

## **NCPDP Web Enabled Data Dictionary and External Code List FAQs**

Starting February 6, 2017 the January 2016 through October 2016 NCPDP Data Dictionary and External Code List publications are available online. The April 2017 and forward updates to the Data Dictionaries and External Code Lists (ECL) will only be available through this online capability (Dictionary Lookup and ECL Lookup) and will no longer be published/available via the Standards Lookup capability.

### **Q1: Why is NCPDP doing this?**

**A:** To provide a secure delivery method to help protect our intellectual property and copyrights. The electronic format provides additional capabilities such as search and filter functionality.

### **Q2: What information will be available?**

**A:** All of the same information that is contained in the current publications of the data dictionary and external code list will be available in the online versions.

### **Q3: As a member, how do I access this information?**

**A:** A link to access the information will exist on the member portal and you will use your current member login credentials to access the site.

### **Q4: Will non-members of NCPDP within my company have access as well? If so, how?**

**A:** A proxy function has been added to your member profile which allows you to designate access for up to 3 non-NCPDP members within your company. You will be responsible for managing your designated proxies.

### **Q5: Why can't I have a pdf?**

**A:** NCPDP is moving away from a paper-based environment. The availability of NCPDP pdf documents has contributed to the infringement of our copyrights. In order to avoid the illegal distribution of NCPDP copyrighted materials, the availability of pdfs has been discontinued.

### **Q6: Can I print?**

**A:** Yes, however you will only be able to print one webpage at a time. Copying and pasting capabilities will also be possible.

### **Q7: How do I look up data elements/values when I'm not online?**

**A:** Unfortunately, access is only available online.

### **Q8: How do I know what changed with each publication?**

**A:** The Publication Modifications for each quarterly update are available on the landing pages.

### **Q9: What about the Emergency ECL?**

**A:** Initially a document that lists all ECL Emergency quarterly releases within a calendar year will be available. A search function to view data elements and values associated by Emergency ECL implementation schedules will be forthcoming.

### **Q10: Can I see data elements and values associated with only one standard?**

**A:** Yes, there is a filter option by standard.