

NCPDP 101

Goals for this Session

- Gain an overall understanding of NCPDP and how it works.
- Understand what is happening in the pharmacy industry related to healthcare information technology and standards, and what role NCPDP plays.
- Identify the work groups and understand their roles and goals.
- Learn about the available leadership opportunities and how you can help influence what happens in our industry.

Agenda

- Overview
- Industry Vocabulary (AKA Alphabet Soup)
- Mission and Vision
- Structure of NCPDP
- Participants by Industry Segment
- Standards Involved in the Prescribing Process
- Pharmacy Industry Drivers and the Presidential Executive Order on Healthcare Information Technology
- Work Group Scope and Goals
- Value of Participation and Teamwork

Overview

- NCPDP is one of several Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) involved in healthcare information technology and standardization.
- NCPDP is the only SDO that has a focus on pharmacy services, and has the highest representation from the pharmacy services sector of healthcare.
- There are more industry drivers influencing the need for more standardization in healthcare than any other time in history.
 - Many of these are driven by government.

Quotables

- "A good discussion increases the dimensions of everyone who takes part."
 - *Randolph Bourne, writer*
- "We will surely get to our destination if we join hands."
 - *Aung San Suu Kyi, winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize*
- "A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus."
 - *Martin Luther King, Jr.*
- "The nice thing about standards is that you have so many to choose from; furthermore, if you do not like any of them, you can just wait for next year's model."
 - *Andrew S. Tanenbaum, Professor of Computer Science, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam*

Industry Vocabulary (AKA Alphabet Soup)

- **AHIC:** American Health Information Community
- **ANSI:** American National Standards Institute- Accredits the SDOs for open, balanced processes. Standards are approved via open notification and verification of processes.
- **ASC X12:** Accredited Standards Committee X12, a standards development organization. X12N is the subcommittee on the insurance industry.
- **CMS:** Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- **DERF:** Data Element Request Form
- **DSMO:** Designated Standards Maintenance Organizations (defined in HIPAA)
- **HHS:** Department of Health and Human Services
- **HIPAA:** Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
- **HITSP:** Health Information Technology Standards Panel
- **HL7:** Health Level 7, a healthcare industry standards development organization
- **MMA:** Medicare Modernization Act of 2003
- **NCPDP:** National Council for Prescription Drug Programs
- **NCVHS:** National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics
- **NPI:** National Provider Identifier – Mandated by HIPAA
- **NPRM:** Notice of Proposed Rule Making
- **ONC:** Office of the National Coordinator
- **SDO:** Standards Development Organization
- **SNIP:** Strategic National Implementation Process
- **WEDI:** Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange

What is NCPDP?

- NCPDP is an ANSI-accredited standards development organization.
- Provides a forum and marketplace for a diverse membership focused on healthcare and pharmacy business solutions.
- NCPDP is a member driven organization that has been named in various government legislation, such as HIPAA and the Medicare Prescription Bill.

Mission and Vision Statement

Mission:

NCPDP creates and promotes the transfer of data related to medications, supplies, and services within the healthcare system through the development of standards and industry guidance. The organization provides a forum and support wherein our diverse membership can efficiently and effectively develop and maintain these standards and guidance through a consensus building process in collaboration with other industry organizations. NCPDP also offers its members resources, including educational opportunities and database services, to better manage their businesses.

Vision:

To be the model forum that empowers its members to enhance the quality and efficiency of the healthcare system through the creation and promotion of information technology solutions.

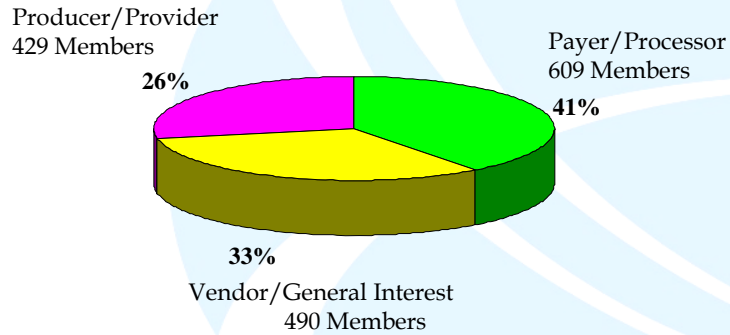
Structure of NCPDP

- Participants
- Governance
- Process

Participants by Industry Role

- ◆ **Producer/Provider**
 - Includes Pharmacies, Pharmacists, and Manufacturers. A client service oriented sector.
- ◆ **Payer/Processor**
 - Includes HMO's, PBM's, Gov't Payers, Health Insurers. A financial oriented sector.
- ◆ **Vendors and General Interest**
 - Drug Wholesalers, Consultants, Clinical Programs, Telecommunication and Software & Hardware Vendors. The link between the 2 sectors above.

