



November 4, 2019

Dear Survey Participant,

The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) is a not-for-profit ANSI-Accredited Standards Development Organization (SDO) consisting of more than 1,600 members who represent drug manufacturers, chain and independent pharmacies, drug wholesalers, insurers, mail order prescription drug companies, pharmaceutical claims processors, pharmacy benefit managers, physician services organizations, prescription drug providers, software vendors, telecommunication vendors, service organizations, government agencies, professional societies, and other parties interested in electronic standardization within the pharmacy services sector of the healthcare industry. NCPDP provides a forum wherein our diverse membership can develop solutions, including ANSI-accredited standards, and guidance for promoting information exchanges related to medications, supplies, and services within the healthcare system.

NCPDP is seeking your participation in a survey to gather additional insight into our work to bring standardization to the pharmacy encounter reporting required by State Medicaid agencies and other lines of business. In September 2016, the NCPDP Work Group 9 Government Programs Encounter Reporting Standards Task Group issued an industry survey and collected responses with the goal of using that information to assist in the development of a pharmacy encounter reporting standard that would meet the current data requirements and the business needs of State Medicaid programs.

As a result of the task group's work and in preparation for the approval and publication of the standard, the task group is interested in learning about the industry's anticipated adoption of a Pharmacy Government Encounters Reporting Standard. In addition, the task group has also discovered that today's industry process lacks a common methodology for communicating file-level and field-level responses. The task group seeks industry feedback on the potential for a standardized "file response" method.

This survey will provide insight into industry practices and potential use of standardized pharmacy encounter reporting. If you believe there is someone within your organization better positioned to answer the survey, please feel free to forward.

All submissions will be kept confidential. Any summary of current and planned uses of the pharmacy encounter reporting transaction included in the final standard and implementation guide will be de-identified, i.e., treated anonymously. Thank you for considering and participating in this survey supporting NCPDP efforts to improve the pharmacy encounter reporting process.

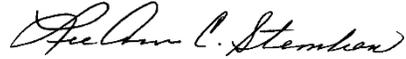
Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/59B9DQ3>

Please respond by November 8, 2019. Your assistance in this important standardization effort is greatly appreciated.

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