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To members of the NCVHS Subcommittee on Standards and Security;

This is in response to the request to provide the Subcommittee with issues/topics that will impact health IT in the next 24 months, including mission/vision/achievements/goals.

NCPDP's Mission

NCPDP creates and promotes standards for the transfer of data to and from the pharmacy services sector of the healthcare industry. The organization provides a forum and support wherein our diverse membership can efficiently and effectively develop and maintain these standards through a consensus building process. NCPDP also offers its members resources, including educational opportunities and database services, to better manage their businesses.

NCPDP's Vision

To be the model forum that empowers its members to enhance the quality and efficiency of the healthcare system through the creation of information technology solutions.

2007 Major Achievements

Educational Programs

- Pay for Performance Initiatives
- Medicare Modernization Act
- Health Information Technology
- Telecommunication Standard Version D.Ø

New Work Group Formed

- RFID/Auto ID
 - WG17 Radio Frequency Identification/Auto-ID (RFID) identifies the intersection and gaps between EPCglobal RFID and Auto-ID standards and health care industry, specifically pharmacy industry, requirements. WG17 articulates and conveys the identified needs to the standard developers/EPCglobal and makes recommendations for change; promotes the use of RFID/Auto-ID through adherence to and enhancement of related standards and provides education on the benefits and use of RFID/Auto-ID for a safe and secure pharmaceutical supply chain.

New Projects

- Tamper Resistant
 - To create a tamper-resistant prescription pad (TRPP) standard that meets anti-theft, anti-mimic, and anti-alteration requirements as outlined by CMS while bringing consistency, operational efficiency, and best practices into the production and use of TRPPs.
- Regulated Non-Prescription Product Reporting
 - Due to the adoption of the Federal Combat Methamphetamine Act of 2005 and the subsequent emergence of Methamphetamine Precursor Product point of sale tracking initiated by Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies and boards of pharmacies, the need for a standard electronic transaction has developed. This product compliance tracking and real time electronic reporting may expand to other Over-the-Counter products.

- Pharmacy Label
 - To create standardized data elements that would be required on a prescription label and define field labeling. For the prescription bottle label only. – Not to include the receipt or back of the prescription label.
- Federal Medication Terminologies (FMT)
 - Synchronization of code lists available in FMT specifically those named in HITSP Interoperability Specifications.

New Standards Released

- Financial Information Reporting Standard Implementation Guide Version 1.0 (for Medicare Part D processing)
- Prescription Transfer Standard Implementation Guide Version 1.0

New Versions to Standards Released

- Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide Version C.4 and D.0
- Billing Unit Standard Implementation Guide Version 2.0
- Pharmacy and/or Combo ID Card Implementation Guide Version 2.0
- Post Adjudication Standard Implementation Guide Version 2.0
- SCRIPT Standard Implementation Guide Version 10.1 and 10.2 – including general enhancements, long term care enhancements, harmonization with HITSP-named code sets and instructions
- Formulary and Benefit Standard Implementation Guide Version 2.0
- Medicaid Subrogation Implementation Guide Version 3.0
- Manufacturer Rebate Utilization, Plan, Formulary, Market Basket, and Reconciliation Flat File Standard Implementation Guide Version 04.01

Data Services

- HCidea database arrangement with Medicaid agencies to assist with crosswalks and NPI
- Enhancements to the NCPDP Pharmacy Database based on subscriber needs

2008 Goals

- Educational programs and HIPAA-transaction webcasts
- Telecom Payer Template Implementation Guide
 - For consistent presentation of payer requirements (payer sheets) for the use of the Telecommunication Standard Version D.0
- Regulated Non-Prescription Product Reporting transaction added to Telecom Standard
 - Draft to come forward to NCPDP for February 2008 Work Group meeting
- Enhancements to eprescribing standards for industry, specifically long term care
- Continue working for development and maintenance of a Standard Reporting Package Size for the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and CMS on misapplications of billing unit standard usage
- Development of the Universal Claim Form (UCF) for the Telecommunication Standard Version D.0.
- Development of a Universal Claim Form (UCF) for pharmacy Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation needs.
- Continue assisting pharmacy Property and Casualty/Workers' Compensation needs to use the electronic Telecommunication Standard.
- Work Group Sample Management and Activity Reporting Transactions for Safety promotes patient safety, develops and maintains new standards or identifies existing standards that support the electronic data flow and facilitates the management of medication sampling activities – to continue working on these goals.

Challenges

- Harmonization with HITSP recommendations
 - Verifying the recommendations work in current industry usage (such as code sets)
 - Balancing the focus on clinical use cases versus the industry activities of administrative transactions
 - Balancing HIPAA regulations versus a long range viewpoint of the use cases
- Industry comfort with the distribution, usage, updating, support of the Federal Medication Terminologies (FMT)
- Continuing to meet the needs of standards enhancements while working within the regulatory HIPAA and MMA environments
- Only so many valuable volunteers to go around

Thank you.

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