

Work Group Recaps:

Work Group 1 Telecommunication

Ballots:

- **Ballot WG010034** – enhancements to Post Adjudication Standard from DERF 847. The ballot was valid at 61.98%. Negative With Reason comments were categorized. The ballot will be recirculated with modifications made.

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

- **DERF 000842** requests enhancements to the Financial Information Reporting Standard Implementation Guide. The DERF was withdrawn for more discussion in the Financial Information Reporting Task Group.
- **DERF 000853** requests typographical or editorial modifications to the Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000854/ECL 000039** requests additional values be added to the Prescription Origin Code. The DERF was approved.
- **DERF 000855** requests enhancements to Controlled Substance Reporting transactions. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000869** requests support of a new Prior Authorization Transfer Standard Implementation Guide. The DERF was approved with modifications.

Old Business:

- **NCPDP SNIP Committee** submitted responses to the new HIPAA NPRMs.
- A presentation was given on MN regulations that cite NCPDP standards.
- The WG1 Scope and Goals were reviewed and approved by the NCPDP Board.

Task Groups:

- The **Prior Authorization Transfer Task Group** submitted DERF 000869.
- The **Version 5 Questions Task Group** brought forward questions to discuss.
- The **Coordination of Benefits Task Group** did not receive any questions during this period.
- The **Universal Claim Form (UCF) for Version D.Ø Claims Task Group** was disbanded.
- The **Regulated Non-prescription Product Compliance, Collection, and Reporting Task Group** brought forward DERF 000855. The task group has been renamed to **Controlled Substance Reporting Task Group**.
- An update was given about the **Financial Information Reporting Task Group** that meets via conference calls to discuss industry standardization and CMS guidance on updating TrOOP accumulators.
- The **Payer-to-Payer Task Group** reported they have been meeting and building scenarios for sharing adjustment information between payers.
- The **Tax Advantage Accounts Task Group** has met to discuss the models for their work.
- The **Information Reporting – 4RX Data Problems Task Group** was formed to work on problems with processing Medicare Part D claims by supplemental payers.

Work Group 2 Product Identification

Old Business:

- WG2 Scope and Goals were approved with modifications by the NCPDP Board.
- NDC/RxNorm updates were provided.
- An update was given on the ASHP issue of what identifier hospitals will use to identify the smallest specific unit administered to the patient.
- An update was given on the UPC and its evolution and relationship to the NDC

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 **Structured 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 4039 SPL leaflets available on the National Library of Medicine's Daily Med site
- The **Change in Existing/New Products Review Task Group** is reviewing the exceptions within the Implementation Guide and issues that result from changes to existing products or release of new products.
 - Submitted comments in support of the FDA Guidance regarding Structured Product Labeling.
 - Reviewed the remaining changes for the BUS IMP Guide/ FAQs
 - Compendia reached consensus on uniform application of BUS for:
 - BREVOXYL[®] Creamy Wash (benzoyl peroxide 4% or 8%) Complete Pack QUIC form total grams = 212.1
 - Intron - should be listed as "ea"; only one has it listed as an ml
 - Gel Clair - should be listed as ml to be consistent with the innovator BUS listing (Redbook)
 - Reviewed and submitted a QUIC Form for NutriDox Convenience Kit; group decided that this product should be established for billing as 131 eaches.
- The **Package Size Task Group** has identified 300+ drugs with discrepancies. This list has been divided among the compendia 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:
 - **#2008006 Brevoxyl** is a new product containing a 170.1-g tube of BREVOXYL[®] Creamy Wash (of either strength) and two 21-g PANOXYL[®] bars (benzoyl peroxide 5%). The determination was made that BREVOXYL[®] Creamy Wash (benzoyl peroxide 4% or 8%) Complete Pack does NOT have the billing unit of a "kit" and the appropriate billing unit is the total grams within the pack or 212.1.
 - **#200807 NutriDox Convenience Kit** was determined not to meet the established definition of a kit since each component would be considered an "each". This product should be established for billing as 131 "eaches".
- An update of GS1 Activities was provided which included a discussion of the GS1 International GDSN Extension group on possibly moving the NDC out of the GTIN.
- An update on WG17 Activities included development of white papers regarding the transition/business process once laws on RFID and Pedigree are in effect.
- Review of Compendia – FDA meeting of 11/6/08 - The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has reached out to the compendia and asked that NCPDP establish a work group session at NCPDP meetings and maintain an SPL advisory panel. NCPDP will determine what role it wishes to take and discuss with the BOT in January before responding to the FDA.
- New Product Submission Form Discussion - Request was reviewed but no action will be taken since this information might be forthcoming in the FDA SPL file.

