

Work Group Recaps:

Work Group 1 Telecommunication

Ballots:

- Recirculation **Ballot WG010035R** Controlled Substance Reporting DERF 855. The ballot was valid at 78.25% and received 90% approval. There were no new Negative With Reason comments. After the appeal timeframe, the ballot will proceed to the Board of Trustees for approval.
- Recirculation Ballot **WG010036R** Prior Authorization Transfer from DERF 869. The ballot was valid at 77.90% and received 90% approval. There were no new Negative With Reason comments. After the appeal timeframe, the ballot will proceed to the Board of Trustees for approval.
- Ballot **WG010037** - DERF 875 Financial Information Reporting enhancements. The ballot was valid at 63.90%. Negative With Reason comments were categorized. The ballot will be recirculated.

DERFs

(see DERF Resolution at http://www.ncpdp.org/members/members_wg_info.asp?wgid=wgmc):

- **DERF 000877** requests to clarify the field Usual and Customary Charge (426-DQ). The DERF was withdrawn.
- **DERF 000878** requests to associate an electronic prescription to a claim/service submission. The DERF was withdrawn.
- **DERF 000879** requests to add the Prescription Origin Code to the newly approved "Version D.0-based" Universal Claim Form. This field will not be added to the new Workers' Compensation Universal Claim Form. The DERF was approved.
- **DERF 000880/ECL 000042** requests to add two new values to the (331-CX) Patient ID Qualifier Field and the (591-YU) Purchaser ID Qualifier field for Controlled Substance Reporting. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000881** requests adding Adjudicated Payment Type (Response Status Segment) and Reported Payment Type (Claim Segment) for controlled substance reporting to satisfy the reporting needs of different state requirements. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000882** requests adding Released date and Released time to the Purchaser Segment for Controlled Substance Reporting (General) Transactions only. The DERF was approved.
- **DERF 000883** requests modifying how Compound Preparation (Level of Effort Field) is expressed. This also affects the new Universal Claim Forms. The DERF was approved with modifications by WG1. The DERF was later denied by MC.
- **DERF 000887** requests to add notes to 4 dollar fields to indicate that a default may be necessary when using them in the Post Adjudicated Standard. The DERF was approved.

Old Business:

- **NCPDP SNIP Committee** reported they are working on an ICD-10 guidance document, and a subcommittee has created a tracking spreadsheet for industry movement to the new HIPAA versions/transactions.
- A WG1 2008 Year in Review presentation was given.

Task Groups:

- The **Prior Authorization Transfer Task Group** was disbanded as their work is done.
- The **Telecommunication FAQ Task Group** brought forward the questions received that the task group had discussed.
- The **Coordination of Benefits Task Group** reported activities with the Payer to Payer Task Group.
- The **Controlled Substance Reporting Task Group** brought forward DERFs for May WG discussion.
- An update was given by the **Financial Information Reporting Task Group** that discusses industry standardization and CMS guidance on updating TrOOP accumulators.

- **Payer-to-Payer Task Group** reported they have been meeting and building scenarios for sharing adjustment information between payers and reviewing COB scenarios with the COB Task Group.
- **Tax Advantage Accounts Task Group** has met to discuss the models for their work.
- **Information Reporting Problems Task Group** has met to discuss problems with processing Medicare Part D claims to supplemental payers.

Work Group 2 Product Identification

Old Business:

- A NCVHS update was provided.
- An update was given on the ASHP issue of the identifier for hospitals to use for the smallest specific unit administered to the patient.
- An update was given on the UPC and its evolution and relationship to the NDC
- A GS1 activities update was provided.
- An update was given on the FDA Advisory Panel and the formation of a core group under the SPL Task Group.
- An update was given on the new PDE edits for NDCs not registered and listed with the FDA
- A WG2 2008 Year in Review presentation was given.

