

**National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS)  
Hearing on the Health Plan Identifier**

----- an identifier under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)-----

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Hubert H. Humphrey Building  
200 Independence Ave, SW Room 800  
Washington, DC 20201  
Wednesday, May 3, 2017**

**Hearing Purposes, Objectives**

The purpose of this hearing is to seek further input from the health care industry for disposition and next steps of the Health Plan Identifier following its three year enforcement discretion period. NCVHS has held two hearings on the same topic in 2014, and prepared two letters to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The committee intends to obtain clear information from industry regarding the business need and value of the HPID in the current health care environment.

**Tentative Agenda**

*Unless otherwise specified, each testifier will have 5 minutes to present key points followed by Committee Q & A*

*Written testimony is requested to supplement oral testimony and is welcome from any other individual or organization who is not presenting.*

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions	Alix Goss, Co-Chair Nick Coussoule, Co-Chair
9:15 – 9:45 a.m.	Overview and Background of HPID	Madhu Annadata, CMS Laurie Darst, WEDI

**PART 1: Health Plans and Providers**

9:45 - 10:25 a.m. **Session A: Health Plans: Private sector, government, and self-funded plans will provide information about use, need and purpose of plan identifiers, and impact of the current HPID rule.**

- Commercial Plans  
Kelley Turek, *AHIP*  
Gail Kocher, *BCBSA*
- Government Plans  
Daniel Sawyer, *DoD*
- Medicaid  
Melissa Moorehead, *NMEH by phone*  
Debra Dixon, *California Medicaid*
- Business Groups  
Kristy Thornton, *PBGH by phone*

**Committee Q&A**

10:25 - 10:55 a.m. **Session B—Providers will offer their perspective about use, need and purpose of plan identifiers, and impact of the current HPID rule**

- Private Sector Providers  
○ Jean Narcisi, *ADA*  
○ George Arges, *AHA by phone*  
○ Heather McComas, *AMA*  
○ Rob Tennant, *MGMA*  
Represented by:  
Robert Tennant, *MGMA*
- Government  
Katherine Knapp,  
*Veterans Administration* (provider)

**Committee Q&A**

10:55 - 11:10 a.m. Break

**PART 2: States, Clearinghouses, Vendors and Standards Development Organizations**

11:10 - 11:50 a.m. **Session C — Other organizations will give their perspective about use, need and purpose of plan identifiers, and impact of the current HPID rule**

- Clearinghouses  
Debbie Meisner, *ChangeforHealth*  
Sherry Wilson, *Jopari Solutions for the CooperativeExchange by phone*
- Billers  
Dave Nicholson, *CHBME*

**Committee Q&A**

11:50 - 12:50 p.m. LUNCH

12:50 - 1:20 p.m. **Session D - Standards Organizations**

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Laurie Burckhardt, *X12*  
Chuck Jaffe Rep, *HL7*  
Margaret Weiker, *NCPDP*  
Gwen Lohse, *CAQH*  
Nancy Spector, *NUCC*

**Committee Q&A**

1:20 - 1:45 p.m. **Committee Discussion**

- Facilitated discussion with Committee Members and Testifiers
- Focus on key messages on current state, challenges, opportunities
- Possible areas for recommendations
  - To HHS
  - To Industry

1:45 - 1:55 p.m. Public Comment

2:00 p.m. Adjournment

**Written Comments are being provided by:**

1. Medicare Advantage Program
2. CCIIO (Federal Marketplace)
3. American Dental Association (ADA)
4. American Hospital Association (AHA)
5. Medical Group Management Association (MGMA)
6. ERISA Industry Committee, ERIC
7. NUBC
8. American Health Information Management Association- Public Health Data Standards Consortium (AHIMA-PHDSC)

**QUESTIONS FOR PANELISTS**

We would like testifiers to provide any visuals and examples that will help NCVHS understand the exchange and routing of transactions, and how identifiers play a role in the process.

1. What health plan identifiers are used today and for what purpose? Visual work flows are welcome.
2. What business needs do you have that are not adequately met with the current scheme in use today?
3. What benefits do you see the current HPID model established by the HHS regulation provide? Does the model established in the final HPID rule meet your business needs?
4. What challenges do you see with the current HPID model established by HHS?
5. What recommendations do you have going forward regarding health plan identifiers and an HPID final rule established by HHS?

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