Work Group 3 Standard Identifiers

Old Business:

- InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS). The proposed revision to the INCITS 284 Standard Identification Card, Uniform Health Care Identification Card, is available for public review through December 1, 2008. www.incits.org
- Cathy Graeff, NCPDP, provided a database services update for dataQ[™] and HCId[™].
- The WG3 Scope and Goals were reviewed and approved by the NCPDP Board.

Task Groups:

- The **Letters to States/State of States Task Group** provided legislative updates on Colorado SB 08-135, Texas HB 522, Missouri Proposed Rule 20 CSR 100-1.070 and

Florida HB 535. WG3's State of the States Report is available on the NCPDP website: http://www.ncdp.org/members/members_wg_info.asp?wgid=wg03

- The **Pharmacy and Combination ID Card Implementation Guide Task Group** provided an update on the proposed revisions to the NCPDP Pharmacy and Combination ID Card Implementation Guide.
- The **Prescription Label Task Group** is on hiatus pending the outcome of the December meeting of the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) advisory panel.

New Business:

- At the request of NCPDP Database Services staff, WG3 formed two new task groups to assist in identifying and developing enhancements to the dataQ™ pharmacy database and HCidea™ prescriber database.
 - **dataQ™ Enhancements Task Group**
 - **HCidea™ Enhancements Task Group**

Work Group 7 Manufacturer Rebates

Old Business:

- The WG7 Scope and Goals were reviewed and approved by the NCPDP Board.

Task Groups:

- The **CMS Task Group** did not meet this quarter. The task group will meet regularly during the next quarter to discuss what can be done this next year to move the State Medicaid's toward adoption of the Rebate Standard.
- The **Standards Implementation Survey Task Group** presented a final report on the Implementation Survey which was completed by fourteen manufacturers and five PBM/plan/claims processors. The task group will review the information collected, recommend strategies to encourage greater use of the standard and identify future industry needs to maximize the value of the standard.
- The **Standard Update Task Group** presented proposed revisions to the Formulary, Plan and Market Basket Flat Files. The task group requested the work group members review the documents and submit comments to the task group.
- The **Reference Guide Task Group** provided an overview of the Reference Guide approved by WG7 for version v04.01. A first draft, which largely focuses on terminology updates due to changes to v04.01 but does contain other changes to provide greater clarity and consistency, is available for review and comment on the WG7 web page.
- The **Non-Pharmacy Biologics Task Group** has developed a questionnaire directed at health plans/PBMs to assess the issues around Biologics/Medical rebate data submissions and the need to standardize transactions. The task group is working on dissemination strategies for the questionnaire and on a proposed standardized format for submitting the rebate data. Philip Scott, NCPDP, is working with the task group to set up a conference call with biologics manufacturers and form a focus group if appropriate.
- The **340B Pharmacy Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

New Business:

- Medicare Part D/Commercial Rebate Reporting. Laura Tomes, CVS/Caremark, provided information regarding her experiences with government programs performing rebate audits. Going forward the need is greater than ever before to track transactions—what is billed and what is paid—and have that information in sync with trading partners at a plan level. Health Plans and Manufacturers are both being asked to prove the amount paid to the plan. The benefits of the Utilization and Reconciliation Files for claim level processing on reconciliation and utilization are apparent and WG7 can drive the industry in this regard.

