

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **NCPDP TO SEND BALLOTS TO VOTING CANVASS GROUP**

**SCOTTSDALE, AZ** -- Two ballots will be sent to the voting canvass group on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 upon approval from the Co-Chairs and the Board of Trustees. The voting period will end on Tuesday, May 11, 2004. One (1) of the ballots was originally released for voting consideration in January 2004. To provide the membership and other interested parties the opportunity to review the comments and the categorization of those comments received on the original ballot, ballot WG010020 will be re-circulated. Discussion of the comments is available under the February 2004 Work Group meeting minutes at [www.ncpdp.org](http://www.ncpdp.org).

#### **New Ballot WG110017**

Data Maintenance Packet for Enhancements to the Prescriber/Pharmacist Interface SCRIPT Standard.

#### **Background**

During NCPDP's February 2004 Joint Technical Work Group meeting, members reviewed and approved DERFs 673 and 674 that requested enhancements to the SCRIPT Standard. Ballot WG110017 is the result of these DERFs.

Please note that formal approval of the ballot for the enhancements to the Prescriber/Pharmacist Interface SCRIPT Standard will require that this updated Standard be identified as Version 6.0. This is based on the requirements in the Version Identification System published in the Standard for version/release changes.

#### **Benefits of the Recommended Changes:**

To support the additional functionality to send a request for a Prior Authorization through SCRIPT utilizing the RXCHG message.

To support the utilization of the Prescription Change Request Transaction as a change not only in the original new prescription but also on an existing "fillable" prescription and Prior Authorization.

#### **Recommended Changes**

**Ballot - New release of the Telecommunication Standard Version A.0**

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See Appendix B, 15.14 of the ballot documentation SCRIPT Implementation Guide for changes to the document.

**Re-circulation of WG010020**

Data Maintenance Packet for Enhancements to the Telecommunication Standard.

Ballot WG010020R for the Telecommunication Standard requests to support the rules and formats for use of the decimal point within a diagnosis code as established by the owner of the diagnosis code and to allow the use of the Prescriber Segment on Eligibility transactions. **Please note that the request to support Medicare's process for Certificates of Medical Necessity (CMN) and claim transactions was removed from this ballot on the consensus opinion of WG1 Telecommunication that further work is needed.** Approval of Ballot WG010020R would result in a new release of the Telecommunication Standard Version A.0.

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