

NCPDP Background & Organizational Structure

NCPDP University | Course 100A





VISION

Lead the industry in healthcare standards and solutions for the common good.

PURPOSE

To standardize the exchange of healthcare information to improve outcomes.

CORE VALUES

Collaboration
Inclusiveness
Integrity & Ethical Behavior
Leadership
Innovation



Milestones

1976: Universal Claim Form created by Drug Ad Hoc Committee formed by Department of Health, Education & Welfare.

1977: NCPDP incorporated; signed agreement with NABP to maintain pharmacy file creating NCPDP Pharmacy ID (NCPDP now owns).

1996: NCPDP application for accreditation is approved by ANSI; NCPDP Standards named in HIPAA legislation.

2000: NCPDP Telecommunication Standard v5.1 and Batch Standard v1.1 named official standards for pharmacy claims in HIPAA.

2004: NCPDP Standards named in Medicare Modernization Act (MMA).

2005: NCPDP formed new work group WG14 Long Term Care, NCPDP Telecommunication Standard v5.1 and SCRIPT Standard v5.0 named in CMS Final Rule for ePrescribing under MMA.

Milestones continued

2007: NCPDP formed new work groups – WG16 Property and Casualty/ Workers' Compensation and WG17 Pharmaceutical Pedigree and Traceability.

2008:

- Telecommunication, Batch and Medicaid Subrogation Standards named in HIPAA Final Rule by Department of Health and Human Services.
- SCRIPT v8.1 and Formulary and Benefit Standard v1.0 named in CMS Final Rule for ePrescribing under MMA.
- NCPDP launched dataQ[®], a web-based solution that provides healthcare stakeholders the most up-to-date and in-depth pharmacy information.

2009:

- NCVHS (National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics) recommended adoption of SCRIPT Standard v10.6, approved by CMS.
- Formation of SCO (Standards Charter Organization), a collaboration of SDOs including NCPDP, HL7, X12, CDISC, HITSP and others.

2010:

- HHS names SCRIPT Standard a core requirement for achieving meaningful use in ePrescribing.
- NCVHS recommends NCPDP to be named operating rules entity for retail pharmacy-related eligibility transactions.

Milestones continued

2011:

- Organizations industry-wide transition to Telecommunication Standard Version D.0 as required by HIPAA.
- NCPDP's white paper, "Recommendations for Improved Prescription Container Labels for Medicines Containing Acetaminophen," prompts industry change to safeguard consumer health.
- Organizational assessment conducted to guide NCPDP strategic growth.

2012:

- NCPDP Foundation is established to fund research and education that helps advance NCPDP's mission.

2016:

- Experian Health and NCPDP announced their strategic alliance to provide a vendor neutral solution to address the complexities of managing patient identification.

2017:

- NCPDP celebrated the 40th year anniversary of the organization.

Milestones continued

2017:

- resQ™ Pharmacy Credentialing Database launched as the industry's single-source of truth for pharmacy data and credentials.



2018:

- Specialty Pharmacy Workgroup (WG18) established



2019:

- NCPDP Real-Time Prescription Benefit (RTPB) standard BETA version approved at August 2019 Work Group meetings.
- The NCPDP RTPB Standard makes patients' out of pocket prescription benefit information available to providers at the point of care.
- Provides unprecedented level of transparency and actionable information at the point of prescribing – a critical juncture that can make all the difference in a patient's adherence to a treatment regimen and health outcomes.



2019:

- NCPDP & Experian Health announce 100% of the U.S. Population has a Universal Patient Identifier, powered by Experian Health UIM and NCPDP Standards™

NCPDP Membership

NCPDP offers three membership classes which are critical to achieving consensus in its standards development process. More information can be found in the NCPDP Bylaws.



