



Enhancing Independent Community Pharmacist Involvement in NCPDP

Work Group Meetings Attending:

Work groups are the place where all of the standards for electronic transmission of pharmacy data are created and modified. NCPDP meetings provide a venue for our members and other industry stakeholders to work together to create solutions for healthcare.



Priority Issues:

PHARMACY TO PHARMACY PRESCRIPTION TRANSFER

Reviewing additional use cases for pharmacy to pharmacy transfer of prescriptions in order to determine if modifications are needed to the transactions.

BILLING FOR PHARMACY SERVICES

Address how NCPDP real-time standards can be used to support direct patient care services offered by a pharmacy provider.

POST RE-ADJUDICATION OF NON-ELIGIBLE 340B CLAIMS

Support manufacturers and State Medicaid Programs to identify duplicate discounts. While this may create some issues for pharmacy record keeping, it would serve the overall industry. CPF Grantees have been involved in the process to make it the least burdensome on community pharmacists, if the process should pass.

COVID-19 PREP ACT RESPONSES

Address how NCPDP real-time standards can be used to support billing and payment of pharmacist administered COVID testing and vaccinations.

NEW RESPONSE TYPE FOR RENEWAL AND CHANGE REQUESTS

Improve communication between prescribers and pharmacists by adding more options for prescribers to choose to describe why they may be waiting to re-authorize a request from a pharmacy to renew a prescription. This and potentially reduce the number of repeated requests being sent from pharmacies into e-prescribing queues.

INCREMENTAL FILL OF C2 SCRIPTS

Enhancement to the Telecom standard to accommodate CARA Title 7 Section 702, Controlled Substance Act Title 21 Section 829. This section implements a 30-day restriction and is specific to remaining quantities of Schedule II incremental fills. Specifically, Reject Code 981 should only apply to remaining quantities for Schedule II incremental fills, allowing for initial fills for prescriptions to be dispensed based on state regulations and for prescriptions written with a 'Do Not Dispense Before date' to be dispensed regardless of the 'Date Prescription Written'.

Pharmacists began experiencing issues using this code recently, preventing otherwise legally issued prescriptions from being filled or adjudicated.

How Are Community Pharmacists Impacting the Profession through Involvement in NCPDP?

“By being a participant in developing standards that facilitate providing new services and help meet reporting requirements.”

-C.A. Kuykendall, Grantee

“As Chair of the CPESN USA Technology Committee, I communicate NCPDP Standard capabilities, gather feedback about needed enhancements to the eCareplan and other standards from independent pharmacy users to feed back to NCPDP.”

-Christian Tadrus, Grantee