



# Agenda



## ❖ Setting the stage

- Predictability Roadmap – standards adoption
- Convergence of administrative and clinical standards
- In coordination with ONC
- NCVHS' Prior Authorization journey

## ❖ What the future holds

- Review project scoping statement
- Ongoing collaboration with ONC

# Predictability Roadmap



- Industry migration to being more patient centered and outcomes based
- Urgent need to accommodate business and technology changes in health care
  - Improve standards development processes for standards and operating rules
  - Ensure that regulatory process enabled use of updated or new standard transactions and operating rules
  - Reduce administrative burdens
  - Address clinical and administrative data intersection



# What is Prior Authorization?

- An administrative process which requires a health care provider (physicians, pharmacists, medical groups and hospitals) to request approval from a health plan to provide a medical service, prescription medication or supply to a patient.
- Authorization must be obtained in advance of the service or prescription being delivered to the patient.
- Health plans' purpose for authorizations is to ensure the use of evidence-based guidelines, prevent potential misuse or overuse of services, control costs and monitor care coordination.
  - Authorizations are often contractually required under a payer's medical policy or coverage rules to support downstream payment processes.
- Separate Medical and Pharmacy standards adopted

# NCVHS 2020 Convergence Project



- Develop recommendations to support convergence of clinical and administrative data with initial focus on the prior authorization transactions and workflow
- In collaboration with ONC, the Committee aims to:
  - identify and recommend a path toward convergence of administrative and clinical data standards.
  - propose to use the prior authorization processes of industry as an exemplar, and to better understand and guide convergence paths for health care policy and standards.

# Convergence & Prior Authorization Project Timeline



- Anticipate NCVHS project will run 6-12 months to result in the proposal of one or more concrete approaches for consideration by HHS and/or industry.
- Proposed Phases:
  - Phase I **Discovery**: Gather information from prior hearings and input received through participation in the HITAC task force.
  - Phase II **Analysis**: Evaluate the gathered information and HITAC task force findings
  - Phase III **Develop**: Develop, deliberate and submit recommendations to HHS



# Questions and Answers



# Project Scoping Document



- Background and History
- Description
- Expected Outcome
- Timing and Phases
- Components of Work
- Key Input
- Appendices



# Convergence Project Next Steps



- **Phase I**

Discovery: Over the next few months, NCVHS will compile existing information while the HITAC Task Force on Intersection of Clinical and Administrative (ICAD) convenes, to avoid duplication of effort once that effort begins.

- **Phase II**

Analysis: After the ICAD TF has completed its work and developed recommendations, policy papers or white papers, NCVHS will review the artifacts, and determine appropriate actions.