Voting Categories



Total Members as of 7/15/10 = 1,528

Governance

Board of Trustees

- Has supervision, control and general charge of the business of the Council
- Establish and modify the Council's policies and execute the purposes of the Council
- Has discretion in the disbursement of the Council's funds
- Establish dues for membership
- Establish strategic direction



Governance

Board of Trustees (continued)



- Adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of the Council's business
- Appoint Standardization Co-Chairs and act on their requests
- Has final authority on all industry standard development procedures, appeals, hardship applications and conduct of process documentation record retention

Governance

Committees

- **Annual Conference Committee**
The committee provides guidance on all aspects of planning NCPDP's Annual Membership Conference, including selection of keynote speakers, track speakers and other activities.
- **Awards Committee**
The Awards Committee evaluates and defines the criteria and selection process of The Individual Member Excellence Award (TIME), the Rising Star Award and the Benjamin D. Ward Distinguished Member Award.
- **Bylaws Committee**
The Bylaws Committee provides direction for the "nuts and bolts" of the Council's business operations. It ensures that as a standards development organization (SDO), NCPDP keeps current with ANSI changes in order to maintain its accreditation status.

Governance

Committees (continued)

- **Educational Programs Committee**
The Education Programs Committee designs, develops and implements high quality and affordable educational programs for members and potential members.
- **Finance Committee**
The Finance Committee oversees NCPDP's budgeting process. It reviews the annual budget and makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees and NCPDP Management.
- **Membership and Leadership Development Committee**
The Membership and Leadership Development Committee develops a strategic plan for increasing NCPDP membership and retaining current members. It also develops programs and opportunities for membership to grow into leadership positions.

Governance

Committees (continued)

- **Nominating Committee**
The Nominating Committee reviews the slate of candidates and assures there is a fair and equal balance within each category for the Board of Trustee elections.
- **Standardization Committee**
The Standardization Committee monitors the Council's development and continuous maintenance of all corporation standards, documents, and specifications, which are or are intended to become industry standards and American National Standards (ANS).
- **Strategic Planning Committee**
The Strategic Planning Committee guides the development of NCPDP, including overseeing the membership recruitment and retention efforts, identifying new target markets, products and services, and helping shape the direction of the Council.



NCPDP Work Groups and Task Groups Process

Work Groups (WG) develop standards documents and specifications

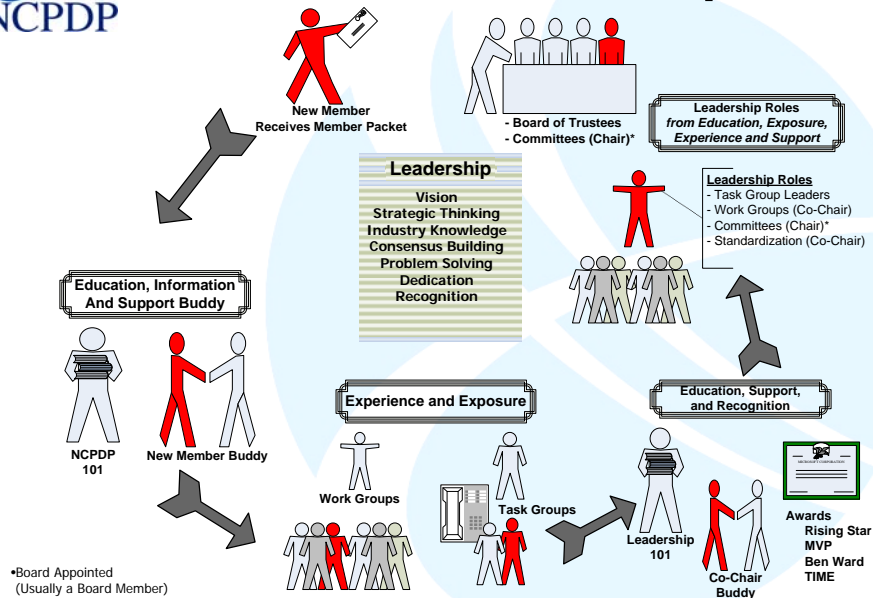
- There are 11 WGs along with a MC Maintenance & Control WG
- Meet four times a year
- There is no charge for members to attend
- Voting is limited to members who are present

Task Groups work on specific issues within a Work Group

- These meetings are conducted via conference calls, weekly, biweekly or monthly depending on the task group
- Must have a chair assigned by the work group members
- Membership is not required to participate



NCPDP Path to Leadership



Parliamentary Procedures

Purpose

- Expedite business
- Maintain order
- Ensure equality for all
- Accomplish the objectives of the work group

Motions

- Member makes a motion
- Another member seconds the motion
- Co-Chair states the motion
- Members debate the motion
- Co-Chair puts the question to a vote
- Co-Chair announces results of vote

Parliamentary Procedures Other Types of Motions

- Motion to amend
- Motion to end debate and vote or call the question



DERF Process

DERF: Data Element Request Form

- It is the process to request an addition or modification to NCPDP's current or new standards.
- Submit a DERF to the Council office with accompanying information, that may include proposed standard, implementation guide, data element dictionary, modification log if needed, and change log if needed.
- DERF is submitted to Standardization Co-Chairs and Maintenance and Control Co-Chairs for determination as to what work groups will review it.
- The DERF is distributed to members prior to next scheduled quarterly work group meeting via NCPDP's website.

DERF Process (Continued)

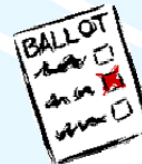
- The DERF is reviewed by work groups during quarterly meeting. We strongly encourage submitters to attend the meeting to discuss their request.
- Once the DERF is approved at the work group level and within thirty (30) days of approval, a data maintenance ballot is prepared.
- The ballot notification is distributed to the consensus voting group participants, the NCPDP membership at large, and made available via a press release to non-NCPDP members wishing to provide comments on the ballot. Once the ballot process is complete the Board of Trustees certifies the results.

