of Service Code Values for Hepatitis B Vaccine Coverage.
- The **Medicare Prescription Payment Plan Program Task Group** reviewed questions submitted by task group participants and sent questions to CMS for feedback. The task group created DERF 002083/ECL 000468 for a new Reject Code (511-FB) "Transaction submitted post the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan billing cycle for a previous plan year," that was pended by MC. Additionally, the task group created two new FAQs to support the DERF and updated one FAQ for interim use until the new Reject Code (511-FB) value is available for use. The new and modified FAQs were approved by WG9 for publication in the *Medicare Part D Questions and Answers* document. The new FAQs will not be published until DERF 002083/ECL 000468 is approved.
- The **Maximum Fair Price (MFP) Task Group** reviewed questions submitted by task group members. The task group also reviewed and discussed *Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program: Draft Guidance, Implementation of Sections 1191 – 1198 of the Social Security Act for Initial Price Applicability Year 2028* and *Manufacturer Effectuation of the Maximum Fair Price in 2026, 2027, and 2028*.
 - The **Maximum Fair Price (MFP) Part B Sub-Task Group** generated a list of potential issues and open questions related to the expansion of MFP to Medicare Part B.
- The **Medicare Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Task Group** reviewed questions submitted by task group participants and sent questions to CMS for feedback. The task group also submitted a reminder to CMS that plans are still awaiting 2026 PDE reporting guidance for MFP direct member reimbursement (DMR) claims. Additionally, the task group reviewed the 2026 PDE File Layout Updates the *Medicare Part D Selected Drug Subsidy for 2026* and the *Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program: Final Guidance for the Initial Price Applicability Year (IPAY) 2028 – Appendix B*, which included a review of the list of Drug Data Processing System (DDPS) PDE edits directly related to Maximum Fair Price (MFP) eligibility.
- The **Medicaid Pharmacy Encounters Reporting Standard® Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Medicaid FAQ Task Group** reviewed questions submitted by task group participants. The task group reviewed and updated pended DERF 002071/ECL000464 New Reject Codes. Additionally, the task group reviewed the requirement from the Washington DC Medicaid agency for Quantity Prescribed (460-ET) to be submitted on all claims, not just controlled substances, and sent a letter to the agency for clarification.

Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services

Task Groups:

- The **MTM and Pharmacist Clinical Services Task Group** is working with HL7® to have the project scope statement updated.

- The **Pharmacogenomics Task Group** reviewed questions from WG1 Clinical and Safety Edits Task Group regarding the possibility of creating a new Reason for Service Code (439-E4) to support drug-gene interaction. They discussed what patient consent may be needed for a drug utilization review (DUR) alert to work. They continued discussing creating a DERF for new reject codes to reflect pharmacogenomics testing.
- 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 **WG10/WG11 Patient Consent Task Group** continued assessing consent request workflow and overlaps between the FAST Consent Management FHIR® IG. Sections of the NCPDP/HL7® Specialty Implementation Medication Enrollment FHIR Implementation Guide were identified to be updated to align with current FHIR conventions.
- The **Metric Measures Adoption Task Group** discussed the current barriers and potential remedies to locating the 2021 version of the NCPDP white paper via an Internet search and agreement was reached on how best to address this issue. The task group began making revisions to the accompanying resource document to reflect the latest 2021 white paper. The task group decided to focus on potential root causes for continued use of US customary (household) units at the pharmacy level. The task group continued to explore options for accessing pharmacy-level data on persistent generation of labels that include household units and discussed a potential Stakeholder Action Group (SAG) to address the root cause(s) associated with the continued use of household units.

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 Work Group received a presentation on *Advancing Pharmacy Services and Data Sharing: Progress and Challenges in Clinically Integrated Pharmacy Network*.

Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions

DERF Reviewed:

- DERF 002078 was approved as modified.

Task Groups:

- The **Electronic Prior Authorization (ePA) Task Group** received approval to publish an FAQ related to how a Payer/PBM could complete an ePA after receiving a PAInitiationRequest in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document. They continued to address how the industry can support automating the PA criteria. The task group is requesting help from processors with question sets that can be used in the ePA examples.
- The **Formulary and Benefit Task Group** received approval to publish the Formulary and Benefit Standard V60[®] Recommendations document. The task group will begin discussing streamlining the F&B layout with the Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard[®].
- The **Implementation of Structured and Codified Sig Task Group** received approval to publish an FAQ related to multiple routes of administration and updates to the Sig Grammar Rule section in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.

