



May 2018 Work Group Recaps:

For results of Data Element Request Forms (DERFs) and External Code List (ECLs) reviewed see DERF Resolution at http://www.ncpdp.org/members/members_wg_info.aspx?wgid=wgmc.

Work Group 1 Telecommunication

Ballots Adjudicated:

- **Ballot WG010077** - Enhancements to the Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide Version F3, Post Adjudication Standard Implementation Guide Version 48, Retiree Drug Subsidy Version 21 and Uniform Healthcare Payer Data Standard Implementation Guide Version 25 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75+% approval rating. See Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet for the ballot results. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period. Should the board approve, the standard documents will be released with the date of board approval.
- **Ballot WG010078** - Enhancements to the Benefit Integration Standard Implementation Guide Version 13 is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes and 75+% approval rating. See Letter Ballot Comment spreadsheet for the ballot results. The ballot will be sent to NCPDP Board of Trustees for approval after a 30-day appeal period. Should the board approve, the standard documents will be released with the date of board approval.

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001591 was pended.
- DERF 001592/Emergency ECL 000260 was recommended for MC to approve.
- DERF 001593 was approved.
- DERF 001594 was pended.
- DERF 001595/Emergency ECL 000261 was recommended for MC to approve as modified.
- DERF 001596/ECL 000262 was withdrawn.
- DERF 001613/ECL 000266 was recommended for MC to pend.

Old Business:

- Use of Quantity Prescribed (460-ET) in the Telecommunication Standard claim billing - Note this field would be required for Part D Schedule II Controlled Substance claims; however, the use of this field is not limited to Part D claims.
 - Telecom D.0 and all versions from that point have been updated (November 2012).
 - 03/2014 NCPDP received a response from HHS to the 03/2013 letter. The change will go through NPRM and Final Rule processes.
 - NCPDP has asked the industry to provide input on the implementation timeframe before the NPRM is published.
 - NCPDP has asked for a timeframe of NPRM publication.
 - 06/2014 Update: OESS has responded that an NPRM including Quantity Prescribed and SCRIPT electronic prior authorization is going through the review process.
 - WG1 Telecommunication FAQ Task Group brought forward a recommendation timeframe for Quantity Prescribed regulation implementation for OESS.
 - 07/21/2015 Update from NSG: The new target date for this regulation is early 2016.

- 01/21/2016 Update from NSG: This policy item is undergoing the rulemaking process, and at this time a specific timeframe cannot be provided.
- 04/11/2016 Update from NSG: The request is still in the rule making stage, so at this point CMS cannot provide a formal comment on its status.
- 07/25/2016 Update from NSG: Additional questions were received and documentation from 2010, 2012 and 2013 was provided to answer the questions.
- 10/14/2016 Update from NSG: This policy is in the rulemaking stage, there should be an NPRM out by Mid-2017.
- 02/2017: Still tracking to a mid-2017 date.
- 05/2017: Summer 2017.
- 08/2017: Still tracking to a late summer 2017 NPRM.
- 11/2017: Possibly sometime in 2018.
- 02/2018: Possibly Q1 in 2018.
- 05/2018: In HHS Clearance - Sometime in 2018.

Task Groups:

- The **Telecommunication FAQ Task Group** reviewed one question and a proposed modification to the Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates Document. The task group reviewed three DERFs created by another task group, sub-task group and individuals. The modifications to the Telecommunication Version D and Above Questions, Answers and Editorial Updates Document were approved.
 - The **Morphine Equivalent Dosing (MED) Sub-Task Group** did not meet.
 - The **FAQ Controlled Substance Guidance Update Sub-Task Group** is focused on developing Version D.0 use/test cases related to the [Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act \(CARA\)](#). The group will be creating a guidance document and coordinating with other applicable task groups to ensure the recommendations work together.
- The **Coordination of Benefits Task Group** reviewed and answered three questions. The group also participated in the WG9 Government Programs Encounters Reporting Task Group, provided input into NCPDP's testimony to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) in March and reviewed the draft Upstream Reporting of Copay Assistance Issues Document. The group will begin developing transition guidance and educational materials.
- The **Information Reporting Problems Task Group** reviewed the application of negative PLRO in non-EGWP single payer and submitted a question to CMS. The group transferred changing HICNs and CMS Crosswalk issue to the WG9 COBC/BCRC Task Group. Review and modifications to the NCPDP *Guidance for SPAPS and ADAPS Medicare Part D Coordination of Benefits Requirements and Responsibilities* continues. The group began reviewing the SPAP and ADAP Resources page of the NCPDP website and discussed the value of the NCPDP BIN/PCN spreadsheet. The *NCPDP Best Practices Guide for Managing Med D OHI* document was submitted to the Standardization Committee and the group is reviewing the feedback received from the committee. The group continues to review and revise the current Part D COB white paper. The task group requested and received approval of FAQ's to be added to the WG9 Med D FAQ document.
- The **Post Adjudication Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Definition of a Valid Prescriber Task Group** reviewed the 2019 Medicare Part D NPRM – CMS 4182-F, section 10. Preclusion List Requirements for Prescribers in Part D and Individuals and Entities in MA, Cost Plans, and PACE, drafted a DERF to support Precluded Provider process and sunset prescriber enrollment ECL code values, requested clarification from CMS as to whether the precluded provider process applies only to the Prescriber ID field or both the Prescriber ID and

Service Provider ID fields and adjusted claim adjudication hierarchical rules (replaced multiple step 4 rules with a single precluded provider step).

- The **Part D Supplemental Payment Reporting Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Eligibility Verification Enhancements Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Benefit Integration Task Group** continued working on the Benefit Synchronization transaction.
- The **Standardized Subrogation Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Usage of Submission Clarification Codes (SCC) Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Compound Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Upstream Reporting of Copay Assistance Task Group** completed the *Upstream Reporting of Copay Assistance Issues Brief*. The WG1 members approved the document. The task group will remain active for the next quarter to address any questions or concerns with the Issues Brief.
- The **Expanded Dollar Fields Task Group** created goals for the task group which were approved by WG1 members. The group created a DERF to expand all dollar fields in all standards. The group will continue to work on an interim solution and other potential solutions.

Other Reportables:

- **DSMO Change Requests:** Received an update on the status of the DSMO Change Request 1201 and 1202.
- **WG45 – 835 and Version F2:** WG45 is requesting document update assistance from those who are familiar with the changes to the Telecommunication Standard Version F2.
- **MC ECL TG Reject Code Categories Socialization:** The task group leads provided a review of the task group activity to categorize the reject codes associated with Field 511-FB.

New Business:

- A **WG1 Accomplishments** presentation was given.
- Mark Elliott provided an informational report on the potential harmonization efforts being considered by NCPDP. A straw poll to determine interest in this effort will be taken at the MC meeting on Monday.

Work Group 2 Product Identification

Old Business:

- Tom Bizzaro of First Data Bank (FDB) provided comments on health policy focusing on the opioid crisis, biosimilar naming, the re-branding of Meaningful Use, and statements by Seema Verma, Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at the American Hospital Association on May 7, 2018.
- Tammy Powell of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) provided an update on RxNorm and DailyMed.
- Gerry McEvoy of American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) provided an update on FDA/SPL REMS Activity with information from Adam Kroetsch, Deputy Office Director, Office of Program and Strategic Analysis (OPSA), U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA).

Task Groups:

- The **Structure Product Labeling Activities Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Product Review and Billing Unit Exception Task Group** reviewed issues resulting from changes to existing products or to the release of new products. The task group:
 - Reviewed and submitted to WG2 for adjudication two new QUIC forms (see final adjudication determination by the WG in this report):
 - QUIC #201803 Noctiva Nasal Spray
 - QUIC #201804 Firvanq