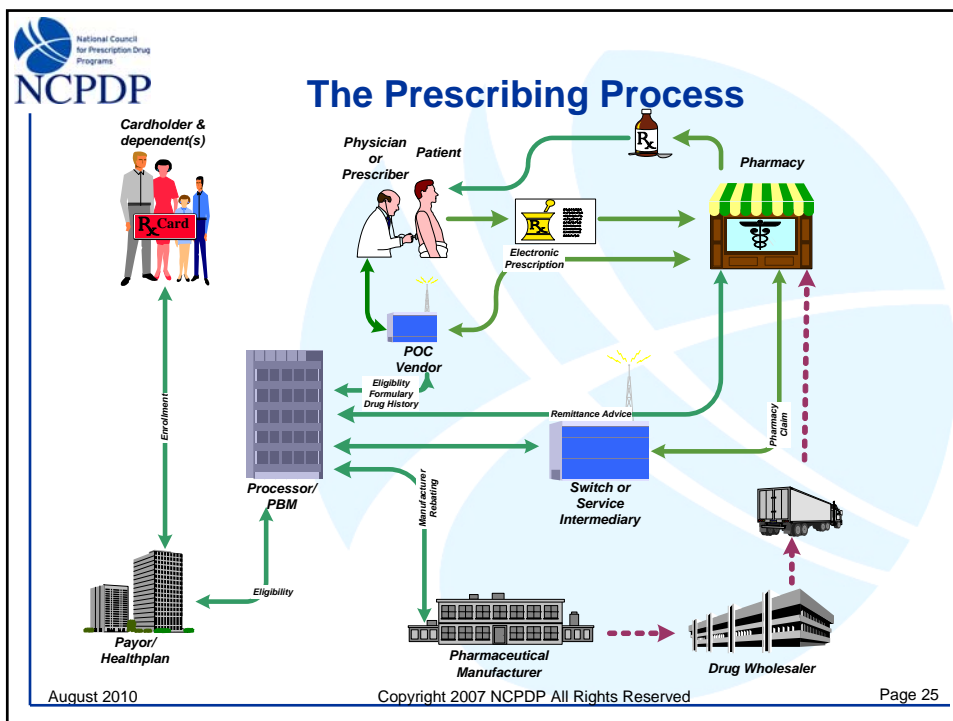
DERF Process (Continued)

- This is a consensus building process and requires 60% Consensus voting response, no more than 50% in one category, and a 75% approval rate of the affirmative and negative votes with reasons to pass. All related comments received on a ballot are adjudicated at the next scheduled quarterly work group meeting
- The results are published in the Council's publication along with a press release announcement.
- The approved DERF is then included in the Data Dictionary/External Code List within ninety (90) days of final approval.
- For more information and a calendar please visit http://www.ncdp.org/standard_changes.aspx

DERF Process Adjudication of Ballots

- All valid ballots containing related Comments must be reviewed and addressed
- Each comment must be adjudicated via an official motion and minimum of 2/3 must categorize comments as:
 - Not persuasive*
 - Persuasive and editorial*
 - Persuasive and substantive*



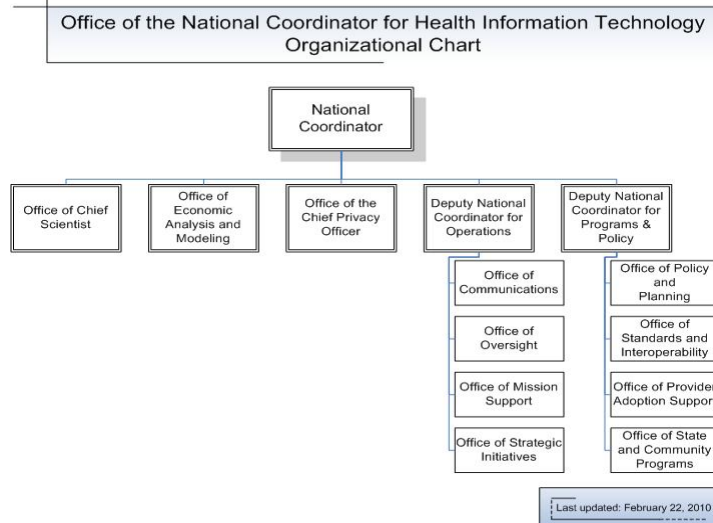


- NCPDP** National Council for Prescription Drug Programs
- ## Some of the Drivers in the Industry
- Medicare Modernization Act
 - Consumer Driven Health Plans
 - Discount Drug Cards
 - Drug Importation
 - The Economy
 - Privacy (HIPAA)
 - Security (HIPAA)
 - Electronic Prescribing Mandate
 - FDA NDC Initiative
 - FDA Barcode Rule
 - The Presidential Executive Order on Health Information Technology
 - Electronic Health Records
 - Patient Health Records
 - Streamlining the HIPAA process
 - Request of New Versions, Standards in HIPAA
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Presidential Executive Order