Task Groups:

- The **Billing Unit Standard Marketing Task Group** is working to assure that NCPDP has a presence at conferences that attract pharmaceutical manufacturers and where the billing unit standard will impact this sector of the business.
- The **Structure Product Labeling Task Group** continues to review the SPL and offer suggestions as it impacts the Billing Unit Standard and the goals of WG2. There are currently 4475 SPL Leaflets available on the National Library of Medicine's Daily Med. This Task Group was disbanded and another task group formed to monitor the work of the Guiding Coalition. The new task group will discuss the FDA's request for a central database where NDCs would be entered for the SPL and the EDLRS drug listing registry service.
- The **Product Review and Billing Unit Exception Task Group** is reviewing the exceptions within the Implementation Guide and issues that result from changes to existing products or release of new products.
 - Reviewed NeoBenz Micro Plus Pack by Skin Medica for QUIC Form submission - BUS: Each (BUS section 5.5.1 KITS - BILLED AS AN "EACH")
 - Compendia reached consensus on uniform application of BUS for:
 - Metoclopramide Oral Solution 0.9mg/0.9ml Oral Syringe – BUS: Each (BUS Section 5.2.1)
 - Simponi SmartJect Autoinjector and Prefilled Syringe by Centocor Ortho Biotech – BUS: ML (BUS Section 5.2.2)
- The **Package Size Task Group** The group has identified 300+ drugs with discrepancies which the compendia are reviewing to establish the most accurate quantity. Once the proper quantities are established, the list of drugs corrected will be placed on the WG2 webpage and the NCPDP membership notified.

New Business:

- QUIC Form Review:
 - **#200904 NeoBenz Micro Plus Pack** NDC 67402-0029-231 – the billing unit determined to be each for the kit.

Work Group 3 Standard Identifiers

Pended DERFs

- **DERF 000873** requests "The Pharmacy and/or Combination ID Card Implementation Guide v2.0, dated January 2007 has been updated to incorporate changes based on the WEDI Health ID Card Implementation Guide, the revised International Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS) Standard and some general clean up. See

attached Implementation Guide.” WG3 pended the DERF for further work by the task group.

Old Business:

- A WG3 2008 Year in Review presentation was given.
- An update on the status of the draft INCITS 284 Standard was provided.

Task Groups:

- The **Letters to States/State of States Task Group** reported on current legislative activity in Michigan and Texas regarding health care/pharmacy identification cards. Educational letters were mailed to the authors of Michigan H.F. 384 and Texas H.B. 1138. The task group will continue to monitor these bills as they move through the legislative process. See the NCPDP website at http://www.ncdp.org/members/members_wg_info.asp?wgid=wg03 for WG3's State of the States Report.
- The **Pharmacy and Combination ID Card Implementation Guide Task Group** reviewed pended DERF 000873 (see above).
- The **Prescription Label Task Group** reported on current activity in the industry regarding a standardized prescription label. The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, US Pharmacopeia and the Institute of Medicine are moving towards a patient-centered label (larger font, explicit instructions, use of numbers instead of text) to ensure medication adherence and reduce medication errors. The task group will continue to monitor the activity and will provide an update in August.
- The **dataQ™ Enhancement Task Group** reported on the proposed enhancements for dataQ™. The requested enhancements have been submitted to NCPDP for approval.
- The **HCidea™ Enhancement Task Group** reported on the proposed enhancements for HCidea™. The requested enhancements have been submitted to NCPDP for approval.

Work Group 7 Manufacturer Rebates

Old Business:

- A WG7 2008 Year in Review presentation was given.

Task Groups:

- The **CMS Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Standards Implementation Survey Task Group** discussed strategies to encourage greater use of the standard, i.e. WG7 101 document, Webinars, education opportunities.
- The **Standard Update Task Group** reviewed proposed revisions to the Formulary and Market Basket Flat Files.
- The **Reference Guide Task Group** presented two additional topics for the Reference Guide, Competitive Data Validation and Reconciliation (RD) File Use.
- The **Non-Pharmacy Biologics Task Group** reviewed the results of the Health Plan Survey and viewed a software demonstration.
- The **340B Pharmacy Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

New Business:

- WG7 received a briefing from the WG17 Co-Chairs on Massachusetts legislation mandating an implementation date for electronic pedigree for wholesale prescription drugs. WG17 requested participation and input from manufacturers.
- The Rebate Reporting Requirements for Part D Sponsors were reviewed.
- The development of a WG7 educational document will be addressed by the Standards Implementation Task Group.
- The Reconciliation Flat File overview has been deferred to a later date.

Work Group 9 Government Programs

Old Business:

- A WG9 2008 Year in Review presentation was given.

Task Groups:

- The **Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Task Group** presented a tracking document for states that have a PMP program. The task group will be responsible for updating the document which will be posted on WG9's web page.

New Business:

- WG9 received an update on Medicare/Medicaid activities.
- There were no Medicaid Subrogation FAQ's received by NCPDP this quarter.
- WG9 received an update from the SNIP D.Ø Implementation Tracking Sub Group which was created to track HIPAA II implementation in the pharmacy industry. WG9's assistance in gathering information for the tracking document was requested.
- WG9 received information regarding Part D Supplemental Payer issues.

Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services

Old Business:

- A WG10 2008 Year in Review presentation was given.
- A report was given on the WG11 Clinical Exchange Task Group which is evaluating the exchange of Patient Clinical information such as patient allergies, conditions, prescription profiles, clinical outcomes etc., between pharmacies and prescriber. The task group reviewed four use cases this quarter and will continue to work through additional use cases.
- It was reported that the WG11 HL7 Stand Alone Prescribing EHR Functional Model Task Group completed their review of the CCHIT Stand-Alone ePrescribing Functional Profile and developed additional comments to the Functional Profile. The task group submitted their comments to CCHIT regarding Functional Profile and Test Scripts.

Task Groups:

- The **Structured and Codified Sig Task Group** has been participating in a CMS pilot of SCRIPT 10.5 with Sig and RxNorm. RxNorm activities: lab and live. Sig activities: lab only. SCRIPT v10.5: lab only. Completion of the pilot is scheduled for September 30, 2009.
- The **TCM Sub-Task Group** was established to identify the means for communicating (transfer or movement) of MTM information electronically or by other processes. The Sub Task Group has completed their work on a TCM Provider-Payer Communication Use Case, MTM Service (Reason), MTM/Professional Service (Action) and Outcome of MTM Service (Result), MTM transaction spreadsheet and the MTM Communications Flow. The work of the Sub Task Group is complete and the Sub Task Group was disbanded. The work will move to the MTM Task Group.

New Business

- D.0 Supplies and Service Transaction Plan – This item was deferred to the August Work Group meeting.

Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions

Ballots:

- Recirculation **Ballot WG110037R** DERF 855-868 SCRIPT modifications. The ballot was valid at 78.25% and received 90% approval. There was one new Negative With Reason comment. After the appeal timeframe, the ballot will proceed to the Board of Trustees for approval.
- Ballot **WG110038** – DERF 871 Reference Numbers, 874 LTC. The ballot was valid at 63.54% and received no Negative With Reason comments. After the appeal timeframe, the ballot will proceed to the Board of Trustees for approval.

DERFs:

- **DERF 000884** requests adding a CTP # (Certificate To Prescribe) qualifier and more repetitions of the Provider ID loop in SCRIPT. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000885** requests to disconnect from one value list for 010-4705 Provider Coded and create a new value list and mirror the used values in SCRIPT. The DERF was approved.

- **DERF 000886** requests to correct a typo in Section 8 of the Implementation Guide for COO-140. It is marked as M for Mandatory and should be marked as C for Conditional to match Section 10. The DERF was approved.
- **DERF 000888** requests enhancements to the Census Transaction to provide additional useful information related to Resident Leaves of Absence, and also to support a common pharmacy dispensing action associated with the event. The DERF was approved.

Old Business:

- An industry update was provided on NCVHS Subcommittee on Standards and Security, CMS (eprescribing, including AHRQ/CMS), DEA (eprescribing), and HITSP (use cases and Medication Harmonization project).
- A presentation was given on the CMS pilot on Sig and RxNorm usage in electronic prescribing.
- A WG11 2008 Year in Review presentation was given.
- Due to the harmonization of the work products, the Standardization Co-Chairs have disbanded with Board approval, WG15 Sample Management and Activity Reporting Transactions for Safety. The WG15 active task groups will report to WG11 ePrescribing and Related Transactions.

Task Groups:

- The **Prior Authorization Workflow-through-Transactions Task Group** is working on action items from the AHRQ/CMS Eprescribing Expert Meeting recommendations including an XML-based exchange of information.
- The **Formulary and Benefit Task Group** is seeking input from the industry for more guidance that can be included in the implementation guide, including an industry survey that is currently open.
- The **RxNorm Task Group** is discussing inclusion of RxNorm into NCPDP standards.
- **SCRIPT XML Task Group** continues to monitor SCRIPT Implementation Guide updates for XML.
- **Clinical Health Information exchange between Pharmacies and Prescribers Task Group** is going through use cases for query functions.
- **NCPDP/HL7 Eprescribing Functional Profile Task Group** is actively working on functional profiles.