Work Group 9 Government Programs

Old Business:

- State of the States. The work group reviewed and updated the SOS document (specifically NPI implementation) which will be posted on the website. http://www.ncdp.org/news_npi-info.asp

- WG9 received an update on Medicare activities.
- The WG9 Scope and Goals were reviewed and approved by the NCPDP Board.

Task Groups:

- The **Required Information Outreach To States Task Group** presented a revised format for the State of the States document. The work group recommended adding dates in the "yes" and "no" columns. The task group will focus on the distribution and requested completion of the information by the State Medicaid programs.
- The **Tamper Resistant Prescription Pad (TRPP) Task Group** reported that the best practice and educational documents developed for phase two of the TRPP implementation effective October 1, 2008 were distributed to the State Medicaid Directors. WG9 voted to disband the task group as their work is completed.

Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services

Old Business:

- WG10 Scope and Goals were approved with modifications by the NCPDP Board.

Task Groups

- The **Structured and Codified Sig Task Group** reported on task group participation in the initial call for ePrescribing pilot participants on October 18, 2008 and that the Sig overview was provided.
- The **TCM Sub-Task Group** reported that they have been updating the "TCM Provider-Payer Communication Use Case" document, which they hope to complete for the next WG meeting in February.

New Business

- The participants were encouraged to attend the WG11 discussion on allergy screening.

Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions

Ballots:

- **Ballot WG110036** - DERF 000844 Software System, DERF 849 Compounds, DERF 850 Delivery Method, DERF 851 UIT fix. The ballot was valid at 61.98%. Negative With Reason comments were categorized. The ballot will be recirculated with modifications made.

DERFs:

- **DERF 000856/ECL 000040** requests a new denial reason code in SCRIPT. The DERF was denied.
- **DERF 000857** requests modifications for the use of the Drug Segment (prescribed/dispensed) in Refill Request transactions in SCRIPT. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000858** requests modifications for the use of the Drug Segment (prescribed/dispensed) in Refill Response transactions in SCRIPT. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000859** requests modifications for the quantity field in SCRIPT. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000860** requests modifications for the refill quantity field in SCRIPT. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000861** requests modifications to the Pharmacy PVD Segment in SCRIPT. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000862** requests modifications for the Prescriber Order Number field in SCRIPT. The DERF was withdrawn.
- **DERF 000863** requests modifications to the Prescriber name composite in SCRIPT. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000864** requests modifications for the use of the Drug Segment (prescribed/dispensed) in Fill Status Notification transactions in SCRIPT. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000865** requests modifications to the size of the Product/Service Substitution (DAW code) in SCRIPT. The DERF was approved with modifications.

- **DERF 000866** requests removal of support of the Test Indicator in the UIB Segment in SCRIPT. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000867** requests modifications to the Verify transaction in SCRIPT. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000868** requests modifications to the Patient Date of Birth in SCRIPT. The DERF was approved with modifications.

Old Business:

- WG11 Scope and Goals were approved with modification by the NCPDP Board.
- 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 MN regulations that cite NCPDP standards.

Task Groups:

- The **Prior Authorization Workflow-through-Transactions Task Group** will be looking at action items from the AHRQ/CMS Eprescribing Expert Meeting recommendations including an XML-based exchange of information.
- The **Formulary and Benefit Task Group** had one conference call.
- The **RxNorm Task Group** will review any new work items from the AHRQ/CMS Eprescribing pilots and discuss inclusion of RxNorm into NCPDP standards.
- The **SCRIPT XML Task Group** continues to monitor SCRIPT Implementation Guide updates for XML.
- The **RxQuery and Response Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Compounded Prescriptions Task Group** is monitoring the ballot.
- The **Clinical Health Information exchange between Pharmacies and Prescribers Task Group** did not meet this quarter, but will meet next quarter to work through use cases for the scope of their work.
- The **NCPDP/HL7 Eprescribing Functional Profile Task Group** was formed.

WG14 Long Term Care

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

- **DERF 000852** requests adoption of a standard form for communication of the CMS Best Available Evidence (BAE) documentation between a provider pharmacy and a Part D Plan. The DERF was approved with modifications.