- Reviewed three products via email to determine the billing unit and package size.
- Reviewed the pharmacy section of the *Global Survey of Standards for Quantities and Units Used/Needed in e-Health* and determined no comments were needed from a WG2 perspective.
- Created 2 new FAQs for the Billing Unit Standard and a new FAQ for the Product Identifier Standard. The Work Group approved publication of all three FAQs; there were modifications to the Product Identifier FAQ.
- For January, February, and March 2018; 3,622 and four changed billing unit indexing files were generated by FDA based on the files received by the compendia. The compendia group has reconciled the 24 NDCs with discrepancies.
- The **SPL REMS Requirements Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Dates Associated with Pharmaceutical Products Task Group** addressed comments and edits from CMS to the WG2 approved white paper. The white paper was submitted a second time to WG2 for approval. The Work Group approved the paper which included modifications from a review by the Standardization Committee.
- A sub-group of members of the **Naming Standards for Drugs, Biologics and Biosimilars Task Group** submitted comments to USP on their naming proposal as well as met with representatives from the FDA on the topic of implementing the FDA Guidance on Biosimilar Naming.
- The **Application of the Billing Unit Standard Clarification Task Group** completed review and categorization of products which were subjects of QUIC forms in February. The task group continues to draft language for each category related to the exceptions in preparation for creating a guidance document.
- The **WG2/WG11 Harmonization of Prescribing and Dispensing Units Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- Received an update from the **WG11 REMS Workflow to Transactions Task Group**.

New Business:

- New QUIC Form Review:
 QUIC #201803 Noctiva Nasal Spray
BU = GM and package size = 3.8 per 5.4.1 of the Billing Unit Standard
 QUIC #201804 Firvanq
BU = mL; the total quantity will be the deliverable of 150 or 300 per 5.2.3 of the Billing Unit Standard.
- A **WG2 Accomplishments** presentation was given.
- Anne Johnston provided an informational report on the potential harmonization efforts being considered by NCPDP. A straw poll to determine interest in this effort will be taken at the MC meeting on Monday.
- The 2018-2019 WG2 Co-Chairs were announced.

Work Group 7 Manufacturer and Associated Trading Partner Transaction Standards

Task Groups:

- The **Medical Rebate Standard Task Group** discussed adding Service Provider fields to the standard to assist with 340B identification but there were questions on the availability/reliability of the information. The task group has not reached consensus on whether to combine the Medical Rebate Standard with the Manufacturer Rebate Standard as it seems to be an adoption problem. Payers are finding other ways to send medical claims to pharmaceutical manufacturers, and the Medical Rebate Standard is not being used.

- The **Medicaid Drug Rebate Program Task Group** continues to work on the development of a white paper, *Medicaid Drug Rebate Program - Challenges Across the Industry*. The white paper will provide the pharmaceutical industry an overview of the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program (MDRP) and information related to disputing invoiced claims, 340B claims submitted for rebate, terminated claims, claim level data necessary to validate summary level invoices and high level recommendations which would benefit the overall MDRP processes.
- The **Manufacturer Rebate Standard Task Group** continued to review Outcomes Based Contracting and will develop new content for the *NCPDP Reference Guide to Rebate Processing, Validation, and Dispute Resolution*. The task group will also develop formulary and benefit examples for either the Implementation Guide or the Reference Guide.
 - The **Specialty Pharmacy Data Exchange Sub-Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- **WG9 340B Task Group** continued to work on enhancements to the [340B Information Exchange Reference Guide v1.0](#).

New Business:

- A **WG7 Accomplishments** presentation was given.
- Rick Sage provided an informational report on the potential harmonization efforts being considered by NCPDP. A straw poll to determine interest in this effort will be taken at the MC meeting on Monday.
- The 2018-2019 WG7 Co-Chairs were announced.

Work Group 9 Government Programs

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001597 was pended to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Task Group for additional work.

