

# **Where Do I Find Answers To Questions About NCPDP Telecommunication Specifications Version 5?**

## **Answers May Be Found In The Following Documents**

- Telecommunication Standard Version 5.1
- Telecommunication Implementation Guide Version 5.1
- Data Dictionary
- Telecommunication Version 5 Questions, Answers, and Editorial Updates (the “Editorial” document)
- Protocol For Version 5.1 (the “Protocol” document)

## **Additional Information May Be Found In The Following Documents**

- Telecommunication Standard and Implementation Guide Version 5.2 and above  
Although the usage of new fields or field changes in Version 5.2 and above is not allowed in the implementation of Version 5.1, the Version 5.2 and above documents may provide additional clarification, as additional verbiage has been added (COB, Prior Authorization, et cetera). This verbiage is usually included in the Version 5 Editorial document.

## **Particular Topics May Be Found In The Following Documents**

### **What Transactions Are Supported For What Business Purposes?**

- Transaction Discussion  
Section 6 of Specifications
- Transaction Types  
Section 7 of Specifications
- Special Considerations - Transactions, Segments, and Fields  
Section 4 of Implementation Guide

### **What Fields Changed?**

- Old Field Name Cross Reference  
Section V of Data Dictionary
- New Field Name Cross Reference  
Section VI of Data Dictionary
- Deleted Data Elements Not Supported in Version 5  
Section VII of Data Dictionary

### **Which Fields Are Allowed In Which Segments?**

- Request and Response Quick Reference  
Section 5 of Implementation Guide

### **Where Do The Segments Belong?**

- Segment Usage Matrix
  - Section 3 of Implementation Guide
- Transmission Request Diagrams
  - Section 10 of Specifications
- Transmission Response Diagrams
  - Section 12 of Specifications

### **What Are The Valid Responses For Each Transmission?**

- Transmission Response Discussion
  - Section 11 of Specifications
- Response Segment Matrices
  - Section 3 of Implementation Guide
- Response Transactions
  - Section 4 of Implementation Guide

### **Recommended Use Of Dollar Fields And Calculated Amounts?**

- Special Considerations - Transactions, Segments, and Fields
  - Section 4 of Implementation Guide
- Frequently Asked Questions
  - Section 8 of Implementation Guide

### **Explain The Syntax Rules For Version 5**

- Document Conventions
  - Section 8 of Specifications
- Generally Accepted and Common Practices
  - Section 2 of Implementation Guide

### **Count And Counter Fields – Explanation and Usage?**

- Repetition and Multiple Occurrences
  - Section 8 of Specifications
- Examples
  - Billing W/ Insurance COB - Transaction Code B1, Section 7 of Implementation Guide
- Examples
  - Billing W/ Submitted DUR Override - Transaction Code B1, Section 7 of Implementation Guide
- Examples
  - Compounded Rx Billing - Transaction Code B1 (01), Section 7 of Implementation Guide
- Frequently Asked Questions
  - Section 8 of Implementation Guide

### **Questions Just Like Mine?**

- Frequently Asked Questions

Section 9 of Implementation Guide  
Editorial Document

**What Has Changed In Version 5.1, 5.2, et cetera?**

Appendix A  
    Section 13 of Specifications  
Version Changes  
    Section 9 of Implementation Guide  
Version Modifications  
    Section M of Data Dictionary

**What If I Have A New Question?**

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### **HIPAA Information As It Relates To Pharmacy**

[http://www.ncdp.org/news\\_feds.asp](http://www.ncdp.org/news_feds.asp)

[http://www.ncdp.org/news\\_hipaa.asp](http://www.ncdp.org/news_hipaa.asp)

### **Implementation Schedules By Health Plans (as known)**

For Members: [http://www.ncdp.org/members/members\\_mc.asp](http://www.ncdp.org/members/members_mc.asp) State of the States Master and Public documents.

For Non-Members: [http://www.ncdp.org/news\\_hipaa.asp](http://www.ncdp.org/news_hipaa.asp) under "Implementation Schedules".