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# **Coop-~~e~~ttition**

## **The pros and cons of collaboration with other standard-setting organizations**

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# What is NCPDP?

- **The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs . . .**
  - is an ANSI-accredited standards development organization.
  - provides a forum and marketplace for a diverse membership focused on health care and pharmacy business solutions.
  - is a member driven organization that has been named in various government legislation and rulings, such as HIPAA and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit.
  - is one of several Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) involved in Healthcare Information Technology and Standardization.
  - has a focus on pharmacy services, and has the highest representation from the pharmacy services sector of healthcare.

# Participants by Industry Role

## **Producer/Provider**

**Client service-oriented sector**

Includes Pharmacies,  
Pharmacists, and Manufacturers

## **Payer/Processor**

**Financial-oriented sector**

Includes HMO's,  
Pharmacy Benefit Managers,  
Government Payers, Health Insurers

## **Vendors and General Interest**

**The link between the two sectors above**

Includes Drug Wholesalers, Consultants, Clinical Programs,  
Telecommunication and Software and Hardware Vendors.

# NCPDP Deliverables

- ❑ Guidance Documents
- ❑ Batch Standards
- ❑ Real-time Standards
- ❑ Data Services product
  - Enumerating pharmacies since 1970s – *DataQ*
  - Prescriber identity solution - *HCId*

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## *NCPDP has been involved in*

- Mapping document for electronic prescribing
  - Maps the inpatient information used in hospitals (HL7 standard) into the ambulatory setting (NCPDP SCRIPT standard) for prescription information
    - Discharge of patient
    - Medication history information
- Prior authorization functions for prescribing
  - NCPDP facilitates the cross industry task group for standardizing the exchange of prior authorization information (ASC X12/HL7/NCPDP)
- Industry participation in Structured Product Labeling and other medication projects
- Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP)

Shared mapping document

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## *NCPDP has been involved in*

- SDO Summit
  - Harmonization among standards development organizations (e.g., models, collaboration, syntax, and vocabularies) (playing together in the same sandbox)
  - Better use of budget dollars and volunteers resources
  - Lack of consistency across standards that creates a challenge for implementers Increase consistency for implementers across standards (implementation perspective)
  - Increase quality outcomes (e.g., patient safety, data, standards)\
  - Bring the decision makers of healthcare SDOs together
    - *What will it really take to work together?*
  - What do I gain versus what do I give up?
  - Complement and support HITSP

# A Panel Discussion of Coop-etition . . .

- *The pros and cons of collaboration with other standard-setting organizations*
  - Panel presentations
  - Open dialogue

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## Standards

- ❑ Paper, Guidance, Batch and Real-Time Standards
  
- ❑ Paper - NCPDP was formed in 1977 to standardize prescription insurance forms
  - 1978 the paper Universal Claim Form (UCF) was adopted
  - Billions of claim forms have been distributed



## Guidance Documents

- ❑ Health Care Identification Card - Pharmacy and/or Combination ID Card
- ❑ Billing Unit Standard
- ❑ Professional Pharmacy Services
- ❑ Online Real-time Drug Utilization Review
- ❑ Compound Processing
- ❑ Prior Authorization Processing
- ❑ Version 5 Editorial
- ❑ Long-Term Care (LTC) Rebate Reporting Guide for Medicare Part D
- ❑ Rebate Reference Guide
- ❑ Medication Therapy Management White Paper
- ❑ National Provider ID (NPI) White Paper
- ❑ Emergency Preparedness
- ❑ Payer Templates
- ❑ Preparation for next round of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) for standards

## Batch Standards

- ❑ Medicaid Subrogation
- ❑ Post Adjudicated History
- ❑ Manufacturer Rebate
- ❑ Batch Standard for Telecommunication usage
- ❑ Formulary And Benefit
- ❑ Prescription Transfer
  
- ❑ In development
  - Prior Authorization Transfer

## Real-Time Standards

- ❑ Telecommunication Standard
  - Online, real-time processing
  - Transactions for eligibility, billings, coordination of benefits, prior authorization, information reporting, predetermination of benefits, controlled substance reporting, etc
  - Between pharmacies, providers, payers, health plans, processors, and switches, clearinghouses

## Real-Time Standards (continued)

- ❑ SCRIPT Standard
  - Electronic prescribing
  - Transactions for new prescriptions, refills, change, cancel, medication history, fill notification, census, etc
- ❑ Structured and Codified Sig Format Implementation Guide
  - Provides a structured and codified format for the Sig component of an electronic prescription that may be incorporated into existing e-prescribing transaction standards, such as NCPDP SCRIPT and HL7.

## Real-Time Standards (continued)

- Financial Information Reporting
  - Medicare Part D business need - Provides a real-time method to pass financial information from one pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) to another PBM when a patient under one plan sponsor has changed from one benefit plan PBM to another benefit plan PBM, to allow accurate claims processing with gross covered drug cost and True Out of Pocket (TrOOP) balances.
  
- In development
  - Long Term Care Return/Reuse