

Work Group Recaps:

Work Group 1 Telecommunication

Ballots:

- Recirculation **Ballot WG010034R** - DERF 000847 Post Adjudication updates. The ballot was valid at 75.72% 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 WG010035** Controlled Substance Reporting DERF 855. The ballot was valid at 70.87%. Negative With Reason comments were categorized. The ballot will be recirculated with modifications made.
- **Ballot WG010036** Prior Authorization Transfer from DERF 869. The ballot was valid at 70.88%. 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 000870/ECL 000041** requests to add a new value to Prescription Over the Counter Indicator. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000875** requests updates to the Financial Information Reporting Standard. The DERF was approved with modifications.

Old Business:

- **NCPDP SNIP Committee** is making minor modifications to the HIPAA timeline document, and discussing educational needs.
- WG1 discussed a business industry concern from WG3 of a proposed use of an Issuer ID instead of BIN/PCN/Group.

Task Groups:

- The **Prior Authorization Transfer Task Group** will continue to monitor Ballot WG010036
- The **Version 5 Questions Task Group** brought forward questions to discuss regarding the Usual and Customary Charge field.
- The **Coordination of Benefits Task Group** reported activities with the Payer to Payer Task Group.
- The **Controlled Substance Reporting Task Group** brought forward discussion items for a DERF to be submitted 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

DERFs:

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

- **DERF 876** addresses clarifications to and addition of FAQ'S to the Billing Unit Standard. The DERF was reviewed, modified and approved.

Old Business:

- NDC/RxNorm updates were provided.
- An update was given on the ASHP issue of the identifier for hospitals to use for identification of 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 on the FDA Advisory Panel was given and the formation of a focus group proposed.

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 4282 SPL Leaflets available on the National Library of Medicine's Daily Med
- 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.
 - The group re-convened on the application of QUIC forms 200509 and 200522 (Keralac Nailstik) in answer to a customer question regarding the billing unit and package size. The question was determined to be vendor specific and was referred to the appropriate vendor for resolution.
 - Reviewed products for QUIC Form submission:
 - Breze Kit
 - Vanoxide HC Lotion Kit
 - Welchol Powder Packets
 - Reviewed the remaining changes for the BUS IMP Guide/ FAQs and submitted a DERF
 - Compendia reached consensus on uniform application of BUS for:
 - Scalacort DK (BU= 265.6 ml) and Avidoxy DK (BU = 1 each) in agreement across compendia
 - Fer-in-Sol strength changed to 7.5mg/0.5 ml; ISMP report issued as to patient safety issue with change in strength by Mead Johnson.
 - Rowasa new NDC issued to resolve BU/package issues previously reported. Dropped from BUS FAQ and exception list.
 - Established a process for informing others of product BU decisions not involving QUIC Forms to inform other interested parties not involved in this TG's meetings of product billing unit decisions that are made.
- 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:
 - **#200901 Breze Kit** 4.75% and Breze Kit 7.75% NDCs 14629052101 and 14629052201 – the billing unit determined to be 31 eaches.
 - **#200902 Vanoxide HC Lotion Kit** NDC 11086-0045-01 is a new product and the manufacturer requested recommendations on how to list this product. Recommendation that:
 - the ABC Lotion does not have a separate NDC.
 - this item is not a kit since a kit requires two different billing units and the billing unit should be 85 grams.
 - **#200903 and 200904 Welchol Powder** are new formulations of products already on the market. It was recommended that the same NDC be on the packet and box, the packets have a separate core-9 NDC than the tablets for each strength, and the billing unit of eaches be assigned to each of these products.
- New PDE edits for NDCs not registered and listed with the FDA with CMS in attendance.
- Discussion on the FDA's Unique Device Identification and upcoming regulations.
- A brief discussion on the FDA's guidance on a Standardized Numerical Identifier for prescription drug packages was held. WG17 will take the lead and submit comments.

Work Group 3 Standard Identifiers

DERFs:

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

- **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.” The DERF was pended as there is a need to resolve how to proceed with the Card Issuer Identifier. The task group will continue their work and the DERF will be discussed at the May Work Group meeting.

Old Business:

- Diane Willand, NCPDP, provided an NCPDP Online update.