- April 2004, President Bush issued a Presidential Executive Order created the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) <http://healthit.hhs.gov/>
 - to work together to provide the necessary assistance and technical support to providers, enable coordination and alignment within and among states, establish connectivity to the public health community in case of emergencies, and assure the workforce is properly trained and equipped to be meaningful users of EHRs - HITECH Programs:
 - **State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program**
 - **Health Information Technology Extension Program**
 - **Strategic Health IT Advanced Research Projects (SHARP) Program**
 - **Community College Consortia to Educate Health Information Technology Professionals Program**
 - **Curriculum Development Centers Program**
 - **Program of Assistance for University-Based Training**
 - **Competency Examination for Individuals Completing Non-Degree Training Program**
 - **Beacon Community Program**
- HIT Standards Committee
- HIT Policy Committee

ONC's strategy for HIT Interoperability



NCPDP Work Groups

- **WG1 Telecommunication**
- **WG2 Product Identification**
- **WG3 Standard Identifiers**
- **WG7 Manufacturer Rebates**
- **WG9 Government Programs**
- **WG10 Professional Pharmacy Services**
- **WG11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions**
- **WG14 Long Term Care**
- **WG16 Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation**
- **WG17 Pharmaceutical Pedigree and Traceability**
- **WG45 External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance**
- **MC Maintenance and Control**

WG1 Telecommunication Scope

Work Group 1 Telecommunication develops and maintains standards and guidelines to accommodate the collection, transmission, and processing of electronic pharmacy claim information, i.e. administering and certifying eligibility, prior authorization, and prescribing drug benefits for traditional, managed care, and government programs; billing; payment or denial of compensation with explanations, and concurrent drug use review.

WG1

Telecommunication Goals

1. Promote NCPDP membership attendance and active participation in Work Group 1 Telecommunication meetings and task groups.
2. Promote all standards created by this work group including but not limited to Telecommunication Standard.
3. Review Data Element Request Forms (DERFs) and ballots pertaining to standards for which this work group is responsible for.
4. Continue the Financial Information Reporting Task Group to address guidance for the Financial Information Reporting Standard.
5. Continue enhancements to the Telecommunication Standard for regulated non-prescription product compliance collection.
6. Complete support of the Universal Claim Form (UCF), Workers' Compensation/Property and Casualty UCF, and supporting Reference Implementation Guide for the Telecommunication Standard.

WG1

Telecommunication Goals Cont'd

7. Continue the Telecommunication FAQ Task Group to provide guidance on Telecommunication Standard Frequently Asked Questions.
8. Continue the Coordination of Benefits Task Group to respond to coordination of benefits questions.
9. Continue the Payer to Payer Task Group to address guidance for coordination of information between Medicare Part D payers.
10. Complete the proposed enhancements to the Post Adjudication Standard from the Post Adjudication Task Group.
11. Provide Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) updates.
 - a. Provide responses to technical questions that may be sent to NCPDP as a result of a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) for new transactions or enhancements in HIPAA.
12. Review Designated Standards Maintenance Organizations Change Request System (DSMO CRS) requests as needed.

WG1

Telecommunication Goals Cont'd

13. Provide Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange - Strategic National Implementation Process (WEDI -SNIP) and NCPDP SNIP updates.
14. Provide a forum for issues surrounding the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003.
15. Monitor industry activities such as consumer-driven health.
16. Continue the Tax Advantage Benefits Task Group to create standards for transferring financial data between stake-holders.
17. Monitor the activities of the Safe Use Processing/REMS Task Group to determine if any changes are required to the Telecommunication Standard.
18. Continue the Information Reporting Problems Task Group to respond to questions, research issues, provide guidance, and recommend solutions for missing N transactions.
19. Support the MC Education-Legislation and Regulation Task Group when new legislation is being introduced regarding issues relevant to the work group

WG2

Product Identification Scope

Work Group 2 Product Identification deals with issues relating to the identification of drugs and health related products within NCPDP's stated mission. Identification consists of how the product is billed (billing units, quantity designations), product identification systems, and any type of descriptive data which serves to uniquely identify a product with the intent to establish standards for product identification such that there is no ambiguity in distinguishing one product from another.

WG2

Product Identification

Goals

1. Develop and implement a communication plan for the Billing Unit Standard (BUS) Implementation Guide for NCPDP members and other impacted parties (such as government agencies, manufacturers).
2. Increase attendance and participation by pharmaceutical manufacturers to address resolution of billing issues before product launch.
3. Collaborate with other work groups to facilitate mutual goal achievement:
 - a. Work Group 7 Manufacturer Rebates to increase cooperation between NCPDP and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
 - b. Work Group 17 Pharmaceutical Pedigree and Traceability to maintain consistent product identifiers
 - c. Work Group 11 ePrescribing and Related Transactions to maintain consistent product identifiers and facilitate drug database consistency especially where sample management is concerned.
4. Review and adjudicate Quantity Unit Information Communication (QUIC) Forms.

WG2

Product Identification

Goals Cont'd

5. Monitor and report on issues relating to the scope of Work Group 2 Product Identification including but not limited to National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Health Level Seven (HL7), RxNorm, and bar code activity.
6. Continue collaboration with American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and Health Level Seven (HL7).
7. Continue to provide clarification and education on the structure of the National Drug Code (NDC), Universal Product Code (UPC), and the National Health Related Item Code (HRI) as they are formatted for use within the NCPDP standards. Monitor new identifiers as they become available.
8. Provide input to the FDA on their development of the Structured Product Labeling (SPL) and ongoing guidance to support the use of the Billing Unit Standard within the SPL.
9. Continue development of the Billing Unit Descriptor; maintain and promote the Billing Unit Standard.