Old Business:

- Updates on the American Health Care Association and National Association for the Support of LTC were provided.
- Updates on the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and the National Committee for Vital and Health Statistics were provided.
- An update was given on the regulatory activities of the Drug Enforcement Agency and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.
- A CMS/HIPAA update was provided.
- The WG14 Scope and Goals were reviewed and approved by the NCPDP Board.

Task Groups:

- The **EHR/HL7 Task Group** has concluded the conference calls to investigate obstacles and approaches for enabling more physicians to directly participate in a long-term care eprescribing process. Draft analysis is being shared with industry organizations. The group returned to medication holds and began preparation of a DERF for next quarter. Updates were also provided on the WG11 CHIX, Compounding and Rx Query efforts.
 - **EHR Inter-organization Sub Task Group** provided an update on the progress of defining the requirements for certification of EHR software for LTC.
- The **Current LTC Billing Issues Task Group** completed the DERF for the BAE cover sheet. Additional exploration of a long term solution will be pursued. The next topic for consideration is use of the D.Ø Predetermination of Benefits Transaction for LTC.
- 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** did not meet during the quarter. An update on the Rebate Reporting was provided.
- The **Return Credit Task Group** has determined that the base transactions for the Return Standard have dependencies with the eMAR and EHR and that there are overlaps in the process with HL7 and X12. To facilitate interoperability it was decided to temporarily merge this task group with the eMAR task group to develop an SOA model for this portion of the transactions. This task group is suspended until completion of this work.
- The **eMAR Task Group** - The task group has continued definition of the requirements for orders and begun work on an SOA model for the message.

New Business

- A report on the HL7 development for MDS 3.0 was provided.

WG15 Sample Management

Old Business:

- WG15 Scope and Goals were approved with modification by the NCPDP Board
- Report that WG17 will draft a letter to the FDA regarding the use of bar coding for sample management

Task Groups:

- The **Outreach Task Group** is focusing its energies on outreach to manufacturers.
- The **Samples Standard Task Group** held discussions on the samples standard that needs to be created for visual impact to the prescribers and manufacturers. The goals of the task group were discussed and work will continue towards development of a standard.

WG16 Property & Casualty/Workers Compensation

Old Business:

- State of the State document was discussed.
- The WG16 Scope and Goals were reviewed and approved by the NCPDP Board.

Task Groups:

- The **Legislative Advocacy Task Group** provided an update on state regulatory and legislative initiatives affecting billing and reimbursement of Workers' compensation claims, noting actions in Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, New Hampshire, New York, Tennessee, Texas and Wyoming. The AWP litigation was also discussed.
- The **State Reporting Task Group** continues to maintain the spreadsheet developed to capture the reporting requirements by state and are adding the legislative initiatives regarding billing.
- The **Billing Task Group** reported on participation with IAIABC in the development of Clean Claim Instructions. The task group reviewed and commented on the California, Minnesota and Texas Companion Guides for Workers' Compensation billing. The group is working toward best practice guidelines for reporting a generic NDC when the patient elects to receive the brand drug. A standard DERF form for request of a state specific data element is under consideration.
- The **Education Task Group** reported that the document regarding the batch process in Workers Compensation is being reviewed and finalized for work group approval in February.

New Business:

- Task Group Scope and Goals were reviewed and modified to reflect current needs.

WG17 Pharmaceutical Pedigree and Traceability

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 Pedigree 101 webinar presented September 8, 2008 and a request for a follow-up presentation.
- Updates were also provided on NASPA and the FDA.

- The WG17 Scope and Goals and name change were reviewed and approved by the NCPDP Board.

Task Group Reports:

- The **Regulatory Tracking/Pedigree Task Group** reported that it did not meet during the quarter.
- The **Grandfathering Task Group** did not meet during the quarter, but has plans to identify strategies and recommendation as the basis for a white paper.
- A new leader was named for the **Product Identifiers Task Group** and meetings are being planned.
- The **Education Task Group** reported that additional work is being done on the Drug Pedigree document based on suggestions by the Standardization Co-Chairs. The group plans to begin work on another webinar.