Task Groups:

- The **Letters to States/State of States Task Group** had no legislative updates for this quarter. However, it was reported during WG3 that the State of Minnesota has introduced House File No. 384 related to the simplification of eligibility and coverage verification through electronic data interchange utilizing swipe card or other appropriate technology. The task group will review HF384 and prepare a letter to educate them on the NCPDP standard and the PDF417 technology. 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** presented 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 May.
- The **dataQ™ Enhancement Task Group** is currently working to identify and prioritize enhancements to the dataQ™ file.
- The **HCIdeas™ Enhancement Task Group** is currently working to identify and prioritize enhancements to the HCIdeas™ file.

Work Group 7 Manufacturer Rebates

Task Groups:

- The **CMS Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Standards Implementation Survey Task Group** reviewed the final results of the survey and discussed strategies to encourage greater use of the standard, i.e. WG7 101 document, Webinars, education opportunities.
- The **Standard Update Task Group** presented revisions to the Formulary, Plan and Market Basket Flat Files. WG7 approved the changes to the Plan File. The task group will continue to work on the Formulary and Market Basket Flat Files.
- The **Reference Guide Task Group** presented a proposed Reference Guide for each version of the Manufacturer Rebate Standard (v03.02 and v04.01). The version 04.01 draft largely focused on terminology updates due to changes to the MR 04.01 standard and contains other changes to provide greater clarity and terminology consistency. The version 03.02 revisions provide clarification and consistent terminology. The Work Group approved the revised Reference Guide for v03.02 and the new Reference Guide for v04.01. WG7 also approved the recommended protocol for adding new topics to the Reference Guide. The task group will continue to work on the development of new topics for the Guide.
- The **Non-Pharmacy Biologics Task Group** was formed to influence standards that may be applied to the Biologic Medical claims process and be the Biologics educational

resource for NCPDP. The task group has developed a draft Medical Process Map, Health Plan Survey and draft Medical NCPDP format. Next steps are to finalize the Medical Process Map and solicit more participation in the Health Plan Survey. A Biologics Focus Group meeting with manufacturers and health plans will be scheduled in the near future.

- The **340B Pharmacy Task Group** did not meet this quarter.

New Business:

- Long-Term Care Pharmacy Rebate Reporting – CMS has been collecting Long-Term Care pharmacy rebate data from Part D sponsors since January 2007. In November 2008, CMS announced the suspension of the collection of data for CY2008 and CY2009. CMS has developed revised reporting requirements for CY2010. CMS will test these proposed reporting requirements with a small number of Part D sponsors prior to CY2010. The proposed elements will be subject to revisions as a result of the public comment periods and the CMS pilot.
- Co-Chair Discussion – Jackie Krewson will not be running for Co-Chair in 2009. Individuals interested in running for a WG Group Co-Chair position should submit their name along with the specific Work Group for which they are running, a brief biography, and a headshot photo to Lynne Gilbertson at lgilbertson@ncpdp.org by Monday, March 31, 2009.

Work Group 9 Government Programs

Old Business:

- WG9 received an update on Medicare/Medicaid activities.

Task Group Updates:

- The **Required Information Outreach To States Task Group (RIOTS)** reported that the revised State of the States document was distributed to the National Medicaid EDI HIPAA Workgroup requesting their assistance in completing the information for the State Medicaid programs. To date, sixteen Medicaid programs have provided their information. The revised SOS document will be posted on the NCPDP website at http://www.ncpdp.org/news_npi-info.asp. The work of the RIOTS task group is complete and the task group was disbanded.

New Business:

- WG9 formed the Prescription Monitoring Programs (PMP) Task Group to track information on PMP programs for each state.

Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services

Task Groups

- The **Structured and Codified Sig Task Group** has been participating in a CMS pilot of SCRIPT 10.5 with Sig and RxNorm. They are in the process of validating the code set content.
- The **TCM Sub-Task** was established to identify the means for communicating (transfer or movement) of MTM information electronically or by other processes. They are working on a "TCM Provider-Payer Communication Use Case" document, the "MTM Service (Reason), MTM/Professional Service (Action) and Outcome of MTM Service (Result)" document.