WG2

Product Identification Goals Cont'd

10. Determine and apply the Billing Unit Standard (BUS) to new products and to existing products that have had labeling changes.
11. Review and modify, where appropriate, billing unit exceptions within the Billing Unit Standard.
12. Promote NCPDP membership attendance and active participation in work group meetings and task groups.
13. Monitor the task groups to ensure are on track to complete their work. If appropriate, close task groups that have completed their work.
14. Support the MC Education-Legislation and Regulation Task Group when new legislation is being introduced regarding issues relevant to the work group.

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WG3

Standard Identifiers Scope

Work Group 3 Standard Identifiers develops, educates, and promotes the adoption of standard identifiers for pharmaceutical data transactions, healthcare providers, and benefit delivery systems, i.e. identification cards.

WG3 Standard Identifiers Goals

1. Promote NCPDP membership attendance and active participation in work group meetings.
2. Pharmacy ID Cards
 - a. **Monitor any initiative to establish a universal healthcare ID card and respond appropriately.**
 - b. **Monitor and collaborate with other organizations on initiatives to create combined health benefit cards containing information for both medical benefits and pharmacy benefits.**
 - c. **Continue to collaborate with the International Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS) to accommodate standard ID card changes, when necessary, to the NCPDP Pharmacy ID Card Implementation Guide.**
 - d. **Monitor industry activity, as related to the adoption of the Pharmacy and/or Combination ID Card Implementation Guide, and serve as an information source for parties interested in Pharmacy ID Card standardization.**
 - e. **Monitor government action related to initiatives proposing the use of a standard ID card.**
 - f. **Maintain and modify the NCPDP Pharmacy and/or Combination ID Card Implementation Guide, the NCPDP Health Care Identification ID Fact Sheet and related External Code List as needed.**

WG3 Standard Identifiers Goals Cont'd

3. Identifier Initiatives.
 - a. Monitor State and Federal legislation related to Subscriber, Individual, and Plan Identifiers.
 - b. Track Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) National Provider Identifier (NPI) activity and collaborate with the NCPDP SNIP Liaison Special Committee on responses to any initiatives.
 - c. Monitor and respond as appropriate, to the activities of states or other entities related to the use of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number in pharmacy transactions.
4. Maintain a State of the States tracking document for Pharmacy ID Cards, Prescriber, Subscriber, Individual and Plan Identifiers, Discount ID Cards, and Combination Health Benefit Cards.
5. NCPDP Pharmacy Database
 - a. Provide input to NCPDP Staff on enhancing and maintaining the quality of the file, file layouts and field values, and implementation guide.
 - b. Direct or assist in responding to inquiries regarding the NCPDP Pharmacy Database to appropriate NCPDP staff.

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WG3

Standard Identifiers Goals Cont'd

6. NCPDP Prescriber Database
 - a. Provide input to NCPDP Staff on enhancing and maintaining the prescriber database.
 - b. Provide assistance as needed in the development of a prescriber database implementation guide.
7. Collaborate with other NCPDP work groups as needed.
8. Participate in the development of CAQH Core Phase III rule writing for standardized health identification card and report status to membership.
9. Monitor the task groups to ensure they are on track to complete their work. If appropriate, close task groups that have completed their work.
10. Support the MC Education-Legislation and Regulation Task Group when new legislation is being introduced regarding issues relevant to the work group.

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WG7

Manufacturer Rebates Scope

Work Group 7 Manufacturer Rebates develops, monitors, and maintains standards for the electronic exchange of prescription-based rebate data between manufacturers and data providers, and/or trading partners. Additionally, the work group will facilitate the implementation and education of the rebate standard and process.

WG7

Manufacturer Rebates

Goals

1. Promote NCPDP membership attendance and active participation in work group meetings.
2. The Standards Task Group will revise the standard to include changes necessary to meet business needs and, if appropriate, incorporate new technologies and standards (i.e., Medicare Part D, NPI).
3. Increase Manufacturer Rebate Standard education and use in the industry across all stakeholders to obtain feedback and develop programs to improve participation and implementation of the NCPDP Rebate Standard.
4. Increase WG7 participation in the following membership categories:
 - a. Buying groups
 - b. Database Management Organizations
 - c. Government Program Representatives
 - d. Health Plans
 - e. Pharmaceutical Manufacturers
 - f. Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBM)
 - g. Pharmacy Providers
 - h. Software Vendors

WG7

Manufacturer Rebates

Goals Cont'd

5. Maintain and update the Rebate Reference Guide as needed.
6. Work and align with other work groups to identify the impact of other standard changes on the Manufacturer Rebates Standard.
7. Monitor the task groups to ensure they are on track to complete their work. If appropriate, close task groups that have completed their work.
8. Support the MC Education-Legislation and Regulation Task Group when new legislation is being introduced regarding issues relevant to the work group.

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WG9

Government Programs Scope

Work Group 9 Government Programs, in conjunction with Work Group 1 Telecommunication, guides and advises Federal and State funded pharmacy programs and their agents on standards implementation, supports data processing initiatives, and provides design alternatives for standards, which support government requirements.

