

ISPTF: NCPDP – Price Transparency

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About Us

- NCPDP is a not-for-profit, American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited, Standards Development Organization (SDO) with over 1,600 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.
- Best Practices for Patient Safety
 - Safe Use of Acetaminophen, mL Dosing
- Real-time Prescriber and Pharmacy Data Products

Formulary and Benefit Standard

- Provides a standard means for pharmacy benefit payers (including health plans and Pharmacy Benefit Managers) to communicate formulary and benefit information to prescribers via technology vendor systems.

Formulary and Benefit Standard

- Each product is assigned a
 - Formulary Status
 - Numeric Preference Level
 - Coverage Information
 - Copay Information
 - Alternatives

Telecommunication Standard

- Provides a standard format for the electronic submission of drug claims and other transactions between pharmacy providers, insurance carriers, third-party administrators, and other responsible parties. The Telecommunication Standard includes transactions for eligibility verification, claim and service billing, prior authorization, and information reporting

Telecommunication Standard Version D.0

- Total Amount Paid to pharmacy
- Patient Pay Amount
 - Copay
 - Coinsurance
 - Deductible
 - Processor Fee
 - Sales Tax
 - Amount attributed to product selection
- Includes preferred product information

Telecommunication Standard Version F2

- Includes additional patient pay components
- Additional formulary alternative information

Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard

- Intended to meet two industry needs within the pharmacy services sector:
 - To facilitate the ability for pharmacy benefit payers/processors to communicate formulary and benefit information to providers
 - Patient specific
 - Real-time
 - To ensure a consistent implementation of the standard throughout the industry

Real-Time Prescription Benefit Standard

- Coverage indicator
- Alternative pharmacy
- Estimated patient pay components
- Therapy time period/duration
- Maximum and minimum age
- Minimum and maximum amount
- Detailed alternative product information

Challenge: CMS-4180-Final Rule

*“CMS: We also encouraged plans to use RTBTs to promote full drug cost transparency by showing each drug’s **full negotiated price** (as defined in § 423.100), in addition to the beneficiary’s out-of-pocket cost information. Although we encourage the inclusion of the negotiated price in RTBT, we are not mandating it at this time as the majority of commenters opposed its inclusion stating that the information was proprietary and overly confusing. Provider groups opposed its inclusion, since it was outside the scope of their responsibility. However, we believe that RTBT must include some minimal data points that will enable a prescriber and patient to make informed medication choices at the point of prescribing. These include benefit information about the drug which the provider intends on prescribing, enrollee cost-sharing information, and comparable information on formulary alternatives (meaning those medications that may have a different copayment or coinsurance amount than the medication about to be prescribed but may have the same therapeutic efficacy). The benefit information should include patient-specific utilization requirements (such as prior authorization or step therapy requirements) that have yet to be satisfied at the time when the prescription is written, and copayment or coinsurance (or negotiated price values if included) at the patient’s selected pharmacy.”*

Challenge: OIG-0936-P

The Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Proposed Rule (file code OIG-0936-P) entitled “Fraud and Abuse; Removal of Safe Harbor Protection for Rebates Involving Prescription Pharmaceuticals and Creation of New Safe Harbor Protection for Certain Point-of-Sale Reductions in Price on Prescription Pharmaceuticals and Certain Pharmacy Benefit Manager Service Fees”

- NCPDP comments outlined proposed approaches/methods to support the proposed definition of a chargeback.
 - Impacts patient savings

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