- The **Pharmacy Product Locator Task Group** focused on the Patient/Advocate inquiry to a selected pharmacy for product availability. They continued to support the Pharmacy Product Availability pilot.
- The **RxChange Task Group** continued working on open topics, including what is expected on an RxChangeResponse that is denied when the RxChangeRequest contained a MessageRequestCode of "P" (Prior Authorization Required).
- The **SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group** received approval to publish an FAQ related to how to send an observation when there is no associated Unified Code for Units of Measure (UCUM) unit of measure qualifier and additional transition guidance for RxTransfer and Diagnosis in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.
 - The **RxTransfer Sub-Task Group** received approval to become a full task group. They also received approval to publish an FAQ related to how to transmit a Dispensed as Written (DAW)/Product Selection on a transfer if the value is other than "0" or "1" and an update to the Purpose section in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document. The task group conducted a straw poll to determine if a new element is needed for the reason for the prescription transfer. The results of the straw poll were evenly split, and the task group will continue discussing in upcoming calls.
- The **XML and JSON Task Group** brought forth DERF 002078 and received approval to move the SCRIPT and Specialized Standards[®] schema into the JSON format.
- The **WG10/WG11 Patient Consent Task Group** continued assessing consent request workflow and overlaps between the FAST Consent Management FHIR[®] IG. Sections of the NCPDP/HL7[®] Specialty Implementation Medication Enrollment FHIR Implementation Guide were identified to be updated to align with current FHIR conventions.
- The **WG14/WG11 LTPAC ePrescribing Task Group** received approval to update several existing questions in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.

Other Reportables:

- **WG19 API Task Group, WG19 Real-Time Prescription Benefit Task Group, WG19 REMS Workflow to Transactions Task Group and WG19 Version Naming Guidance Sub-Task Group:** Recaps for these task and sub-task groups can be found in the WG11 download materials.

New Business:

- Margaret Weiker of NCPDP provided an update on the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy (ASTP)/NCPDP Pharmacy Product Availability Pilot.

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** received approval in WG11 to update several existing questions in the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document.
- 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:

- Tatiana Vasylyeva of PointClickCare provided an LTPAC industry update.

Work Group 19 NCPDP Standards Coordination

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 002079 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002084 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002085/ECL 000469 was recommended to MC to approve as modified.

Task Groups:

- The **API Task Group** reviewed updates to include details on JSON and OpenAPI in the Connectivity Operating Rules[®] for pended DERF 002079.
 - The **Version Naming Guidance Sub-Task Group** reviewed naming conventions for standards and related documents. The task group discussed API versioning, as well as significant versus incremental changes. The task group reviewed current documentation guidance and drafted recommendations for naming and versioning conventions and discussed the next steps and timeline.
- The **Appropriate Use of Reject Code and Coverage Restriction Code Values Task Group** continued the review of reject codes and discussed 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 **COVID Post PHE Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Digital Therapeutics Task Group** continued to work on digital therapeutics activation codes request and response messages for SCRIPT and Telecommunication. They met with Click Therapeutics to discuss prescribing, billing, benefit design and workflow for combination products (Prescription Drug Use-Related Software [PDURS]). Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS) provided the task group with regulatory information and FDA guidance being tracked by this organization and inquired about digital therapeutics.
 - The Work Group received a presentation on Advances in Software-Based Treatments in the U.S.
- The **Emergency Preparedness Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Entities Dictionary Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Manufacturer Rebate Standards Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Medical Rebate Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **NDC Scarcity Task Group** drafted a letter to the FDA reiterating NCPDP membership's concerns regarding the continued delay in the issuance of the Final Rule and a decision about the change to the National Drug Code (NDC). The Work Group approved the letter to be sent to the FDA.
- The **No Rx Transaction Processing Task Group** continued to discuss the pros and cons of creating a new billing transaction for over-the-counter (OTC) products versus utilizing the existing B1 transaction. The task group discussed requirements for payer and/or pharmacy ability to identify and process claims for Additional Condition for Nonprescription Use (ACNU) products. They finalized

and sent a letter to the FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) division to address task group questions regarding ACNU products for nonprescription claims processing.