New Business

- The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) - Academy of Pharmacy Practice and Management (APPM) MTM Task Force contacted NCPDP regarding a draft model Superbill for pharmacy practice. The WG discussed the Super Bill and submitted some comments via the comment form.
- WG10 discussed the updates to the HL7 Stand Alone Prescribing EHR Functional Model

Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions

Ballots:

- Recirculation **Ballot WG110036R** - DERF 000844 Software System, DERF 849 Compounds, DERF 850 Delivery Method, DERF 851 UIT fix. The ballot was valid at 76.04% 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 WG110037** – DERF 855-868 SCRIPT modifications. The ballot was valid at 70.18%. Negative With Reason comments were categorized. The ballot will be recirculated with modifications made.

DERFs:

- **DERF 000871** requests clarification of the language and to create consistent use of the reference identifiers in SCRIPT. The DERF was approved with modifications.
- **DERF 000874** requests enhancements, in environments where the pharmacy operates under protocol to maintain a supply of prescribed medications at the point of care (e.g., a skilled nursing facility), it is helpful for the pharmacy to be notified of events related to the administration of a medication to the patient. In particular, it is valuable for the pharmacy to know when a medication order is being "held" (not administered to the patient) due to clinical or other reasons. The DERF was approved with modifications.

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.

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** is seeking input from the industry for more guidance that can be included in the implementation guide.
- The **RxNorm Task Group** will discuss inclusion of RxNorm into NCPDP standards.
- **SCRIPT XML Task Group** continues to monitor SCRIPT Implementation Guide updates for XML.
- **Compounded Prescriptions Task Group** was disbanded since they have completed their work.
- **Clinical Health Information exchange between Pharmacies and Prescribers Task Group** and **RxQuery and Response Task Group** met and decided to join. They are working through use cases for query functions.
- **NCPDP/HL7 Eprescribing Functional Profile Task Group** is actively working on functional profiles.

WG14 Long Term Care

DERFs:

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

- **DERF 000872** – Requests revisions to the 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 (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 National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP).
- A CMS/HIPAA update was provided.
- A report on the HL7 development for MDS 3.0 was provided.

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 **Current LTC Billing Issues Task Group** revised the BAE cover sheet and submitted DERF 872. Work has started on use of the D.Ø 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** is suspended.
- The **eMAR Task Group** began development of a SCRIPT based message for inventory to support the Return process.

WG15 Sample Management

Old Business:

- Report received on the meeting that was held in November between the Compendia and the FDA. A invitation only Focus Group will be created to explore how NCPDP can help the FDA with management of the NDC Number.

Task Groups:

- The **Outreach Task Group** is to focused on outreach to manufacturers. They asked for help from the Work Group to determine who they should be outreaching to.
- The **Samples Standard Task Group** has determined the necessary fields for the samples standard that is being created under the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard. They are currently working on creating a new informational SAMPLE transaction.

WG16 Property & Casualty/Workers Compensation

Old Business:

- A presentation was given on the new UCF and distribution options

Task Groups:

- The **Legislative/Regulatory Monitoring Task Group** provided an update on state regulatory and legislative initiatives affecting billing and reimbursement of Workers' compensation claims, noting actions in Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Nevada, New York, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. 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 new Florida regulations on penalties for noncompliance were discussed.
- The **Billing Task Group** reported on their 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. Georgia's plan to move to electronic billing was discussed. 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** did not meet, but meetings are being planned.

WG17 Pharmaceutical Pedigree and Traceability

Old Business:

- An update was provided on activities in GS1 and GSI US regarding traceability, pedigree and related issues.

Task Groups:

- 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.
- The **Product Identifiers Task Group** did not meet but meetings are being planned.
- The **Education Task Group** reported on changes to the Drug Pedigree Glossary and obtained work group input on outstanding issues. The document was approved and will be sent to the Standardization Co-Chairs for approval to publish.

New Business:

- Work Group had a brainstorming session to build content for traceability white paper for the pharmacy industry. The document outline was reviewed and modified and rough content was added.

