

National Association of Chain Drugstores

**NCVHS Standards Subcommittee
Hearing on NCPDP F2 and Batch
Standards Update
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Telecommunication Standard Importance and Impact

- Includes several important transactions for pharmacies
 - Claim Billing
 - Eligibility
 - Predetermination of Benefits
- Real-time transaction
- Successful transmission and processing impacts patient care

New Features Benefiting Industry

- Improvements to Response segments
- Modifications to COB fields
- Enhancements to the Eligibility transaction
- More information on controlled substances
- More information on payer-directed formulary alternatives

New Features Benefiting Industry, cont.

- New fields in Claim Billing Pricing segment related to tax and regulatory fees
- More help desk information from the processor/PBM
- Enhancements to the Prescriber segment
- A new “Intermediary” segment for REMS programs

Benefits of Proposed F2 Standard

- Improved pharmacy efficiency and possible workflow automation
- Improved transparency and communication between the pharmacy and processor/PBM
- Enhanced ability to comply with new regulations
- Improved patient experience

Implementation

- Adequate time should be given for implementation
 - Business planning, development and testing, trading partner testing, rollout to stores
- Voluntary transition between willing trading partners is a critical phase
- Seasonal workload and the Compliance Date
- Encourage Medicaid agencies to begin planning now

Summary

- Support moving from D.0 to F2 Telecommunication and Batch Standard v15
- Support NCPDP SNIP recommended timeline