Task Groups:

- The **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Task Group** submitted DERF 001597 requesting a new PDMP Reporting Standard for the purpose of supplementing B1 real-time reporting to the PDMP facilitator and/or the State PDMP. The task group also reviewed the [State PMP Tracking Document](#) and updated PMP information for the following states: Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Michigan, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin, Wyoming.
- The **340B Task Group** continued to work on enhancements to the [340B Information Exchange Reference Guide v1.0](#).
- The **Government Programs Encounter Reporting Standards Task Group** continued to review the fields in the Post Adjudication Standard and comparing to state Medicaid encounter files to determine which fields should be included in a standardized Medicaid encounter reporting file. The proposed format will be brought forward to WG9 for approval.
- The **Medicaid Subrogation FAQ Task Group** did not meet.
- The **Medicaid Frequently Asked Questions Task Group** completed a draft standardized Medicaid prescriber enrollment file as 'best practice' for use by states when communicating prescriber enrollment information. The task group also reviewed a request to discuss a potential NCPDP standard file layout for State Medicaid agencies to use when providing Medicaid formularies to contracted Managed Care Organizations. The task group received an overview of the Formulary and Benefit Standard to determine if that standard can be leveraged for this purpose. The task group will review information from various state Medicaid formularies to determine if the Formulary and Benefit Standard would meet this business need.

- The **Hospice Task Group** continues to work on material for an educational webinar covering Hospice and Part D processes.
- The **Medicare Standardized Fraud, Waste and Abuse Training Attestation Task Group** reported over 90% utilization of the standardized attestation form in 2017. The task group identified an issue with receiving partial information on the attestation table for those pharmacies who deferred completion of the attestation. NCPDP Database Services made a change to ensure only completed FWA attestations are included in the files. They also added notes and pop-ups to the FWA form on the Pharmacy Profile to provide support and assist the pharmacy with completing and submitting the form and attestation. The changes were effective May 1, 2018.
- The **Medicare Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Task Group** reviewed ten outstanding questions, discussed two new questions (Informational Edit 787 and Medicaid Subrogation Claims), finalized six questions which were submitted to CMS and closed one question. The task group also discussed topics of concern from the Final Call Letter and Final Rule as there is immediate impact to PDE submissions.
- The **Medicare Financial Information Reporting Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **Supplemental Payer Part D Reconciliation Standardization Task Group** was disbanded.
- The **OIG Report OEI 05-12-00540 Task Group** is on hiatus.
- The **Medicare Part D FAQ Task Group** reviewed CMS Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for Calendar Year (CY) 2019 for Medicare Advantage (MA) Capitation Rates, Part C and Part D Payment Policies and 2019 Draft Call Letter and submitted comments on March 5, 2018. The task group also reviewed the CMS 2019 Final Call Letter, Section III: Part D - Improving Drug Utilization Review Controls in Medicare Part D, Part D Opioid Overutilization Policy and the NCPDP Opioid Utilization Scenario Chart. The task presented a modification to published FAQ 2.75 Reason for Service Code (439-E4) – Morphine Equivalent Dose (MED) which was approved by WG9.
- The **Medicare Card Project Task Group** reviewed changes to the COB file and worked with CMS to resolve the incorrect COBC file length. The task group also reviewed the CMS memo regarding appeals-related changes to prepare for the new Medicare Card Project. The task group provided plan feedback in regards to MBI processing since the 4/1/2018 implementation and will continue to field questions related to the Medicare Card Project and follow-up with CMS as needed.
- The **Coordination of Benefits Contractor (COBC)/Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center (BCRC) Task Group** worked with CMS to resolve the COBC file layout change issue, reviewed CMS updates to Part D Coordination of Benefits Processes, finalized new FAQ – ADAPs with Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) programs which was approved by WG9.
- The **Standardized Pharmacy Credentialing Task Group** is reviewing an existing data set of information as a starting point in order to gather feedback on the fields that should be included in a standard for pharmacy dispenser data. The task group needs participation and input from all stakeholders in order to obtain consensus on the file.

New Business:

- The request to form a new task group, WG9 Medicare Part D Multi-Payer Reconciliation, was approved by WG9. This task group will develop file layouts and documentation to assist with the process that occurs when transferring information between payers when a Part D plan adjusts a claim that impacts an Information Reporting transaction (Nx) from a supplemental payer and the method for reporting these changes to CMS. This task group will work with other task groups where these standards overlap.
- A **WG9 Accomplishments** presentation was given.

