



Introduction

The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) SNIP members, the National Home Infusion Association (NHIA) and the Pharmacist Services Technical Advisory Coalition (PSTAC) have collaborated on the following request for taxonomy codes to be added or modified.

NCPDP is a not-for-profit ANSI-accredited Standards Development Organization that creates and promotes standards for the transfer of data to and from the pharmacy services sector of the healthcare industry. The organization provides a forum and support wherein our diverse membership can efficiently and effectively develop and maintain these standards through a consensus building process. NCPDP also offers its members resources, including educational opportunities and database services, to better manage their business.

NHIA is a trade association that represents and advances the interests of organizations and individuals that provide infusion and specialized pharmacy products and services to the entire spectrum of home-based patients.

PSTAC works to provide the national leadership necessary to position and secure pharmacy's place in the electronic data interchange (EDI) health encounter/claims processing and payment environment concerning all health care providers' professional services.

Proposed Additional And Revised Taxonomy Codes

In our creation of these additional taxonomy codes and proposed definition changes, we built the list based upon the principle that different taxonomies denote distinct types of pharmacies. The distinctness of a pharmacy type is determined by characteristics such as the following: the pharmacy is licensed by the state as a distinct type of pharmacy, the pharmacy maintains separate inventory for the type, has policies and procedures specific to the type of medications dispensed or location, has separate standards of practice, is treated as a separate cost center for cost reporting, funding and apportionment purposes, requires a separate DEA number from the Drug Enforcement Agency, has different DEA requirements for controlled substances. A pharmacy can and many will have more than one taxonomy code.

Level I	Level II	Level III	Description
<p>Revised Definition</p>			<p>Suppliers A provider, other than a pharmacy, who supplies healthcare related products. The term supplier also includes pharmacies.</p> <p>Proposed: <i>Suppliers, Pharmacies, and Other Healthcare Providers</i> <i>Providers who supply healthcare related products or medications and associated professional and administrative services.</i></p> <p>New NUCC Pharmacy Taxonomy Codes (effective 4/1/06) Suppliers Suppliers, pharmacies, and other health care providers who supply health care related products or medications and associated professional and administrative services.</p>
	<p>332000000X</p>	<p>Military Pharmacy Active</p>	<p>A Department of Defense (DoD) entity whose primary function is to store, prepare and dispense pharmaceuticals and other associated items to DoD beneficiaries. These pharmacies may be associated with a DoD Clinic, DoD Hospital or freestanding. Usually associated with outpatient services. 1/1/2005: new</p>

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	<p>New Level II 332100000X</p>	<p>Pharmacy – Veterans Administration</p>	<p>A pharmacy where pharmacists compound and dispense medicinal preparations located within a VA facility.</p> <p>New NUCC Pharmacy Taxonomy Codes (effective 4/1/06)</p> <p>Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Pharmacy Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Pharmacy means any place under VA jurisdiction where drugs are dispensed and Pharmaceutical Care is provided to enrolled Veterans, by licensed pharmacists. The Pharmacy is reviewed by JCAHO, utilizes the VA hospital's DEA number, and has a designated NCPDP number. VA facility pharmacies include Inpatient (Institutional), Outpatient, Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacies, Research, Addiction Treatment Centers, Long Term Care and Community Based Outpatient Clinics Pharmacies. The VA Pharmacy Benefits Management – Strategic Healthcare Group has oversight for professional and practice activities of VA Pharmacies. Each pharmacy is under the direct supervision of a U.S. or U.S. territory licensed pharmacist, and has staffing to meet its designated scope of service.</p> <p><i>Source: Pharmacy Benefits Management – Strategic Healthcare Group, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs [1/1/2006: new]</i></p>

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	<p>New Level II 332800000X</p>	<p>Pharmacy – Indian Health Service/Tribal/Urban Indian Health (I/T/U)</p>	<p>A facility used by pharmacists for the compounding and dispensing of medicinal preparations at an Indian Health Service, Tribal or Urban Indian Health site.</p> <p>New NUCC Pharmacy Taxonomy Codes (effective 4/1/06) Indian Health Service/Tribal/Urban Indian Health (I/T/U) Pharmacy</p> <p>An Indian Health Service/Tribal/Urban Indian Health (I/T/U) Pharmacy means a pharmacy operated by the Indian Health Service, an Indian tribe or tribal organization, or an urban Indian organization, all of which are defined in Section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, 25 U.S.C. 1603. <i>Source: The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003</i> <i>[1/1/2006: new]</i></p>
	<p>New Level II 332900000X</p>	<p>Alternate Medication Dispensing Site</p>	<p>A dispensing site that dispenses medicinal preparations under the supervision of a physician to patients for self-administration. (e.g. physician offices, ER, Urgent Care Centers, Rural Health Facilities, etc.)</p> <p>New NUCC Pharmacy Taxonomy Codes (effective 4/1/06) Non-Pharmacy Dispensing Site</p> <p>A site other than a pharmacy that dispenses medicinal preparations under the supervision of a physician to patients for self-administration. (e.g. physician offices, ER, Urgent Care Centers, Rural Health Facilities, etc.) <i>Source: Developed by National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP), National Home Infusion Association (NHIA), and Pharmacist Services Technical Advisory Coalition (PSTAC)</i> <i>[1/1/2006: new]</i></p>