Producer
Provider

Academic Health Center
Clinical/MTM/Formulary Management
Compounding Pharmacy
Consultant Pharmacist Services
Consulting to Producer/Provider
Hospice Pharmacy
Hospital Pharmacy

Inpatient Care Center
Long-Term Care Pharmacy
Mail Service Pharmacy
Medical Equipment/Supplies
Other Producer/Provider
Outpatient Care Center
Pharmaceutical Manufacturer

Pharmacy Services Admin Org (PSAO)
Physician Services Organization
Prescription Consulting Entity
Retail Pharmacy
Specialty/Home Infusion Pharmacy



Payer
Processor

Accountable Care Organization (ACO)
Consulting to Payer/Processor
Federal/State Agency
Fiscal Agent/Intermediary
Health Insurer

Health Maintenance Organization
Health Plan Sponsor
Managed Care Organization
Medication Therapy Management
Other Payer/Processor

Pharmacy Benefit Management
Transaction Processor (Rebates/Coupons)
Workers' Comp Organization



Vendor
General Interest

Academia/Research Foundation
Automation/Robotics
Clearinghouse
Clinical Programs
Consulting - General
Data Management Vendor or Integrator
Distribution/Packaging
Drug Information Resource Company

EHR/PHR Vendor
Equipment/Product Supplier
Federal/State Agency (non-payer)
Health Information Exchange/HIE
Vendor/Intermediary
Informatics/Data Analysis
Law Firm/Legal Services
Marketing/Educational Services

Network/Contract Management
Other Vendor/General Interest
Professional Services
Professional Trade Association
Software Vendor/Certifier
System Vendor
Wholesale Drug Distributor/Repackager



NCPDP Membership Awards

- In order to recognize the contributions of the efforts of its volunteer members, NCPDP bestows the following honors:
 - TIME Award: The Individual Member Excellence Award honors a member for unselfish devotion toward meeting the goals and objectives of NCPDP. The recipient is chosen by a ballot of the Board of Trustees.
 - Benjamin D. Ward Distinguished Member Award: Recognizes the outstanding achievement, consistent dedication and/or exemplary leadership of a member over time. Named after NCPDP's founder, the recipient is chosen by ballot of the membership.
 - Rising Star Award: Recognizes a new member for active participation within the first three years of joining the organization. The recipient is chosen by ballot of the membership.
 - MVP Award: Recognizes valuable, active participation at the work group and committee levels. The recipients are chosen by work group co-chairs and committee chairs.

Standards Development

- Through the efforts of its members, NCPDP publishes standards, implementation guides, a data dictionary, and [white papers](#); all designed to respond to issues brought forth by the industry.

<http://www.standards.ncdp.org/>

- Any interested party may submit a request to develop or change a standard or implementation guide.
- Please refer to the “[Standards](#)” page on the NCPDP website for more information on the currently published standards and the process to request changes.

Standards Development continued

All standards development occurs within one of NCPDP's Work Groups, which meet quarterly:

- WG1 Telecommunication
- WG2 Product Identification
- WG7 Manufacturer and Associated Trading Partner Transaction Standards
- WG9 Government Programs
- WG10 Professional Pharmacy Services
- WG11 ePrescribing and Related Transactions
- WG14 Long Term and Post Acute Care
- WG18 Specialty Pharmacy
- WG45 External Standards Assessment, Harmonization and Implementation Guidance
- MC Maintenance and Control

Meetings and Education

- NCPDP hosts quarterly work group meetings (February, May, August and November).
- The Annual Business & Technology Conference is held each May, immediately following the work group meetings.
- An annual Educational Summit is offered, focusing on current industry issues.
- Webinars are hosted throughout the year to provide timely, topical information.
- All NCPDP events are open to members and non-members; although registration policies may differ.

NCPDP Products and Services

Databases and Legislative Tracking Tool

In addition to standards, implementation guides and white papers, NCPDP offers several products to the industry. More information is available on the NCPDP website, or in the NCPDP University 100 Series—Products & Services Course.



Industry's single source-of-truth for capturing and sharing standardized, self-reported pharmacy credentialing data.



Accurate prescriber data that is continually updated using patented auto-verification technology, providing an authoritative source for NPI, address, and DEA number relationships.



Data on more than 80,000 pharmacies and non-pharmacy dispensing sites nationwide.



Real-time monitoring of healthcare-related state and federal legislation and regulatory activity.



System-generated comma-separated machine parsable files for the NCPDP Data Dictionary and External Code beginning with the 201601 versions intended to be imported into existing computer applications and databases by developers.



Key Resources

- www.ncpdp.org
- NCPDP Board of Trustees
- Work Group Staff Liaisons and Co-Chairs
- NCPDP Staff (executive, meeting planning, membership, marketing)
- Buddy Program for new members during their first year
- Note: More information about these resources can be found in other NCPDP University courses.