- Mark Elliott provided an informational report on the potential harmonization efforts being considered by NCPDP. A straw poll to determine interest in this effort will be taken at the MC meeting on Monday.
- The 2018-2019 WG9 Co-Chairs were announced.

Work Group 10 Professional Pharmacy Services

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001598 was approved as modified.

Old Business:

- A **USP Allergy Update** was provided and is available in meeting materials on the WG page of the website.

Task Groups:

- The **MTM and Pharmacist Clinical Services Task Group** gave an update on the eCare Plan. The task group submitted a new Project Development Form related to MTM referrals from physicians to pharmacists, reviewed comments from the Standardization Committee to the *Billing Guidance for Pharmacists Professional and Patient Care Services* document and reviewed a WG1 Telecommunication FAQ about field Provider ID Qualifier (465-EY).
- The **mL White Paper Task Group** reviewed the collaborative authoring tool Zotero and alternatively decided to use a rolling sequential authorship approach. The initial document to be used for revision is currently under review by authors. A draft survey of retail pharmacies was created and will be conducted by the mL White Paper Task Group in order to obtain information and feedback with regard to policies and procedures concerning mL labeling instructions and provision of suitable dosing devices.
- Received an update from the **WG14 Consultant Pharmacist Interoperability Task Group**.
- **WG11 Specialty Requirements for ePrescribing Task Group** provided an update on their activities including the creation of an intake form for patients enrolling in programs to receive certain specialty medications.
- The **WG11 Structured And Codified Sig Format Implementation Guide Analysis Sub-Task Group** have completed their review of the *Structured and Codified Sig Format Implementation Guide* and submitted DERF 001598 for the identified modifications.

New Business:

- Discussion was held on the [Universal Medication Schedule White Paper](#) that requires updating. The **Universal Medication Schedule White Paper Task Group** was formed with the goal to update this paper and task group co-leads assigned.
- A **WG10 Accomplishments** presentation was given.
- Michele Davidson provided an informational report on the potential harmonization efforts being considered by NCPDP. A straw poll to determine interest in this effort will be taken at the MC meeting on Monday.

Work Group 11 ePrescribing & Related Transactions

Ballots Adjudicated:

- **Ballot WG110078** for the SCRIPT, Specialized and XML Standard is considered a valid ballot having received the required 60+% of Consensus Group votes. There was one affirmative comment which was categorized as persuasive and editorial. Following a 30-day appeal period that begins when the ballot results were posted to the NCPDP website prior to the work group meeting, notification of

the ballot results and the ballot documents will be sent to the board for approval. Should the board approve, the standard documents will be released with the date of board approval.

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed:

- DERF 001564 was approved as modified.
- DERF 001583 was pended to the Formulary and Benefit Task Group.
- DERF 001585/ECL 000258 was recommended for approval as modified.
- DERF 001587 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001599 was pended to the Formulary and Benefit Task Group.
- DERF 001600 was approved.
- DERF 001601 was approved with modifications with four in opposition.
- DERF 001602/ECL 000263 was recommended to be approved.
- DERF 001603 was pended.
- DERF 001604 was approved.
- DERF 001605 was approved with modifications.
- DERF 001606 was approved.
- DERF 001607 was approved with three in opposition.
- DERF 001608 was withdrawn by the submitter.

Old Business:

- An update on the next version of the SCRIPT Standard regulation was provided.
- An update on Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substance (EPCS) prescriptions was provided.

Task Groups:

- The **Biologics and Biosimilar Access and Traceability Task Group** completed its work and was disbanded.
- The **Dispensed Medication Reporting Task Group** is in the process of reviewing the needs for reporting of dispensed medication to Health Insurance Exchange (HIE) programs.
- The **ePrescribing Regulatory Task Group** continued discussion on the DEA's response to NCPDP's letter regarding RxRenewal and presented proposed guidance which was approved as modified by the work group with 31 in opposition. A straw poll was taken on four possible options for a long term solution with the option of using the RxRenewalResponse of "Replaced" having the most support. The results will be taken back to the task group for further discussion and consideration.
- The **Formulary and Benefit Task Group** brought forth DERFs 001583, 001599 and 001600. The task group will look at a timeline for requesting the next version of the Formulary and Benefit Standard to be adopted by CMS.
- The **Harmonization of Prescribing and Dispensing Units Task Group** did not meet this quarter. Reminder: The sunset of several QuantityUnitOfMeasure code values will take place in September 2019. A copy of the code list to be sunset may be found in the May 2018 Work Group Materials download folder on the WG11 ePrescribing and Related Transaction members' only page of the NCPDP website.
- The **Implementation of Structured Sig Task Group** completed review of additional SNOMED CT® values to be codified and a request submitted to the National Library of Medicine for inclusion in the next release. Approval was received on additions and modifications made to the *SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations* document, an update to an FAQ in the SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations and the replacement of current Sig examples in the SCRIPT Version 2017071 and greater Examples Document with the ones found in the WG11 May 2018 Supporting Documentation on the NCPDP website.

- The **Structured And Codified Sig Format Implementation Guide Analysis Sub-Task Group** completed their review of the *Structured and Codified Sig Format Implementation Guide* and submitted DERF 001598 for the identified modifications.
- The **Integrate S&I PDMP Guidance into SCRIPT Task Group** completed its work and was disbanded.
- The **NCPDP/HL7 Pharmacist Functional Profile Task Group** is creating guidance on the use of the *HL7 EHR-S Functional Profile: Meaningful Use, Release 1 - US Realm (MU EHR-S FP)* for the pharmacy industry.
- The **Prior Authorization Workflow to Transactions Task Group** is creating a new use case for delegated electronic prior authorizations.
- The **REMS Workflow to Transactions Task Group** finalized comments on the *Opioid Policy Steering Committee: Prescribing Intervention—Exploring a Strategy for Implementation; Public Hearing; Request for Comments* and is considering possible enhancements to the REMS transactions.
- The **SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Task Group** brought forth DERFs 001564, 001585/ECL 000258 and 001601 and received approval on updates to the SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations document.
- The **Specialty Requirements for ePrescribing Task Group** continued looking into the creation of an intake form.
- The **WG14 LTPAC ePrescribing Task Group** brought forth DERF 001568 and 001602/ECL 000263 and received approval on updates to the SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations document.
- The **X12 270/271 version 7030 Review Task Group** did not meet. The X12 270/271 TR3 release has been delayed.
- The **XML Task Group** reviewed all submitted DERFs, provided recommendations for them and is investigating a reorganization of the medication elements.

New Business:

- The **RxFill Task Group** was formed. This task group will review the RxFill message and provide additional guidance and enhancements to meet the needs of the industry.
- A **WG11 Accomplishments** presentation was given.
- Bobby Davis provided an informational report on the potential harmonization efforts being considered by NCPDP. A straw poll to determine interest in this effort will be taken at the MC meeting on Monday.
- The 2018-2019 WG11 Co-Chairs were announced.

WG14 Long Term and Post Acute Care (LTPAC)

Old Business:

- An update was provided for the NPRM Final Rule. There is a 1/1/2020 implementation date for SCRIPT.
- An update was provided on the 2019 CMS Call Letter regarding LTC transactions being excluded from opioid updates.
- Information regarding the Improving Post-Acute Care Transformation Act of 2014 (IMPACT Act) can be found in the May 2018 Work Group Materials download folder on the WG14 Long Term and Post-Acute Care members' only page of the NCPDP website.