WG45 External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance

Old Business:

- A WEDI SNIP 835 Sub Group update was given. Mary Jo Lyman has been appointed as one of the four co-chairs of this group to represent pharmacy. The group is also in the process of reviewing the Claim Adjustment Reason Codes (CARC) and making recommendations for changes/deactivation and association with specific Remarks Codes.
- An X12 update was provided. They met in January and Margaret Weiker was reelected chair of the X12N (Insurance) Committee. X12 did a problem statement dealing with State and Federal legislation. X12 is concerned that education needs to be better so that we can get in at the beginning of the legislation process to assist legislatures to utilize the standards and fulfills the needs of constituents.
- An NCPDP SNIP update 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 ASC X12 835 payment transaction.
- 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 task group has reviewed all D.0 fields and identified those that can be mapped to the 5010 version of the 835. The goal is to have the new 5010 Payment Template ready for approval at the May Work Group Meeting.
- No questions were received for the **834 FAQ Task Group**.
- The **835 FAQ Task Group** reviewed a request for clarification of the appropriate reporting of the prescription refill number in the CLP Segment. The task group recommends the following format be used when both prescription number and refill number is reported in CLP01: Prescription Number, followed by the word 'FILL' then the two-digit Refill Number (include leading zero). The task group will start work on splitting the current FAQ document into three documents, one for NCPDP version 3, one for ASC X12 835 version 4010 835 and one for the ASC X12 835 version 5010.
- The **External Organization Rapid Response Task Group** reviewed the final MN Companion Guide for the 835 published in November, 2008 and provided the Work Group with a report of the status of our recommended changes. The task group has completed their work and turned the results over to the WG. There will be a letter drafted and sent to the AUC based upon the findings and concerns of NCPDP. The task group was disbanded.

New Business:

- **DSMO 1074** was reviewed by the DSMO 1070 Task Group in order to create a response to the request that the ASC X12 999 version 5010, ASCX12 277CA version 5010 and the TA1 acknowledgement transactions be considered for adoption as HIPAA standards.

The Work Group recommended that the DSMO Change Request 1074 be approved with the caveat that it is for X12 Transactions only.

- The Inter SDO Procedure was explained. This procedure assure that all NCPDP task groups consult with external organizations when reviewing issues and developing guidance for the pharmacy sector so that our guidance will not be in conflict with the content, structure or usage rules of the standards discussed.

MC Maintenance and Control

Ballots:

- Ballot Adjudication will result in:
 - Response letters to the negative voters on **Ballots WG010035, WG010036 and WG110037** will be sent and both ballots re-circulated with the February 2009 ballots.
 - An appeal letter to the negative voter on **Ballot WG110036R**
 - No negative comments on **Ballot WG010034R**. Will be sent to the BOT for approval after a 30-day appeal period.

DERFs/ECLs:

- MC Maintenance and Control reviewed 7 new DERFs/ECLs (see WG1, WG2, WG3, WG11, and WG14 above). DERF/ECL review and approval will result in:
 - The February 2009 release of 2 new ballots **WG110038** for WG11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions and **WG010037** for WG1 Telecommunication
 - A new publication of the External Code List (ECL)
 - A new publication of the Billing Unit Standard Implementation Guide V2.0 pending BOT approval
 - Update to the NCPDP website for the Standard Facsimile Form used by CMS' Best Available Evidence (BAE)

Old Business:

- HITSP, HIPAA and industry updates were provided.

Task Groups:

- The **Modeling and Methodology (M&M) Task Group** finalized the NCPDP Modeling and Methodology Road Map. The task group had moved to develop their work to the WG14 eMARS Task Group for SOA functional model development by the WG14 Return Credit Task Group since the functionality requires information interchange with the HL7 EHR and eMARS and possibly X12 inventory and supply chain transactions. The work is being returned to oversight by MC since expertise is needed and there is a need to engage OMG in this process.
- The **Pharmacy Transport Task Group** developed metadata for the CORE 270 payload type that applies to all NCPDP standards, real-time and batch, current and future. This will be incorporated into a separate appendix to the ECL and also as a public document. The task group will begin to involve CORE members once we have a prototype to present, and will ask as to how they would see this to be incorporated into CORE rules.
- The **Education/Legislation and Regulations Task Group** is preparing the first: "Legislative Lookout" communication, continues to work on the creation of a state of the states document, continues to evaluate the option of outsourcing for the ability to obtain quick and accurate tracking of state legislative /regulatory activity impacting pharmacy and/or NCPDP standards, and to communicate in a timely manner to the NCPDP membership of any legislative/regulatory issues impacting the pharmacy industry and possibly NCPDP standards.

New Business:

- The attendees received daily Work Group recaps.