WG9

Government Programs Goals

1. Promote NCPDP membership attendance and active participation in work group meetings.
2. Maintain the State of the States tracking document (Medicaids).
3. Maintain the State Prescription Monitoring Programs tracking document.
4. Work with Federal and State funded pharmacy programs as they implement the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) named standards.
5. Act as a resource for Medicaid Subrogation and Batch Standard implementation questions.
 - a. Provide responses from the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) for new transactions in HIPAA.

WG9

Government Programs Goals Cont'd

6. Provide a forum for members to discuss new Federal/State policies and procedures as they relate to the practice of pharmacy, including but not limited to:
 - a. The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit, including the transition of dual eligible beneficiaries, wraparound drug coverage (or other drug coverage issues) and outreach in collaboration with NCPDP SNIP Liaison Special Committee.
 - b. Medicare Modernization Act and its impact on federal and state funded programs
 - c. Billing of transactions by states
 - d. Billing of home infusion therapy
 - e. National Provider ID (NPI)
 - f. Pricing/reimbursement changes (for example ASP, AWP, AMP, FUL)

WG9

Government Programs Goals Cont'd

7. Review and recommend changes to implementation of the standards development process and regulatory process as related to HIPAA.
8. Continue to receive regular updates from WG45 External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance on the implementation of the Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 835.
9. Collaborate with the National Medicaid HIPAA EDI (NMEH) on issues related to State Medicaid.
10. Monitor the task groups to ensure they are on track to complete their work. If appropriate, close task groups that have completed their work.
11. Support the MC Education-Legislation and Regulation Task Group when new legislation is being introduced regarding issues relevant to the work group .

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WG10

Professional Pharmacy Services Scope

WG10 Professional Pharmacy Services assists in the development and maintenance of standards to support electronic documentation and transmission of data for professional pharmacy services.

WG10

Professional Pharmacy Services Goals

1. Promote NCPDP membership attendance and active participation in work group meetings.
2. Recommend and participate in marketing and educational programs, including those related to the implementation guides, Frequently Asked Questions, and the Clinical and DUR/PPS segments of Telecommunication Standard Version 5 and above, the Structured and Codified Sig Format, the SCRIPT Standard and other pharmacy-related standards.
3. Monitor initiatives relating to patient care and safety, billing, and related electronic communications and, where necessary enhance current standards for these used in on-line Drug Utilization Review (DUR), Professional Pharmacy Services (PPS) and Medication Therapy Management Programs (MTM), Medication Reconciliation as well as other pharmacy professional activities..
4. Maintain the Structured and Codified Sig Format and promote its use in applicable standards.
5. Promote and provide support for the use of NCPDP Standards for Professional Pharmacy Services claim and documentation submission whether regulated, mandated (i.e. HIPAA, MMA), or through voluntary industry adoption.

WG10

Professional Pharmacy Services Goals Cont'd

6. Work to include NCPDP standards as named Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) or mandated standards for the submission of professional pharmacy service claims.
7. Enhance current NCPDP standards to incorporate additional clinical parameters captured from evolving technology and where possible work to influence evolving technology within the framework of existing NCPDP standards.
8. Collaborate with other work groups and organization to explore the need for standards to support the exchange of clinical data.
9. Monitor the task groups to ensure they are on track to complete their work. If appropriate, close task groups that have completed their work.
10. Support the MC Education-Legislation and Regulation Task Group when new legislation is being introduced regarding issues relevant to the work group.

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WG11

ePrescribing & Related Transactions Scope

WG11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions develops standardized messages for prescribers, pharmacists, payers and/or other interested parties to exchange information.

WG11 **ePrescribing & Related Transactions** **Goals**

1. Promote NCPDP membership attendance and active participation in work group meetings.
2. Monitor industry practices with respect to electronic prescribing on federal and state levels. Coordinate with MC Maintenance and Control Education-Legislation and Regulation Task Group.
3. Educate the healthcare industry about benefits of using the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard and the NCPDP Formulary and Benefit Standard. Provide input to NCPDP Staff for the "ePrescribing" website page and the ePrescribing Fact Sheet.
4. Remain informed of National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) activities as they affect Work Group 11 ePrescribing and Related Transactions.
5. Continue collaboration with other organizations and participate in Standards Development Organization (SDO) activities as they affect Work Group 11 ePrescribing and Related Transactions, as well as Health Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP).
6. Monitor Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) activities for electronic initiatives of controlled substance prescriptions and electronic signature.

WG11 **ePrescribing & Related Transactions** **Goals Cont'd**

7. Collaborate with Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services Industry Sig Task Group, Health Level Seven (HL7), ASTM International and other industry organizations on incorporating and implementing Sig into SCRIPT, HL7, CCR, and other related standards.
8. Collaborate with Work Group 14 Long Term Care in addressing the needs of Long Term Care (LTC) in electronic prescribing.
9. Continue progress on the following Task Groups:
 - a. RxNorm Task Group
 - b. Prior Authorization Workflow-to-Transactions Task Group.
 - c. Formulary and Benefit Task Group.
 - d. Clinical Health Information Exchange Task Group
 - e. SCRIPT XML Task Group
 - f. NCPDP-HL7 ePrescribing Functional Profile Task Group
 - g. RxNorm in SCRIPT Task Group
 - h. Central Fill Task Group

WG11 **ePrescribing & Related Transactions** **Goals Cont'd**

10. Monitor the task groups to ensure they are on track to complete their work. If appropriate, close task groups that have completed their work.
11. Continue working with National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and other government entities regarding the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 and its provision to “establish a real-time electronic prescribing program to be used by all physicians, pharmacies and pharmacists who serve Medicare beneficiaries with Part D benefits” and other regulations pertaining to electronic prescribing.
12. Analyze, develop and execute Webinar opportunities for WG11 standards in coordination with Education Programs Committee.
13. Support the MC Education-Legislation and Regulation Task Group when new legislation is being introduced regarding issues relevant to the work group.