Task Groups:

- The **Long Term and Post Acute Care ePrescribing Task Group** brought forth DERF 001568 and 001602/ECL 000263.
- The **LTPAC Current Billing Issues Task Group** provided updates on their activities throughout the quarter which includes:

- Working on solutions to override rejections for multiple concurrent orders of the same drug and strength but with different dosing directions. Examples are routine and PRN orders which are more commonly experienced in the Long Term Care setting.
- Received clarification from CMS that the Submission Clarification Code '56 – Discharge Medication' is subject to Short Cycle Dispensing.
 - Awaiting further clarification from CMS in regards to PDE reporting and which SCC should be reported.
- Reviewed 2019 CMS Final Call Letter and identified the change in transition period for long term care from 91 to one month as it is for retail pharmacies.
- Reviewed the change the process of billing for certain ESRD (End Stage Renal Disease) medications. These medications are now required to be bundled for payment through the Part B benefit through the dialysis provider.
- The **Consultant Pharmacist Interoperability Task Group** did not meet this quarter but provided an update regarding the efforts underway to pilot the [C-CDA Consult Note Guidance Document](#). Two consultant pharmacist softwares, two LTC Facility EHR systems, and 1 LTC Practitioner EHR system have expressed interest but are currently at development capacity; thus development and testing efforts are likely a few months out.
- An update was provided by the **WG1 Morphine Equivalent Dosing Sub-Task Group** was given. There was verbiage added to the Morphine Equivalent Dosing Recommendations document to refer to the appropriate section in the D.0 Editorial Document on identifying a LTPAC transaction if an LTC exemption is allowed.

New Business:

- A **WG14 Accomplishments** presentation was given.
- Rick Sage provided an informational report on the potential harmonization efforts being considered by NCPDP. A straw poll to determine interest in this effort will be taken at the MC meeting on Monday.
- The 2018-2019 WG14 Co-Chairs were announced.

Work Group 16 Property & Casualty/Workers Compensation

Task Groups:

- The **Legislative/Regulatory Monitoring and Education Task Group** provided updates on state regulatory and legislative initiatives affecting Workers' Compensation programs for several states including Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Nevada, Georgia and Texas.
- The **Billing and State Reporting Task Group** provided an update on Michigan eBilling rules.
- The **Future Development Needs for WC/PC Task Group** did not meet this quarter. This task group will begin meeting once next versions of both NCPDP and relevant X12 TR3s are finalized to identify WC needs and develop strategies to meet those needs. Members were asked to submit any known issues for consideration.

New Business:

- A **WG16 Accomplishments** presentation was given.
- Bobby Davis provided an informational report on the potential harmonization efforts being considered by NCPDP. A straw poll to determine interest in this effort will be taken at the MC meeting on Monday.

Work Group 45 External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance

Old Business:

- Industry updates were provided for WEDI, NCPDP SNIP, CAQH CORE, X12 and Health Exchanges.

Task Groups:

- The **Document Revision Task Group** did not meet this quarter. There will be forthcoming work in reviewing and updating documents that are affected by Version F2 changes. The Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) mapping document that was approved at the February 2018 Work Group meeting has been published on the NCPDP website. The task group is working on solutions to keep this document updated and published more often.
- The **Pharmacy and/or Combination ID Card Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **X12 7030 834/835 TR3 Review Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **834/835 FAQ Task Group** reviewed a question from a Medicaid agency whose pharmacies, particularly smaller independent pharmacies, are having issues differentiating between different lines of business from one processor (e.g., Medicaid, CHIP, or Commercial). The task group formulated an answer and submitted to WG1 Telecommunication FAQ which was approved in the WG1 meeting to be published in the Editorial Document. The task group also formulated a question and more detailed answer to be published in the publicly available [NCPDP Pharmacy Reference Guide to the X12/005010X221 Health Care Claim Payment/Advice \(835\)](#) document. It was approved at the meeting and will be submitted to Document Revisions Task Group.
- The **DSMO Task Group** received no DSMO requests for review.
- The **DIR 835 Reporting Task Group** completed their work in creating lump sum (PLB) examples and is currently in the process of discussion surrounding lump sum (PLB) claim level identifiers. The task group continues to review use cases and the task group objective.

Other Reportables:

- **WG45 – X12 835 and NCPDP Telecommunication Version F2:** WG45 is requesting document update assistance from those who are familiar with the changes to the Telecommunication Standard Version F2.

New Business:

- A **WG45 Accomplishments** presentation was given.
- Michele Davidson provided an informational report on the potential harmonization efforts being considered by NCPDP. A straw poll to determine interest in this effort will be taken at the MC meeting on Monday.