WG45 External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance

Old Business:

- WG45 Scope and Goals were approved with modifications by the NCPDP Board.
- Updates on HIPAA and HITSP were provided.
- An update on the NCPDP SNIP and the NPRM responses were provided.
- An update was provided on the Minnesota regulations and X12N Companion Guides was provided.

Task Groups:

- The **Document Revision Task Group** discussed the progress of the Mapping Sub-Task Group in identifying the new data elements in Telecommunication D.Ø that need to be mapped to the ASC X12N 835 5010. Once the mapping is complete the current guidance documents will be updated for the new versions.
- No questions were received for the **834 FAQ Task Group**.
- The **835 FAQ Task Group** presented responses to two questions. The Work Group approved one and requested further review of the solution for reporting the prescription number and the refill number in CLP01. A third question regarding central pay resulted in the creation of a new task group.
- The **External Organization Coordination Task Group** received no new issues and therefore did not meet during the quarter. They will review the final Minnesota X12N 835 Companion Guide to assess resolution of the Work Group comments.
- The **NPRM Task Group** reported that comments on the X12N TR3s named in the NPRM were completed and merged with the NCPDP SNIP comments to the NPRM. The task group was disbanded.
- The **DSMO 1070 Task Group** presented its response to change request to adopt as a HIPAA transaction the ASC X12 005010X214 277 Health Care Claim Acknowledgement. Modifications were made and the response was approved by the work group as modified. The task group was disbanded.

New Business

- The **Central Pay Task Group** was formed to analyze and create guidance for reporting of consolidated payments for entities that are not the payee.
- A document, "Inter SDO Process" was presented. Its purpose is to assure that guidance developed by NCPDP for use of standards created by other SDOs conforms to the technical specifications of those standards. The document may be found on the NCPDP web site at http://www.ncdp.org/news_outreach.asp#reciprocals

MC Maintenance and Control

Ballots:

- Ballot Adjudication will result in:
 - Response letters to the negative voters on **Ballots WG010034** and **WG110036** will be sent and both ballots re-circulated with the November 2008 ballots.

DERFs/ECLs:

- MC Maintenance and Control reviewed 18 new and 1 pended DERF/ECLs (see WG1, WG11, and WG14 above). DERF/ECL review and approval will result in:
 - The November 2008 release of 3 new ballots **WG110037** for WG11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions and **WG010035** and **WG010036** for WG1 Telecommunication
 - A new publication of the External Code List (ECL)

Old Business:

- HITSP, HIPAA and industry updates were provided.
- MC Scope and Goals were approved by the NCPDP Board

Task Groups:

- The **Modeling and Methodology (M&M) Task Group** finalized the NCPDP Modeling and Methodology Road Map. The task group discussed a proposal for SOA functional model development by the WG14 Return Credit Task Group. The Return Credit functionality requires information interchange with the HL7 EHR, eMARS and possibly X12 inventory and supply chain transactions. It was determined that the Return Credit TG's work will be moved to the WG14 eMARS Task Group and the M&M TG will monitor their activity.
- The **Federal Medication Terminologies/ECL Analysis Task Group** has reviewed NCPDP data elements to determine which of them could be associated with which FMT components. This task group was closed.
- The **Education/Legislation and Regulations Task Group** requested and received approval of the template to provide information on legislative and regulatory issues and of the Guidance of the Legislative/Regulatory Activity Alert Form and Process. Comments were provided to the Texas Health Service Authority RFI and comments to the AHIC Successor Process for Standards Prioritization and Harmonization will be submitted.

New Business:

- The attendees received daily Work Group recaps.
- A new Task Group was formed for **Pharmacy Transport** to review the Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE) 270 rules and appoint participants/send feedback to the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH).
- An update on the Minnesota ePrescribing requirements was given. See http://www.ncdp.org/members/members_government_state.asp.
- New DSMO Change Request System 1070 was reviewed. WG45 recommendation was reviewed, re-scripted and approved to deny the request.