

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **NCPDP TO SEND FOUR BALLOTS TO THE VOTER CANVASS GROUP**

**SCOTTSDALE, AZ** - Four ballots will be sent to the voting canvass group on Tuesday, September 28, 2004 upon approval from the Co-Chairs and the Board of Trustees. The voting period will end on Thursday, November 4, 2004. One of the ballots was originally released for voting consideration in July 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 WG010018 will be re-circulated. Discussion of the comments is available under the August 2004 Work Group meeting minutes at [www.ncpdp.org](http://www.ncpdp.org).

#### **Re-circulation of WG110018**

Data Maintenance Packet, Ballot WG110018R, for enhancements to the Prescriber/Pharmacist Interface SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide requests that in order to accommodate the reporting of a supervisor, the Provider Segment was modified from 2 to 3 loops. Also, in the Provider Segment, the term "authorizing prescriber agent" was modified to "designated agent", with further guidance of usage. Approval of Ballot WG110018R would result in a new release of the Prescriber/Pharmacist Interface SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide Version 7.0.

#### **New Ballot WG110019**

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

#### **Background**

During NCPDP's August 2004 Joint Technical Work Group meeting, members reviewed and approved DERF 687 that requested enhancements to the SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide. Ballot WG110019 is the result of that DERF.

Please note that formal approval of the ballot for the enhancements to the Prescriber/Pharmacist Interface SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide will require that this updated Standard be identified as Version 7.1. This is based on the requirements in the Version Identification System published in the Standard for version/release changes.

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**Benefits of the Recommended Changes:**

To clarify ambiguity regarding the population of the RES segment in a REFRES Denial Response.

**New Ballot WG010022**

Data Maintenance Packet for Enhancements to the Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide

**Background**

During NCPDP's August 2004 Joint Technical Work Group meeting, members reviewed and approved DERFs 672 and 684 that requested enhancements to the Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide. Ballot WG010022 is the result of those DERFs.

Please note that formal approval of the ballot for the enhancements to the Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide will require that this updated Standard be identified as Version B.Ø. 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 provide clarification as to where the patient resides and where the drug or service is dispensed or administered.

To provide clarification on the use of reject codes with descriptions of "Not Supported", "Not Covered", and "Missing/Invalid", add new/change existing reject codes, and clarify the shared use of reject codes for compounded claim transactions and non-compounded claim transactions.

**New Ballot WG020002**

Data Maintenance Packet for Enhancements to the Billing Unit Standard Implementation Guide

**Background**

During NCPDP's August 2004 Joint Technical Work Group meeting, members reviewed and approved DERF 686 that requested enhancements to the Billing Unit Standard Implementation Guide. Ballot WG020002 is the result of that DERF.

Please note that formal approval of the ballot for the enhancements to the Billing Unit Standard Implementation Guide will require that this updated Standard be identified as Version 2.Ø. 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 provide clarifications on usage of multi-component dose

References to "rounding" have been removed

References to versions of NCPDP *Telecommunications Standard* prior to 5.1 have been removed

Additional Frequently Asked Questions have been added to provide guidance

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