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Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT  
On behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
330 C St. SW, Washington D.C. 20201  
Submitted electronically to the Health IT Feedback and Inquiry Portal

Re: draft 2024-2030 Federal Health IT Strategic Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) is a not-for-profit American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accredited Standards Developer (ASD) consisting of more than 1,500 members representing entities including, but not limited to, claims processors, data management and analysis vendors, federal and state government agencies, insurers, intermediaries, pharmaceutical manufacturers, pharmacies, pharmacy benefit managers, professional services organizations, software and system vendors and other parties interested in electronic standardization within the pharmacy services sector of the healthcare industry. NCPDP provides a forum wherein our diverse membership can develop business solutions, including ANSI-accredited standards and guidance for promoting information exchanges related to medications, supplies and services within the healthcare system.

NCPDP supports the objectives and strategies put forth by ONC in its draft 2024-2030 Federal Health IT Strategic Plan. As a standards organization, NCPDP's purpose is to standardize the exchange of healthcare information to improve outcomes, which directly aligns with ONC's objectives. Notably, NCPDP's [strategic plan](#) is focused on leading initiatives to address health care challenges such as equity, data disparities and a fractured public health infrastructure through standards-based solutions. Specifically, NCPDP is working to find solutions that enable pharmacists to collaborate with other healthcare providers in new ways that support closing gaps in care and improve the coordination of care.

Historically, NCPDP has provided solutions to many of the health IT challenges facing our country in response to community health emergencies by leveraging existing NCPDP standards including SCRIPT, and Telecommunication standards. NCPDP continues to collaborate with HL7® via our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) through executive leadership engagement as well as the creation and evolution of dually balloted standards such as the Pharmacist eCare Plan. Additionally, in June 2023, NCPDP announced the creation of WG20 Coordination of Care and Innovation. This new work group focuses on promoting and scaling current and new NCPDP standards that support the expanded role of pharmacists in providing patient care services. It aims to enable pharmacists to collaborate in new ways with other healthcare providers to close gaps in care and improve care coordination, which is a top priority of NCPDP.

As the grant-giving arm of NCPDP, the [NCPDP Foundation](#) collaborates with organizations and individuals to support research initiatives that improve data sharing throughout the healthcare ecosystem, removing obstacles to quality care for patients. The NCPDP Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona. The foundation is structured around pillars to include patient safety, role and value of the pharmacist, empowering coordination of care and innovation and access to care. NCPDP's strategic plan goals have been aligned with the NCPDP Foundation pillars to better illustrate how NCPDP initiatives help solve healthcare challenges.



One recent NCPDP Foundation grant showcased The National Facilitator Model. The model helps pharmacies, prescribers and government agencies surveil public health and respond more effectively to pandemics and public health crises, such as the COVID pandemic, by providing information on prescriptions, testing, immunizations and related data in real time at multiple points of care.

NCPDP looks forward to serving as a trusted partner and resource as ONC embarks on the implementation of its 2024 – 2030 Federal Health IT Strategic Plan. NCPDP invites ONC's continued collaboration to further interoperability to meet healthcare needs for the future.

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lee Ann C. Stember'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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