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National Health Plan Identifier

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Topics for Discussion

- Format
- Accommodate Uses Across Industries
- Enumeration Guidance/Strategy
- NHPI Database Design/Functionality
- Health Plan ID Card
- Implementation Timeline
- Transition

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FORMAT

- Elimination of multiple identifiers -- difficult to implement in the short term
  - ✓ Cost
  - ✓ Less Value Add
  - ✓ “Ownership” issue

- Focus on BENEFITS in the long-term
  - ✓ Streamline identification
  - ✓ Fix routing issues
  - ✓ Facilitate COB

- Standards-based
  - ✓ Usability
  - ✓ Forward-thinking
  - ✓ “Grandfathering”

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ACCOMMODATE USES ACROSS INDUSTRIES

- Moving claims from NCPDP to X12
- Moving claims from healthcare to casualty
- Moving claims from payer to re-pricer or stop loss insurer
- Moving claims from payer to health information exchange
- NHPI implementation should accommodate all similar scenarios

ENUMERATION GUIDANCE/STRATEGY

- Granularity
- Simplicity
- Standardized
- Systematized

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NHPI DATABASE DESIGN/FUNCTIONALITY

- On-line access
- Reasonable Cost Structure
- Secure
- Database access options
- Consensus

HEALTH PLAN ID CARD

- NHPI Requirement
  - ✓ Short-term Costs (monetary, time)
  - ✓ Benefits (long-term savings, facilitate secondary payer ID for COB)
- Should determine claim routing
  - ✓ Card re-issue for routing changes

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IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

- Sequence all the moving parts
- Consider different deadlines for specific rules

TRANSITION PHASE

- Carefully consider dual use transition

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