



# National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) Standard and Security Subcommittee

HIPAA Standards (next version)  
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## Why do we need them?

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### New Transaction Standards will support

- Medicare Part D
- Medicaid
- New Products
- New Benefit design

# Current HIPAA Standard Versions

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## NCPDP 5.1 and Batch 1.1

- Free text fields in the 5.1 claim response are being used to provide information that the current standard does not support
  - Important messages are not reaching pharmacies or are hard to understand due to abbreviations being used
  - NCPDP providing guidance to support new requirements
    - Creative use of the existing standards can not be mandated
      - Causes less standardization
- COB
  - Processing needs can not be accommodated
    - New fields and values are needed
- Medicaid Subrogation
  - Current Batch Standard 1.1 does not support industry needs

# Standard Implementation Approach

## Proactive Education

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- CMS
  - Communication
    - Email blasts
    - HIPAA listserv
    - Dedicated HIPAA website
    - Posting of questions and answers
  
- WEDI
  - Creation of listserv
  - Creation of white papers
  
- NCPDP
  - Creation of white papers

# Standard Implementation Approach Timelines

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## Create timelines

- WEDI SNIP and NCPDP SNIP create timelines for
  - Internal testing
  - External testing
  - Industry testing
  - Production pilot testing

## Enforcement of Timelines

- CMS
  - Identify reporting entity
  - Impose penalties

# Lessons Learned

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## Communication

- CMS and industry groups
  - Early and often

Identify new covered entities

Put teeth into the regulation

CMS must stay on target

- Include compliance dates for their vendors
- Publish timelines for their responsiveness