

**NCVHS**

# **NCPDP Change Request 1208**

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# About Us

- NCPDP is a not-for-profit, American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited, Standards Developer (ASD) with over 1,700 members representing virtually every sector of the pharmacy services industry.
- NCPDP is a member-driven organization. Our diverse membership provides leadership and healthcare business solutions through education and standards, created using the consensus-building process.
- Real-time Prescriber and Pharmacy Data Products
- Best Practices for Patient Safety
  - Safe Use of Acetaminophen, mL Dosing

# Background - Timeline

- August 17, 2017
  - Change Request 1201
    - Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide Version F2
    - Batch Standard Implementation Guide Version 15
  - Change Request 1202
    - Subrogation Implementation Guide for Batch Standard Version 10 for Medicaid use only
- DSMO Letter to NCVHS January 9, 2018
- NCVHS Hearing March 2018
- NCVHS Letter to HHS on May 17, 2018

# Background - Timeline

- November 10, 2019
  - Change Request 1208
    - Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide Version F6
- January 21, 2020
  - DSMO sent letter to NCVHS
- March 24, 2020
  - NCVHS Meeting

# DSMO Request 1208

On August 17, 2017, NCPDP entered DSMO Change Request 1201 which requested Version F2 of the Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide be named in HIPAA. NCVHS held a hearing in March of 2018 and sent a letter to the Secretary of HHS on May 17, 2018 recommending the Secretary adopt the new versions of the standards.

Since that time, the pharmacy industry has experienced several new drugs coming into the market with prices over \$1 million dollars. Researchers expect three dozen new drugs with the potential price over \$1 million dollars will come on the market over the next few years with hundreds more therapies under development. These new treatments include gene therapies, which target certain cancers and rare diseases.

The Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide Version F2 does not support dollar fields greater than \$999,999.99. NCPDP has modified the Telecommunication Standard to support dollar fields up to \$999,999,999.99. Other enhancements have been made to the standard which are provided under separate cover.

# DSMO Request 1208

The NCPDP membership is requesting Version F6 of the Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide be named in HIPAA. The Telecommunication Standard Implementation Guide supports the following processes:

1. Eligibility Verification
2. Claim
3. Service
4. Information Reporting
5. Prior Authorization
6. Predetermination of Benefits

There is no change to the Batch Standard Implementation Guide Version 15 requested in Change Request 1201 as it supports the Telecommunication Standard Version F6 in a batch mode. There is no change to Change Request 1202 - requests the Subrogation Implementation Guide for Batch Standard Version 10 be named in HIPAA to replace the Medicaid Subrogation Standard Implementation Guide, Version 3.0 for Medicaid use only.

# Telecommunication Standard Version F6

- 25 Data Element Request Forms (DERFs) requesting changes to the standard
  - 24 data elements have been added
  - 29 data elements have been sunset
  - 54 data elements have been modified

# Telecommunication Standard Version F6 Notable Changes

- Increased dollar fields by 3 digits
- Patient ID and associated fields modified to repeating data elements to support the communication and sharing of multiple universal patient identifiers from different enumerating entities on a single transaction.
  - Modified situational use
- Modified Prescriber DEA Number situation
- Added data element – Species
- Length of Scheduled Prescription ID Number increased
- Sunset CMS Part D Defined Qualified Facility



# Telecommunication Standard Version F6 Notable Changes

- Added Invalid Provider Data Source and Invalid Provider Data Source State Code
- Added Formulary Alternative Effective Date
- Increased field length of Prescriber ID, Primary Care Provider ID, Associated Prescription/Service Provider ID, Prescriber Alternate ID and Provider ID
- Increased the field length of Original Manufacturer Product ID
- Added clarity to the COB/Other Payments Segment on the appropriate grouping of Other Payer Percentage Tax Exempt Indicator and the Other Payer Regulatory Fee grouping

# Telecommunication Standard Version F6 Notable Changes

- Modifications to the DUR/PPS Response Segment
  - Add 16 new fields to the Telecommunication Standard
  - Modify field name of DUR Co-Agent ID and DUR Co-Agent ID Qualifier
  - Expand usage of DUR Co-Agent ID and DUR Co-Agent ID Qualifier to include in the RESPONSE transaction (currently only in request)
  - Modify field name and length of DUR Free Text Message
  - Sunset DUR Additional Text
- Response Other Related Benefit Detail Segment added to other transactions
- Clean-up to improve readability, provide clarity and remove irrelevant information

# Telecommunication Standard Version F6

## Benefits – Improve Functionality

- Coverage under prescription benefits of new innovative drug therapies with costs greater than \$999,999.99 is available as a result of expanding all dollar fields to support up to \$999 million.
- Patient safety processes are enhanced.
- IT development, testing and implementation burdens are reduced.
- Patient access to care is expedited.

# Telecommunication Standard Version F6 - Why Adopt

- Improves structure to support clinical evaluation of prescription products and plan benefit transparency
- Adds opportunities for system automation, harmonization of data and workflow interoperability across the care continuum
- Enhances drug utilization/patient safety mechanisms
- Expedites patient access to care
- Facilitates patient care coordination across distinct components of prescription and medical benefits
- Expedites claim resolution through improved data analytics
- Allows adjudication of claims for innovative drug therapies using industry standard processes leveraging expanded financial fields

# Telecommunication Standard Version F6

## Implementation Timeframe

Step #	Milestone	vF6 Timeline
1	NCVHS hearings Completed	4/1/2020
2	HHS releases NPRM	12/31/2020
3	NPRM comment period ends	02/28/2021
4	Final Rule is published	08/28/2021
5	IT business planning, development, informal and formal testing	
6	Trading partner certification, pilot use in production environment	
7	NCPDP recommended full use of vF6	08/28/2024
8	HHS Compliance Date	05/01/2025



# Telecommunication Standard Version F6 Implementation Timeframe – Not Met

- Industry continues to using Version D.0 and associated work-arounds
- 8-byte IIN
- Unavailable features

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