WG14 Long Term Care

Old Business:

- Updates on the American Health Care Association (AHCA) and (NASL) were provided.
- Updates on the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology ONCHIT and the National Committee for Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) were provided.
- An update was given on the regulatory activities of the Drug Enforcement Agency and the NABP
- A CMS/HIPAA update was provided.
- A report on the delayed implementation of MDS 3.0 was provided.
- A WG14 2008 Year in Review presentation was given.

Task Groups:

- The **EHR/HL7 Task Group** developed DERF 874 that was reviewed and approved by WG11.
 - Updates were provided on the WG11 CHIX, Compounding and Rx Query efforts and also on the joint NCPDP HL7 Standalone Electronic Prescribing effort.
 - EHR Inter-organization Sub Task Group provided an update on the progress of defining the requirements for certification of EHR software and the elements added for LTC.
- The **LTC Current Billing Issues Task Group** developed guidance on use of the D.Ø for LTC and presented for discussion a requirement by some Medicare secondary payers for proof of rejection of Medicare non covered drugs.

- The **Consultant Pharmacist Task Group** is on hold pending completion of the HL7 EHR Functional Model, Direct Care Functions (Chapter 3).
- The **LTC Pharmacy Rebate Reporting Task Group** provided an update on the CMS reporting requirements that led to its being renamed as the LTC Pharmacy Pilot Task Group and the scope was modified to reflect guidance on CMS requirements for LTC reporting.
- The **Return Credit Task Group** is suspended for completion of work by the eMAR Task Group.
- The **eMAR Task Group** is developing the Facility Return message.

New Business:

- There was a discussion on the LTI Residential Report requirements. The issue was referred to the Current LTC Billing Issues Task Group.

WG15 Sample Management

Margaret Weiker, Standardization Co-Chair announced that a decision had been reached by the Standardization Co-Chairs and the NCPDP Board of Trustees that Work Group 15, Sample Management and Activity Reporting Transaction for Safety be disbanded and all work from the task groups be moved under Work Group 11 ePrescribing and Related Transaction.

Old Business:

- A report was provided on the Focus Meeting held in April between the Compendia and the FDA. A task group centered on the Structured Product Label (SPL) was created and will report to WG2 Product Identification. The task group has a list of items that will be used for follow up with the FDA.
- A report received from WG17 that comments were submitted in response to an FDA Request for Information that sample medication should be subject to the same rules for product identification and tracking as legend medications.
- A WG15 2008 Year in Review presentation was given.

Task Groups:

- The **Outreach Task Group** was disbanded
- The **Samples Standard Task Group** will continue their work on a new transaction with help from the members of Work Group 11.

WG16 Property & Casualty/Workers Compensation

Old Business:

- A presentation was given on the new UCF and distribution options.
- A WG16 2008 Year In Review presentation was given.

Task Group Reports:

- The **Legislative/Regulatory Monitoring Task Group** provided an update on state regulatory and legislative initiatives affecting billing and reimbursement of Workers' compensation claims. Updates were provided on PBM regulations. The AWP litigation was also discussed.
- The **State Reporting Task Group** maintains a spreadsheet of the reporting requirements by state and are adding the legislative initiatives regarding billing. An update was provided on the NCCI Data Call and Medicare secondary payer reporting.
- The **Billing Task Group** reported on a WG1 DERF to add compound preparation time to the Compound Segment and indicators for compound preparation in the amount submitted and amount paid. Updates were given on state specific electronic billing initiatives. The guideline document for reporting a generic NDC when the patient elects to receive the brand drug was presented
- The **Education Task Group** did not meet, but meetings are being planned.

WG17 RFID/Auto-ID

Old Business:

- An update was provided on activities in GS1 and GSI US regarding traceability, pedigree and related issues.
- An update was provided on the outreach to WG2 Product Identification and WG7 Manufacturer Rebates
- Industry outreach strategy was discussed.
- A WG17 Year 2008 in Review presentation was provided.

Task Group Reports:

- The **Regulatory Tracking/Pedigree Task Group** reported that it did not meet during the quarter, but the State of the States document was updated.
- The **Grandfathering Task Group** did not meet during the quarter and was suspended.
- The **Product Identifiers Task Group** did not meet and was suspended pending the FDA regulations.
- The **Education Task Group** reported that the Drug Pedigree Glossary was approved for publication and sent for posting on the public portion of the NCPDP web site. New co-leads were identified for the task group. They will continue the development of white paper or papers on traceability and pedigree.

New Business:

- Massachusetts HB 3915 was discussed.

