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# NCPDP Standards Update

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# Agenda



- Who is the NCPDP?
- Overview of Current HIPAA Adopted NCPDP Standards
  - NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide Version D, Release 0 (Version D.0).
  - NCPDP Batch Standard Medicaid Subrogation Implementation Guide, Version 3, Release 0 (Version 3.0), Overview of NCPDP DSMO Requests.
  - The Telecommunication and Batch Standard version F2, along with the Batch Standard Implementation Guide version 15
  - The Subrogation Implementation Guide for Batch Standard version 10

# National Council of Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP)



- The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) is an ANSI-accredited standards development organization representing all facets of pharmacy. This membership driven organization that was named in federal legislation (HIPAA).

# Overview of Current HIPAA adopted Pharmacy Standards



- In 2009, HHS adopted the following pharmacy standards:
- NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide Version D, Release 0 (Version D.0).
- Equivalent NCPDP Batch Standard Implementation Guide, Version 1, Release 2 (Version 1.2)

# Overview of Current HIPAA Adopted Pharmacy Standards



- Telecom is a data transmission standard intended to facilitate the communication of prescription information between pharmacies and payers.
- These are the existing standard process used by providers and software vendors to submit real-time pharmacy claims.

# Overview of Current HIPAA Adopted Pharmacy Standards



- These Telecom standards were adopted for the following retail pharmacy drug transactions:
- Health care claims or equivalent encounter information;
- Eligibility for a health plan;
- Referral certification and authorization; and
- Coordination of benefits.

# Overview of Current HIPAA Adopted Pharmacy Standards



- The NCPDP Batch Standard Medicaid Subrogation Implementation Guide, Version 3, Release 0 (Version 3.0), was also adopted in 2009.
- The current Subrogation standard is only applicable to Medicaid agencies in their role as health plans, as well as to other health plans that are covered entities under HIPAA.
- Subrogation occurs when a payer has paid a claim that is subsequently determined to be the responsibility of another payer. This is commonly referred to as “pay and chase.”

# Overview of NCPDP DSMO Requests



- The Telecommunication and Batch Standard version F2, along with the Batch Standard Implementation Guide version 15, which supports the Telecommunication Standard version F2 in a batch mode;
- Would replace NCPDP Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide Version D, Release 0 (Version D.0), and NCPDP Batch Standard Medicaid Subrogation Implementation Guide, Version 3, Release 0 (Version 3.0); and
- Would enable eligibility verification, claims, services, information reporting, prior authorization (for pharmacy), and pre-determination of benefits.

# Overview of NCPDP DSMO Requests



- Subrogation Implementation Guide for Batch Standard version 10.
- Would replace the Medicaid Subrogation Standard Implementation Guide, version 3.0 which is currently used for Medicaid only.
- Would expand subrogation to all payers, including Medicare Part C and D. This updated standard would enable all payers to conduct a uniform process to support compliance with requirements for recovery of federal, state and other plan overpayments, mitigating manual processes currently in place.

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