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	<p>33600000X Revised Definition</p>	<p>Pharmacy Active A facility used by pharmacists for the compounding and dispensing of medicinal preparations (drug store) <i>and other associated professional and administrative services</i>. A pharmacy is a facility whose primary function is to store, prepare and legally dispense prescription drugs (through) <i>under the professional supervision of</i> a licensed pharmacist. It meets any licensing or certification standards set forth by the jurisdiction where it is located.</p> <p>New NUCC Pharmacy Taxonomy Codes (effective 4/1/06) A facility used by pharmacists for the compounding and dispensing of medicinal preparations and other associated professional and administrative services. A pharmacy is a facility whose primary function is to store, prepare and legally dispense prescription drugs under the professional supervision of a licensed pharmacist. It meets any licensing or certification standards set forth by the jurisdiction where it is located. <i>Source: Developed by National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP), National Home Infusion Association (NHIA), and Pharmacist Services Technical Advisory Coalition (PSTAC) [1/1/2006: added definition]</i></p>	
		<p>New Level III 3336C0003X</p>	<p>Community/Retail Pharmacy A pharmacy where pharmacists store, prepare, and dispense medicinal preparations and/or prescriptions for a local patient population in accordance with federal and state law; counsel patients and caregivers (sometimes independent of the dispensing process); administer vaccinations; and provide other professional services associated with pharmaceutical care such as health screenings, consultative services with other health</p>

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			<p>care providers, collaborative practice, disease state management, and education classes.</p> <p>New NUCC Pharmacy Taxonomy Codes (effective 4/1/06)</p> <p>A pharmacy where pharmacists store, prepare, and dispense medicinal preparations and/or prescriptions for a local patient population in accordance with federal and state law; counsel patients and caregivers (sometimes independent of the dispensing process); administer vaccinations; and provide other professional services associated with pharmaceutical care such as health screenings, consultative services with other health care providers, collaborative practice, disease state management, and education classes.</p> <p><i>Source: Developed by National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP), National Home Infusion Association (NHIA), and Pharmacist Services Technical Advisory Coalition (PSTAC)[1/1/2006: new]</i></p>
		<p>New Level III 3336I0012X</p>	<p>Institutional Pharmacy</p> <p>A pharmacy in a hospital (inpatient) or institution used by pharmacists for the compounding and delivery of medicinal preparations to be administered to the patient by nursing or other authorized personnel. Institutional Pharmacies also counsel patients and caregivers; administer vaccinations; and provide other professional services associated with pharmaceutical care such as health</p>

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		<p>New Level III 3336L0003X</p>	<p>Long Term Care Pharmacy A pharmacy that dispenses medicinal preparations delivered to patients residing within an intermediate or skilled nursing facility, including intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, hospice, assisted living facilities, group homes, and other forms of congregate living arrangements.</p>

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		<p>New Level III 333M0003X</p>	<p>Managed Care Organization Pharmacy A pharmacy owned by a managed care organization (MCO) used by pharmacists for the compounding and dispensing of medicinal preparations to the MCO's covered members.</p> <p>New NUCC Pharmacy Taxonomy Codes (effective 4/1/06) A pharmacy owned by a managed care organization (MCO) used by pharmacists for the compounding and dispensing of medicinal preparations to that MCO's covered members only. <i>Source: Developed by National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP), National Home Infusion Association (NHIA), and Pharmacist Services Technical Advisory Coalition (PSTAC)[1/1/2006: new]</i></p>