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WG14 **Long Term Care** **Scope**

WG14 Long Term Care, in conjunction with the other Work Groups, guides and advises payers, processors, and providers of the long term care industry and institutional pharmacy programs and their agents on standards implementation, supports data processing initiatives, and provides design alternatives for standards used within the long term care industry.

WG14

Long Term Care Goals

1. Promote NCPDP membership attendance and active participation in work group meetings.
2. Provide a forum to discuss enhancements to the Telecommunication Standard specific to the long-term care (LTC) pharmacy industry.
3. Provide a forum to address the requirements of the LTC industry as they apply to the electronic standards (including SCRIPT) and, where needed, to suggest extensions of the standards.
4. Provide a forum to develop standards specific to electronic transmission for Consultant Pharmacist Medication Regimen Review (MRR) federal requirements between the consultant pharmacist, nursing facility, provider pharmacy, Medical Director, the physician, and payers and processors.
5. Monitor the task groups to ensure they are on track to complete their work. If appropriate, close task groups that have completed their work.
6. Support the MC Education-Legislation and Regulation Task Group when new legislation is being introduced regarding issues relevant to the work group.

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WG16

Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation Scope

Work Group 16 Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation will ascertain, monitor and analyze regulatory requirements to develop correlating fields to be supported in the Telecommunication Standard format; evaluate, and maintain a Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation standard paper claim form; proactively promote and educate pharmacy industry stakeholders and regulatory policy makers on the form and format standards found in Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation (including but not limited to uniform billing, state reporting policies and the overall delivery of pharmacy services/care).

WG16

Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation Goals

1. Promote NCPDP membership attendance and active participation in work group meetings.
2. Promote open and active participation by Work Group members in educating policy makers on issues pertinent to the delivery of pharmacy care/services for Workers' Compensation/Property and Casualty (WC/PC) patients.
3. Develop electronic claim solutions for current and future needs, within the Workers' Compensation/Property and Casualty industries, not addressed in the NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide.
4. Promote a national standard for pharmacy billing and reporting to Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation policy makers and stakeholders.
5. Seek and promote solutions between stakeholders that may currently lack visibility and/or understanding about the pharmacy fulfillment and billing processes as it pertains to Workers' Compensation/Property and Casualty.

WG16

Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation Goals

6. Modify the existing WC/PC Universal Claim Form and Reference Guide, as needed, for the Workers' Compensation/Property and Casualty industries.
7. Analyze and develop action plans regarding NCPDP formats to meet the needs of the Workers' Compensation/Property and Casualty industries.
8. Collaborate with other NCPDP work groups as needed.
9. Monitor the task groups to ensure they are on track to complete their work. If appropriate, close task groups that have completed their work.
10. Support the MC Education Legislation-and Regulation Task Group when new legislation is being introduced regarding issues relevant to the work group.

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WG17

Pharmaceutical Pedigree and Traceability Scope

Work Group 17 Pharmaceutical Pedigree and Traceability provides a forum for the stakeholders in the pharmaceutical supply chain for evaluation of the implications and costs related to the implementation of pedigree and track-and-trace technologies. To identify best practices and standards, provide guidelines and develop educational materials for the stakeholders.

WG17

Pharmaceutical Pedigree and Traceability Goals

1. Promote NCPDP membership attendance and active participation in work group meetings.
2. Facilitate the implementation of pedigree and track-and-trace standards for identifying and tracking pharmaceuticals and other pharmaceutical related regulated products (e.g. diabetic supplies) throughout the supply chain.
3. Recommend cost effective implementation strategies.
4. Document gaps and needs and work with the standards organizations such as GS1 and Health Level Seven (HL7) to incorporate recommended changes.
5. Develop NCPDP relevant implementation guidance for the pharmaceutical supply chain.
6. In conjunction with Work Group 2 Production Identification, Work Group 11 ePrescribing and Related Transactions and MC Maintenance and Control, work to monitor legislative and regulatory developments related to pedigree and track-and-trace and to maintain consistent product identifiers.

WG17

Pharmaceutical Pedigree and Traceability Goals Cont'd

7. Collaborate with industry organizations such as Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP), American Pharmacist Association (APhA), American Society of Consultant Pharmacist (ASCP), American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), Healthcare Distribution Management Association (HDMA), National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS), Nation Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA), National Community Pharmacist Association (NCPA), and Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).
8. Monitor the task groups to ensure are on track to complete their work. If appropriate, close task groups that have completed their work.
9. Support the MC Education-Legislation and Regulation Task Group when new legislation is being introduced regarding issues relevant to the work group.