WG45 External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance

Old Business:

- A WEDI SNIP 835 Sub Group update was given. The group is in the process of reviewing the Claim Adjustment Reason Codes (CARC) and making recommendations for changes/deactivation and association with specific Remarks Codes.
- An update on the **NCPDP SNIP** was provided.
- An X12 update was provided.
- A HITSP Update was provided.
- A WG45 2008 Year in Review presentation was given.

Task Groups:

- The **Central Pay Task Group** reviewed three business models dealing with the recovery of overpayments from a Central Pay PSAO or a participating pharmacy via the HIPAA required ASX X12 835 payment transaction and are moving forward with Business Model A and Business Model C Based on X12 agreement on the use of the 835 in those two models..
- The **Document Revision Sub Task Group** presented their work on mapping of the NCPDP D.0 transaction to the ASC X12 835 Version 5010. The WG has been asked to review the document and to report questions to the Council Office.
- One question was received for the **834 FAQ Task Group** which was later withdrawn.
- The **835 FAQ Task Group** reviewed the current FAQ document and determined which questions should be used as guidance for the 5010 835 version. The questions will be presented to X12

New Business

- **DSMO 1076** was reviewed by the Work Group who recommended that DSMO Change Request 1076 be rejected and the submitter should request the new code following X12 guidelines.
- An update was given on the Inter SDO Procedure, reporting that both the Audit Transaction and the Refill Number FAQ were approved and will be posted on the web site in the future.

MC Maintenance and Control

Ballots:

- Response letters will be sent to the negative voters on **Ballot WG010037** and the ballot re-circulated with the May 2009 ballots.

- Since no negative comments were received, a 30-day appeal period will be observed for **Ballots WG110038** and **WG010036R** prior to being sent to the BOT for approval.
- Appeal letters will be sent to the negative voters on **Ballots WG010035R** and **WG110037R**.

DERFs/ECLs:

- MC Maintenance and Control reviewed 12 new and 1 pended DERFs/ECLs (see WG1 and WG11 above). DERF/ECL review and approval will result in:
 - The May 2009 release of 3 new ballots: **WG110039** for WG11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions and **WG010038** for WG1 Telecommunication
 - A new publication of the External Code List (ECL).
 - An update to the Universal Claim Form (UCF).
 - A new publication of the Post Adjudication Standard Implementation Guide Version 2.1

Old Business:

- HITSP, HIPAA and industry updates were provided.
- An update on DSMO Change Request 1074 was given and it was noted that X12 will withdraw this request.
- An MC 2008 Year in review presentation was given.

Task Groups:

- The **Modeling and Methodology (M&M) Task Group** finalized the NCPDP Modeling and Methodology Road Map. The task group has Reverse engineered SCRIPT 10.6 Prescription services into UML model. Sean Muir of the Veterans Health Administration has joined as co task group leader. The task group will create a Service Functional Model for Return, eMAR, Prior Authorization.
- The **Pharmacy Transport Task Group** received MC approval of the CORE Phase II FAQ on use of base-64 payload types and on the definition and scope of the payload tags proposed for use in CORE Phase II.
- The **Education/Legislation and Regulations Task Group** responded to AHIC, to MN Baskets of Care, created a sub task to address how to improve ability to be proactive vs. reactive regarding Legislative (State and Federal) and Regulatory Issued impacting pharmacy and/or NCPDP standards. A MC: Education Legislative and Regulations task group web page was created to store the task group responses and publications. The 2nd Legislative Lookout Publication (04/27/2009) was released and 2 Newspaper articles for Annual Conference Newspaper were prepared.
- The **Safe Use Processing (FDA REMS)** submitted a New Project Request for review by MC at this meeting. The task group considered that their primary focus would be "Registration Verification" with a secondary focus on "Program Effectiveness". The various approaches to Registration Verification are:
 - New Pharmacy Transaction – Like an "Eligibility Verification" or "Controlled Substance Reporting" transaction
 - "Existing Transaction" – Piggyback on a prescription claim transaction
 - New Physician Transaction – Like a "Prescription Query" transaction

New Business:

- The attendees received daily Work Group recaps.
- The New Project Development Form 031 requesting the creation of a task group in MC to work on the FDA Amendment / REMS Solutions was reviewed and approved.
- DSMO Change Request 1076 asking for a new code for the 835 to report payments of HSAs was reviewed and disapproved.
- A new Task Group—Medication Terminology—was formed to complete the work of the FMT task group.
- 2009 Co-Chair Ballot results were announced.
- 2008 MVP Award winners were announced.