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		<p>New Level III 3336C0002X</p>	<p>Clinic Pharmacy A pharmacy in a clinic, emergency room or hospital (outpatient) where a pharmacist dispenses medications to patients for self-administration.</p> <p>New NUCC Pharmacy Taxonomy Codes (effective 4/1/06) A pharmacy in a clinic, emergency room or hospital (outpatient) that dispenses medications to patients for self-administration under the supervision of a pharmacist. <i>Source: Developed by National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP), National Home Infusion Association (NHIA), and Pharmacist Services Technical Advisory Coalition (PSTAC)</i> [1/1/2006:new]</p>
		<p>New Level III 3336H0001X</p>	<p>Home Infusion Therapy Provider Pharmacy-based, decentralized patient care organization with expertise in USP 797-compliant sterile drug compounding that provides care to patients with acute or chronic conditions generally pertaining to parenteral administration of drugs, biologics and nutritional formulae administered through catheters and/or needles in home and alternate sites. Extensive professional pharmacy services, care coordination, infusion nursing services, supplies and equipment are provided to optimize efficacy and compliance. <i>Source: National Home Infusion Association</i></p> <p>New NUCC Pharmacy Taxonomy Codes (effective 4/1/06)</p>

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			<p>Pharmacy-based, decentralized patient care organization with expertise in USP 797-compliant sterile drug compounding that provides care to patients with acute or chronic conditions generally pertaining to parenteral administration of drugs, biologics and nutritional formulae administered through catheters and/or needles in home and alternate sites. Extensive professional pharmacy services, care coordination, infusion nursing services, supplies and equipment are provided to optimize efficacy and compliance. <i>Source: National Home Infusion Association [1/1/2006: new]</i></p>
		<p>New Level III 3336S0011X</p>	<p>Specialty Pharmacy A pharmacy that dispenses generally low volume and high cost medicinal preparations to patients who are undergoing intensive therapies for illnesses that are generally chronic, complex and potentially life threatening. Often these therapies require specialized delivery and administration.</p> <p>New NUCC Pharmacy Taxonomy Codes (effective 4/1/06) A pharmacy that dispenses generally low volume and high cost medicinal preparations to patients who are undergoing intensive therapies for illnesses that are generally chronic, complex and potentially life threatening. Often these therapies require specialized delivery and administration. <i>Source: Developed by National</i></p>

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		<p>New Level III 3336M0002X</p>	<p>Mail Order Pharmacy A pharmacy where pharmacists compound or dispense prescriptions or other medications in accordance with federal and state law, using common carriers to deliver the medications to patient or their caregivers. Mail order pharmacies counsel patients and caregivers (sometimes independent of the dispensing process) through telephone or email contact and provide other professional services associated with pharmaceutical care appropriate to the setting. Mail order pharmacies are licensed in the state where located and are also licensed or registered as nonresident pharmacies in most other states.</p> <p>New NUCC Pharmacy Taxonomy Codes (effective 4/1/06) A pharmacy where pharmacists compound or dispense prescriptions or other medications in accordance with federal and state law, using common carriers to deliver the medications to patient or their caregivers. Mail order pharmacies counsel patients and caregivers (sometimes independent of the dispensing process) through telephone or email contact and provide other professional services</p>

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			<p>associated with pharmaceutical care appropriate to the setting. Mail order pharmacies are licensed as a Mail Order Pharmacy in the state where they are located and may also be licensed or registered as nonresident pharmacies in other states.</p> <p><i>Source: Developed by National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP), National Home Infusion Association (NHIA), and Pharmacist Services Technical Advisory Coalition (PSTAC) [1/1/2006: new]</i></p>
		<p>New Level III 3336N0007X</p>	<p>Nuclear Pharmacy A pharmacy dedicated to the compounding and dispensing of radioactive materials for use in nuclear imaging and nuclear medical procedures.</p> <p>New NUCC Pharmacy Taxonomy Codes (effective 4/1/06) A pharmacy dedicated to the compounding and dispensing of radioactive materials for use in nuclear imaging and nuclear medical procedures.</p> <p><i>Source: Developed by National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP), National Home Infusion Association (NHIA), and Pharmacist Services Technical Advisory Coalition (PSTAC)[1/1/2006: new]</i></p>
		<p>New Level III Not Accepted</p>	<p>Compounding Pharmacy A pharmacy where pharmacists specialize in the preparation, mixing, assembling, packaging and labeling of a drug or device as a result of a</p>

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			<p>practitioner's prescription drug based on the practitioner-patient-pharmacist relationship in the course of professional practice. Compounding results in a customized medication prepared by a pharmacist according to a practitioner's specifications to meet an individual patient need. Compounding pharmacists generally make medications using raw chemicals, powders and specialized equipment. Source: The International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists</p>