

# **TRANSITION TO NCPDP TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARD VERSION D.Ø - LESSONS LEARNED**

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Status of Implementation of 5010, D.0, 3.0

## *What is NCPDP?*

- An ANSI-accredited standards development organization.
- Provides a forum and marketplace for a diverse membership focused on health care and pharmacy business solutions.
- A member driven organization that has been named in various government legislation and rulings, such as HIPAA and the Medicare Part D Regulation.
- One of several Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) involved in Healthcare Information Technology and Standardization.
- Focus on pharmacy services, and has the highest member representation from the pharmacy services sector of healthcare.
- NCPDP standards are used in pharmacy processes, payer processes, electronic prescribing, rebates, and more.
- NCPDP dataQ™ - provides healthcare stakeholders with up-to-date, comprehensive, and in-depth pharmacy information.
- NCPDP Online - enumerator of the NCPDP Provider ID number.
- HCidea - NCPDP's relational healthcare prescriber database of over 2.1 million prescribers created for the industry, by the industry.
- RxReconn™ - NCPDP's legislative tracking product.

## Implementation of 5010, D.0, and 3.0

- Industry information reported June 2012 indicated greater than 96% of pharmacy claims were being submitted in the Telecommunication Standard Version D.0. Current Situation 100%
- Trading partners completed installation of the 5010 transaction standards
- Entities that are processing Medicaid Subrogation moved to the NCPDP Medicaid Subrogation Standard Version 3.0 in 2012

## ***Lesson's Learned and Opportunities for Next Time***

- Implementation of Telecommunication Standard vD.Ø – What was really required
- The Telecommunication Standard vD.Ø introduced important changes to existing fields, new fields, and added functionality.
  - In future versions, a section will be added to the Implementation Guide to instruct entities on which sections are relevant for their business functions and use.
- Payer Sheet Template
  - Improvements for Payer Sheet include:
    - Addition of a payer/plan specific version and release date
    - Creation of a Plan specific profile sheet template
    - Add a section for revisions/change logs
    - Make sure directions for completing the payer sheets are clear using the questions we received

## ***Lesson's Learned and Opportunities for Next Time***

- **Re-Purpose Fields**
  - Old field(s) must be deleted and new field(s) created to avoid confusion
- **External Code List (ECL)**
  - A task group created a recommended ECL implementation timeline for the industry which is in use today

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### Compound and coordination of benefit (COB) transactions

- A better understanding of the implications of providing each ingredient in a compound claim was needed.
  - Compounds should have been addressed earlier in the development and testing process and participation from the industry experts is critical.
- The coordination of benefits changes within the Telecommunication Standard vD.Ø were more extensive than the industry recognized.
  - Coordination of Benefits should have been addressed earlier in the development and testing process and detailed definitions of COB terms and methods should have been defined.

## *Thank You*

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