

Work Group Recaps:

Work Group 1 Telecommunication

Ballots:

- Re-circulation Ballot WG010019R to add support of ICD-10 and increase the number of repetitions of Procedure Modifier Code was approved at 90%. After the appeal timeframe, the Ballot will proceed to the Board of Trustees for approval.
- Ballot WG010020 to add the Prescriber Segment for the Eligibility transaction, support for CMN/CMS needs, and clarification for the diagnosis code decimal point was valid at 60%. The work group categorized the Negative With Reason comments and determined that comments regarding the CMN/CMS needs were substantive. The Ballot will be re-circulated with the CMN/CMS needs removed.

DERFs:

- DERF 670, which requested to adopt the Protocol document for Telecommunication Standard Version 5.1 and Batch 1.1, was pended.
- DERF 672 which requested “a revised definition of the Patient Location (3Ø7-C7), elimination of two values for Patient Location and a new optional data element for Patient Place of Service. It is recommended that the list of values for the new Patient Place of Service be maintained in the External Code List document. It also recommended that the list of values for the Patient Place of Service be consistent with the X12N 837 Implementation Guide” was pended.

Task Groups:

- The Post Adjudicated Pharmacy Reporting task group is continuing to meet biweekly to create a standard. The purpose of the standard is to allow the exchange of Patient claim history from one payer to another when the business moves from one business to another, and to let payers share information with their clients after claims have been processed (for example payer to payer, or payer to medical group). They are working on the implementation guide. The Proposal Patient Validation Standard Task Group provided an update, reporting that the pilot companies are exchanging claims without patient name (as appropriate) and they reported metrics taken. A document will be creating with findings and recommendations.
- The Coupon Task Group reported draft clarifications of coupon processing based on ballot comments. The Prior Authorization Transfer Task Group is creating a standard format and code set for transferring prior authorizations between PBMs. This format would be used when clients change PBMs/Claims Processors and request that their prior authorizations transfer from their previous PBM/Claim Processor to their new PBM/Claim Processor.
- The Long Term Care Pharmacy Task Group is creating solutions for problems with Return Credit and timing issues of claim amendments. The work group discussed Telecommunication Version 5 Frequently Asked Questions. The Reject Codes Task Group reported their discussions of Missing/Invalid versus Not Supported and other Reject Codes.

Updates:

- An update on HIPAA activity was given.
- An update of the WEDi SNIP Committee was given.
- NCPDP SNIP Committee will resume activities in the future via conference calls. No DSMO Change Requests were discussed.
- A presentation of the Year In Review was given, showing the activities of the work group.

New Items:

- A new recurring agenda item was added of State/Federal Legislation, to provide awareness to the industry.
- The work group discussed the values and usage of Service Provider ID Qualifier, Primary Care Provider ID Qualifier, and Prescriber ID Qualifier.

- The work group decided to no longer support the WG1 page of the State of the States document.

Work Group 2 Product Identification

Presentations:

- A presentation was given on the NCPIE CMI Initiative.

QUIC Forms:

- One QUIC form was reviewed and denied after discussion.

Updates:

- Further work on the new Billing Unit Standard was done.
- A presentation of the Year In Review was given, showing the activities of the work group.

New Items:

- There was discussion of a letter to inform manufacturers of adjudication of QUIC forms.
- There was discussion on the Final Rule for Bar Codes that recently passed and the impact on the industry.

Work Group 3 Standard Identifiers

Presentations:

- An overview presentation was given on the NPI Final Rule, which was published on January 23, 2004. NCPDP President, Lee Ann Stember stated that she would be initiating contact with CMS to explore possible cooperative efforts.

DERFs:

- DERF 00675 was reviewed and approved. This DERF is an FAQ for companies faced with restrictions on the use of the Social Security number on insurance I.D. cards.

Task Groups:

- A proposed task group has been identified to explore the possibility of adding higher level grouping of affiliation codes to the NCPDP Provider File.

Updates:

- An update was given on the HCIdesa initiative. At one million enumerated and validated records, the product is now in launch mode and available for purchase.
- A presentation of the Year In Review was given, showing the activities of the work group.

Work Group 4 Provider/Member Enrollment

Task Groups:

- A task group was formed to work on submitting a white paper to CMS to create awareness of problems experienced when submitting applications for Medicare/Medicaid via X12's Version 274.
- A second task group was formed to address member enrollment and updating the implementation guide for mapping from Version 2.0 to X12's Version 834.

Updates:

- A presentation of the Year In Review was given, showing the activities of the work group.

Work Group 5 Payment Reconciliation

Updates:

- The work group was provided with a HIPAA update and general discussion was held on the X12N activity.
- An update was given on the NMEH (National Medicaid EDI HIPAA) call that presented to the Medicaid's the problems encountered by providers when a re-association of the trace number to the 835 is not provided.
- A review of the work group's accomplishments in 2003 was given.

Work Group 7 Manufacturer Rebates

Task Groups:

- The Commercial Implementation Task Group reported on the results from the implementation survey distributed in January.
- Implementation Task Group members will be obtaining additional information and will provide an update at the May meeting.
- The Work Group formed a task group for Standards Updates; this task group will explore the possibility of merging the 5 existing files into a smaller number of files to improve the utility of the standard.

Updates:

- The achievements of the work group for the past year were discussed.
- The Best Practices Document was discussed and a New Project Development Form will be created.
- Repackagers have requested that NCPDP develop a standard but no further information has been received.
- Co-Chairs are requesting CMS participation in a roundtable discussion with States, pharmacy manufacturers, and vendors in an effort to increase use of the rebate standard among State Medicaid programs.
- A presentation of the Year In Review was given, showing the activities of the work group.