MC Maintenance and Control

DERFs/ECLs Reviewed: 23 new and 5 pended DERFs/ECLs were reviewed (see WG1, WG9, WG10, WG11, and MC).

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- DERF 001601 was pended.
- DERF 001602/ECL 000263 was approved.
- DERF 001603 was pended.
- DERF 001604 was approved.
- DERF 001605 was approved with no further modifications.
- DERF 001606 was approved.
- DERF 001607 was approved.
- DERF 001608 was withdrawn by the submitter.
- DERF 001609/ECL 000264 was pended.
- DERF 001610 was pended.
- DERF 001611/ECL 000265 was approved.
- DERF 001612 was approved.
- DERF 001613/ECL 000266 was pended.

Old Business:

- Received updates on:
 - SNIP
 - DSMO Change Request System (CRS) Requests No. 1201 and 1202.

Task Groups:

- The **Education/Legislation and Regulations Task Group** reviewed the Medicare Program; Contract Year 2019 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage, Medicare Cost Plan, Medicare Fee-for-Service, the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs, and the PACE Program Final Rule. Task groups in WG9 and WG11 were assigned with the task of determining if comments were needed and submitting any comments.
- The **Real Time Prescription Benefit Standard Task Group** completed the review of the alignment of use cases to the EDI format transaction layout. The task group has been discussing reject/denial codes and messaging for the new standard.
- The **API Task Group** decided a complete rewrite of the *NCPDP Connectivity Operating Rules* is required. Work on creating the new connectivity document has begun.
- The **Emergency Preparedness Task Group** completed the NCPDP Emergency Preparedness Information v1.5 and presented it for Work Group approval. The Work Group approved the latest version. The task group has started its next project of outlining stakeholder requirements for distributing/billing flu vaccine from stockpiles in the event of a flu pandemic.
- The **X12 TR3 Comment Consolidation Task Group** did not meet this quarter.
- The **ECL Task Group** submitted DERF 001611/ECL 000265 which modifies the definition for ECL value 1H for Result of Service Code (441-E6) and ServiceResultCode and DERF 001612 which expands the description for some of the ECL values of "other". The Work Group approved both DERFs. The task group has been discussing a proposal to create reject code categories for Telecom reject code values as an enhancement to the web-enabled ECL.
- The **Specialty Task Group** receives regular updates from task groups with activity which either specifically targets specialty workflows or work that may impact/benefit specialty stakeholders. The task group reviews website activity and monitors industry educational activity as identified/reported by TG members.
- The **Gender Transition Task Group** reviewed claims to identify edits related to gender mismatch and determine how pharmacies are reconciling claims denied with gender related reject codes. The

task group decided to withdraw DERF 001576/ECL 000252 which proposed a new Submission Clarification Code to allow Pharmacies to override gender rejects when the pharmacy determines the reject is invalid for patients transitioning genders. The task group will work on developing guidance on the usage of reject codes and resolution of rejected pharmacy claims related to gender transition.

- The **Patient Identification Task Group** submitted DERF 001609/ECL000264 which creates a new ECL value for Patient ID Qualifier (331-CX) and DERF 001610 which requests changes to the Telecommunication Standard to support the communication of universal patient identifiers (UPIs). The Work Group pended both DERFs. The task group began to identify the changes needed to the SCRIPT Standard to support the communication of UPIs within that Standard.

New Business:

- The attendees received recaps of each Work Group's activities.
- New Project Development Form 000047 was approved with the recommendation to assign to a new task group in WG10.
- A summary of recent Specialty Stakeholder Action Group meetings and the proposal for a new Specialty Work Group was presented.
- There was a request for Telecommunication Standard Version F2 subject matter experts to participate in the WG45 Document Revisions Task Group to assist with updating documents for F2/5010.
- There was a straw poll conducted to determine membership interest in the potential harmonization effort being considered by NCPDP.
- MC Year in Review was presented.
- The 2018-2019 Work Group Co-Chairs were announced.