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**NCPDP RELEASES ENHANCEMENTS TO ITS TELECOMMUNICATION, SCRIPT AND
POST ADJUDICATION STANDARDS**

SCOTTSDALE, AZ – October 28, 2011 – [The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs](http://www.ncpdp.org) (NCPDP), the leading not-for-profit pharmacy standards development organization, announced today the release of enhancements to its Telecommunication, SCRIPT and Post Adjudication Standards.

The Telecommunication Standard defines the record layout for real-time prescription claim transactions, billing pharmacy transactions, certifying eligibility and prescription drug benefits, communicating detailed information defining reimbursement or denial of compensation with explanations, and concurrent drug use review. Enhancements available in the *Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide Version D.8* include:

- The use of fields related to partial fills in Information Reporting transactions for retrospective 340B status designation between trading partners.
- The use of the Compound Segment in Information Reporting transactions for retrospective 340B status designation between trading partners. This change would allow providers the ability to indicate that specific ingredients of a compound were purchased pursuant to Section 340B Rights.

The SCRIPT Standard is in widespread use by the industry for electronic prescribing (e-Prescribing) new prescriptions, prescription changes, refill requests, prescription fill status notification, prescription cancellation, and medication history. Enhancements have been added to DUR (drug utilization review) alerts, formulary information and a new transaction type that allows a facility to notify a pharmacy of resident information. A pharmacy can send requests to many prescribers and a prescriber can send requests to many pharmacies, thereby reducing the time involved in this process and reducing the changes of errors that could occur from oral or written communication. Enhancements available in the *SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide Version 2011091* include:

- The INDICATIONVALUEUNITOFMEASURECODE to be optional for those indications that do not have an associated Unit of Measure.
- A value for DONOTFILL to indicate a cover prescription for a previously called in emergency oral prescription as necessary for controlled substances.

The Post Adjudication Standard supports the communication of post-adjudicated history and utilization pharmacy claim data in a standard format to provide administrative efficiencies among all entities sharing historical pharmacy healthcare data. The *Post Adjudication Standard Implementation Guide Version 3.0* corrects formatting errors to the unit price fields and clarification within the standard.

For information on how to access the Standards or information on NCPDP member benefits, including participation in NCPDP Work Group and Task Group activities, visit http://www.ncdp.org/member_benefits.aspx.

About NCPDP

Founded in 1977, NCPDP is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited, Standards Development Organization with over 1,600 members representing virtually every sector of the pharmacy services industry. Our diverse membership provides leadership and healthcare business solutions through education and standards, created using the consensus building process. NCPDP has been named in federal legislation, including HIPAA, MMA, and HITECH. NCPDP members have created standards such as the Telecommunication Standard and Batch Standard, the SCRIPT Standard for e-Prescribing, the Manufacturers Rebate Standard and more to improve communication within the pharmacy industry. Our data services include the NCPDP Provider Identification Number, a unique identifier of over 75,000 pharmacies, and HCidea, "The Prescriber Identity Solution." NCPDP's RxRecon™ is a legislative tracking product for real-time monitoring of pharmacy-related state and national legislative and regulatory activity. For more information about NCPDP Standards, Data Services, Products, Educational Programs and Work Group meetings, go online at <http://www.ncdp.org> or call (480) 477-1000.

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