- The **Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard® Task Group** reviewed verbiage for situations of use listed for the EDI format and incorporated them where applicable into annotations in the XML schema or in the implementation guide. The task group decided to change the XML structure for Diagnosis, update the field length for Identification data elements in the Data Dictionary to align with the length in the schema and to sunset values for RejectCode that are specific to the EDI format. They submitted DERF 002084 that requests version RTPB v15. They created the FAQ “When should Diagnosis information be included on an RTPB Request?” which was approved for publication in the *Real-Time Prescription Benefit (RTPB) Standard® Implementation Recommendations* document.
- The **REMS Workflow to Transaction Task Group** continued to follow the developments under HL7®’s CodeX FHIR® Accelerator of a new REMS process and workflow. They began work on a REMS Transaction white paper.
- The **Specialty Pharmacy Data Exchange Task Group** completed a review of all data elements for conditionality and field characteristics. They created parameters and definitions for new elements. The task group decided to create an implementation guide to support both flat file and JSON formats. The task group began creating a file layout and implementation guide.
- The **USCDI Data Element Review Task Group** continued looking at all USCDI v5 data elements and assessed which elements are relevant for pharmacies to utilize. The task group performed additional analysis before determining what is needed and how much detail is required.

Work Group 20 Coordination of Care and Innovation (CoCI)

Task Groups:

- The **Health Equity Task Group** collaborated with WG1 Pharmacy Services Billing Task Group to incorporate answer options regarding Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) into their finalized survey, which evaluates the use of the S1 transaction today and potential adoption in the future.
- The **Pharmacy Technology Innovation (PTI) Task Group** discussed a series of AI roundtables, each offering a unique perspective.
 - The **Pharmacist/Pharmacy EHR Definition Sub-Task Group** completed reviewing the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy (ASTP) Base Electronic Health Record (EHR) definition certification criteria for pharmacy EHR and reviewed the other Health Data, Technology and Interoperability (HTI-1) and HIT-2 Rule for additional capabilities to determine which should be recommended for pharmacy EHR development.

New Business:

- The Work Group received a presentation on *Advancing Pharmacy Services and Data Sharing: Progress and Challenges in Clinically Integrated Pharmacy Network*.

Work Group 45 External Standards Assessment and Implementation Guidance

Task Groups:

- The **Pharmacy and/or Combination ID Card Implementation Guide® Review Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **834/835 FAQ Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Document Revisions Task Group** reviewed responses from the Centers for Medicare

and Medicaid Services (CMS) related to the 835 Companion Guide, created additional questions requesting CMS feedback regarding concerns about the Prescription Drug Event (PDE) process as it relates to Maximum Fair Price (MFP). The task group continued working on updates to the X12 835 5010 Payment Reference Guide Version 5 for Telecommunication VF6[©].

- The **DSMO Task Group** received no DSMO requests for review.
- The **Benefit Coverage Identification Task Group** continued reviewing the *Specialty Pharmacy Benefit Coverage Identification* white paper.
- The **Barcode Utilization 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.

MC Maintenance and Control

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

- DERF 002071/ECL 000464 was pended.
- DERF 002078 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002079 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002080 was approved.
- DERF 002081/ ECL 000466 was approved.
- DERF 002082/Emergency ECL 000467 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002083/ECL 000468 was pended.
- DERF 002084 was approved as modified.
- DERF 002085/Emergency ECL 000469 was approved with modifications.

Task Groups:

- The **Education, Legislation and Regulations Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Non-NCPDP Code Sets Task Group** submitted DERF 002085/ECL 000469 requesting a new NCPDP Compound Dosage Form Terminology subset be added to the National Cancer Institute Thesaurus (NCIt). During Work Group, the DERF was modified in MC to change it to an Emergency ECL DERF. The task group developed an initial draft of mapping guidance for SCRIPT users transitioning from the current 380 values to the proposed 48 values.

New Business:

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