Work Group 9 Government Programs

Task Groups:

- A task group was formed to gather information on the Home Infusion Therapy issue and report back to the work group.

DERFs:

- The work group reviewed DERF 672 that “requests a revised definition of the Patient Location (3Ø7-C7), elimination of two values for Patient Location and a new optional data element for Patient Place of Service. It is recommended that the list of values for the new Patient Place of Service be maintained in the External Code List document. It also recommended that the list of values for the Patient Place of Service be consistent with the X12N 837 Implementation Guide. and was notified of the availability on the web site of the Batch 1.1 Standard and Medicaid Subrogation Implementation Guide in the Standard Implementation Guide Template.” The DERF was pended.

Updates:

- The work group updated the State of the States and received State implementation information.
- A review of the work group’s accomplishments in 2003 was given.

Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services

Updates:

- The Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy’s “Principles for Effective Electronic Messaging” document was discussed. AMCP has given the “Use of NCPDP Telecommunications Standard v5.1: Two-Way Communication to Increase the Value of On-Line Messaging” to NCPDP to maintain.
- The achievements of the work group for the past year were given.
- An update was given about the HL7 SIG task group.
- An update about the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy’s DUR initiative was given.

- Questions for the NCPDP Telecommunication 5.1 Frequently Asked Questions was discussed. The questions dealt with the multi-ingredient payment process, and drug utilization review on multi-ingredient compounds.
- The group decided to integrate the Professional Pharmacy Services Implementation Guide into the Telecommunication Implementation Guide.
- The Work Group also decided to update the ORDUR manual.

Work Group 11 Prescriber/Pharmacist Interface

Ballots:

- The work group reviewed Re-Circulation Ballot WG110016R which adds a new field to support the full drug name, strength, and form; adds new field to allow pharmacies and physicians a way to indicate and be notified that a message has reached its destination without adding additional messages to the network; adds a code in Appendix H when a prescriber is not associated with a practice; and adds support for ICD-10. The ballot was approved at 90%. After the appeal period, the Ballot will proceed to the Board of Trustees for approval.

DERFs:

- The work group reviewed DERF 673, which “requests the additional functionality to send a request for a Prior Authorization through SCRIPT utilizing the RXCHG message. Need to add in a value for a Prior Authorization request to the REQ segment on a RXCHG message.” The DERF was approved with modifications.
- DERF 674 requested, “The Script Implementation Guide defines a Prescription Change Request Transaction as a change in the original new prescription. It could also be utilized to request a change on an existing "fillable" prescription or (previous DERF submitted, request a prior authorization). The Implementation Guide should be amended to change the verbiage from the original new prescription to "a prescription" so that the RXCHG message could be used on a "fillable" prescription as well. Similar changes need to be made to the Implementation Guide to reflect the same verbiage for the Prescription Change Response Transaction. In addition, it needs to reflect that a prior authorization request can be sent using the RXCHG message.” The DERF was approved with modifications. The new consolidated SCRIPT Implementation Guide was shown and will be published (no content was changed).

Task Groups:

- The Prescription Transfer Task Group gave an update. This is a new standard for a pharmacy-to-pharmacy transfer of prescriptions, for retail-to-retail transfers, or mail-order-to-mail-order transfers. The work group discussed questions from the task group. The task group is beginning an implementation guide.
- The e-prescribing survey results were reported.

Updates:

- A presentation of Year 2003 In Review was given, showing the activities of the work group.
- An update of the Ehealth Initiative for e-prescribing was given. There were no frequently asked questions. The work group discussed the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill and a request from the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) to assist with recommendations. Task groups were formed. A presentation was given about electronic signatures.

Work Group 12 Data Security and Patient Confidentiality

Presentations:

- A presentation was given on the National Provider Identifier legislation.
- A presentation was given on how the National Provider Identifier and NCPDP's HCidea would exist together.
- A presentation was given outlining good practices for network administration and common security flaws.

Updates:

- The work group accomplishments for the past year were discussed.

MC Maintenance and Control

DERFs/ECLs:

- MC Maintenance and Control reviewed one pended and 5 new DERFs (see above).
- DERF/ECL review and approval will result in:
 - The release of two new ballots for WG1 Telecommunication and WG11 Prescriber/Pharmacist Interface
 - The release of one re-circulation ballot for WG1 Telecommunication
 - The release of a new publication of the External Code List
 - The submission for approval of Pharmacy ID Card Implementation Guide V1.8 to Board

New Project Development Forms:

- Reviewed New Project Request forms.
 - Project 000017 "To examine NCPDP's position on the creation of a standard in regards to state regulations mandating that an electronic and/or digital signature be provided with the submission of a script" was approved and will proceed to the Board of Trustees for approval and assignment.
 - Project 000018 "Develop Standards for PBM's and other Third Party Payers to follow when auditing retail Pharmacies" was denied.

Task Groups:

- A Task Group update on HIPAA Regulatory Timelines was given.

Updates:

- The attendees received daily Work Group recaps.
- An update on the AMCP - On-Line Messages Task Force was given.
- An update on the Health Informatics Standards Board (HISB) - United States Health Information Knowledgebase (USHIK) data registry project was given.
- An update on HIPAA activities was given.
- The 2004 NCPDP Work Group Co-Chairs and the MVP Award recipients were announced and recognized.
- The work group's accomplishments for 2003 were presented to the attendees.