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WG45

External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance Scope

Work Group 45 External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance reviews, assesses and works to continually monitor the development of standards by other Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) that may impact the pharmacy industry. WG45 communicates SDO developments and recommends actions needed by this or other NCPDP work groups. These include, but are not limited to, the X12N Implementation Guides and the Health Level Seven (HL7) Standards. Work Group 45 External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance develops and maintains guidelines for the pharmacy industry to accommodate pharmacy implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) mandated electronic data interchange (EDI) transactions not developed by NCPDP as determined by the membership. To this end, Work Group 45 External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance will collaborate with other SDOs to provide the pharmacy perspective and represent the industry needs in the development of standards and guidelines.

WG45

External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance Goals

1. Promote NCPDP membership attendance and active participation in work group meetings.
2. Discuss and/or present the needs of NCPDP members in the ongoing maintenance of non-NCPDP developed HIPAA mandated and other transaction data set standards. These standards include but are not limited to the following ASC X12N HIPAA mandated transaction data set standards:
 - a. 274 Electronic Provider Enrollment Standard
 - b. 834 Provider/Member Enrollment Standard
 - c. 835 Payment Reconciliation Standard
 - d. 270/271 Health Care Eligibility/Benefit Inquiry/Response
 - e. 837 Health Care Claim
 - f. 278 Health Care Services Review Request/Response
3. Provide regular updates to WG9 regarding the implementation of the ASC X12 835.

WG45

External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance Goals

3. Provide regular updates to Work Group 8 Government Programs regarding the implementation of the ASC X12 835.
4. Continue progress on the following task groups:
 - a. Central Pay
 - b. 834 FAQ
 - c. 835 FAQ
 - d. Document Revision
 - e. Net Retro-Eligibility Task Group
 - f. 835 White Paper Guidance
5. Monitor the task groups to ensure they are on track to complete their work. If appropriate, close task groups that have completed their work.
6. Support the MC Education-Legislation and Regulation Task Group when new legislation is being introduced regarding issues relevant to the work group.

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MC

Maintenance and Control Scope

MC Maintenance and Control monitors and maintains the development of NCPDP standards, promotes consistent business and technical administration, makes recommendations to the Standardization Co-Chairs on development procedures, due process compliance, as well as ethical and legal matters. MC provides a forum for updates of work group activities, resolution of inter-Work Group issues and discussion of legislative, regulatory, policy, and court decisions which may affect the pharmacy industry.

MC

Maintenance and Control Goals

1. Promote NCPDP membership attendance and active participation in work group meetings.
2. Continue participation in and collaboration with Designated Standards Maintenance Organization (DSMO) Change Request System (CRS) process.
3. Continue collaboration with Health Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP), Health Level Seven (HL7), Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12, and other external organizations.
4. Review New Project Development requests and make recommendations to the Standardization Co-Chairs.
5. Review and recommend changes to the implementation of the standards development process and regulatory processes, such as those related to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA).
6. Continue to maintain the External Code List (ECL) and Data Dictionary.
7. Create and maintain NCPDP sponsored Unified Modeling Language (UML) information models for the purposes of information model comparisons and collaborations with external organizations.

MC

Maintenance and Control Goals

7. Maintain the NCPDP Entities and Transaction Flow document as necessary.
8. Complete the work of the Federal Medication Terminologies/ECL Analysis task group.
9. Monitor the task groups to ensure they are on track to complete their work. If appropriate, close task groups that have completed their work.
10. Investigate and recommend data communication and process standards supporting the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) guidelines if the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Amendments Act of 2007.
11. Complete the review of the Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE) 270 rules and recommendations to the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH).

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Actively Participate in Work Groups

- Go to the work group pages on **www.ncpdp.org** to review and download the meeting documents prior to the work group meetings.
- Read the *NCPDP Now* emails.
- Speak Out – Take an active role in the meetings.
- Join a Task Group.
- Participate in Data Maintenance Ballots – This is your opportunity to have a direct impact on the standards development process.
- It takes commitment to attend. Rome wasn't built in a day!

Actively Participate in Task Groups

- Task Groups are open to anyone, member and non-member.
- Usually take place on a specific topic in a conference call environment.
- Task Groups are assigned by the work groups and is where the “real” work is done.
- Please visit our website for a complete list of current task groups:

http://www.ncpdp.org/pdf/Task_groups_list.pdf

Actively Participate in Committees

- Take a leadership role as a work group co-chair or task group leader.
- Contact the NCPDP office or Committee Chair to indicate your interest in participation.
- Take an active role on the conference calls and task group initiatives within the committee of your choice.


TEAMWORK IT'S CRITICAL!!

More Information

- Visit NCPDP's Website: www.ncpdp.org
- HHS website: www.hhs.gov
- WEDI website: www.wedi.org
- HL7 website: www.hl7.org
- ONC website: www.hhs.gov/healthit
- Attend NCPDP Annual Conference, Work Group Meetings and Educational Programs!



Now for your Quiz!

1. What NCPDP standard is used to electronically submit a claim for pharmacy services?
2. Which work group is responsible for the standard used for medication history?
3. What are the three industry role groups that comprise the membership of NCPDP? 
4. Which NCPDP standards and version are named specifically in HIPAA?
5. Name a reason why it is important for members to maintain active participation at NCPDP.

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