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Problem Statement

Barriers exist for the industry to adopt and implement updated versions of standards, implementation guides or operating rules on a predictable, reliable and timely basis sufficient to meet the evolving business needs of industry trading partners and their business associates.

Subparts of the Problem Statement:

Barriers and factors that contribute to or are impacted by the delay in approval, adoption, and implementation of updated standards, implementation guides and operating rules include:

- *Lack of a formal evaluation process to assess the readiness of updated standards, guides or operating rules;*
- *Delays in achieving industry consensus around which updated standards should be adopted;*
- *Lack of resources, including funding, to conduct evaluations of the value or quality of updated standards*
- *Inability to ascertain industry alignment and/or collaboration around implementation challenges, benefits and timelines*
- *Inability to be inclusive with respect to diverse representation on standards development workgroups*
- *Limited capability of standards development workgroups to solicit input from diverse representation in evaluation, adoption/ implementation planning processes*
- *Impediments to innovation*
- *Costs and delays related to improvements in information exchange for innovative business models and technology advancements*

Predictability Roadmap Recommendation #5: Re-evaluate the function and purpose of the Designated Standards Maintenance Organizations

Impetus for the recommendation from the NCVHS letter to the Secretary: The August 2000 regulation naming the 6 DSMOs set a process in motion for these organizations to collaborate, execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), develop processes to evaluate modifications to standards and make recommendations to NCVHS regarding the readiness of updated standards for adoption. The Committee believes that the DSMO steering committee has accomplished its original mission and charter intended by the early rule. Changes in the health care standards environment and the need for harmonization of administrative and clinical standards require an updated mission for the DSMO.