



# How NCPDP is Improving Speed to Specialty Therapy – NCPDP Session 1

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# Who Is NCPDP

## 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
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## NCPDP Membership Segments

1,600  
Total  
Members

### NCPDP Membership



#### Producer/Provider

Pharmacies, Pharmacists,  
Pharmaceutical Manufacturers



#### Vendor/General Interest

Drug Wholesalers, Consultants,  
Clinical Programs,  
Distribution/Packaging,  
Software/Hardware Vendors



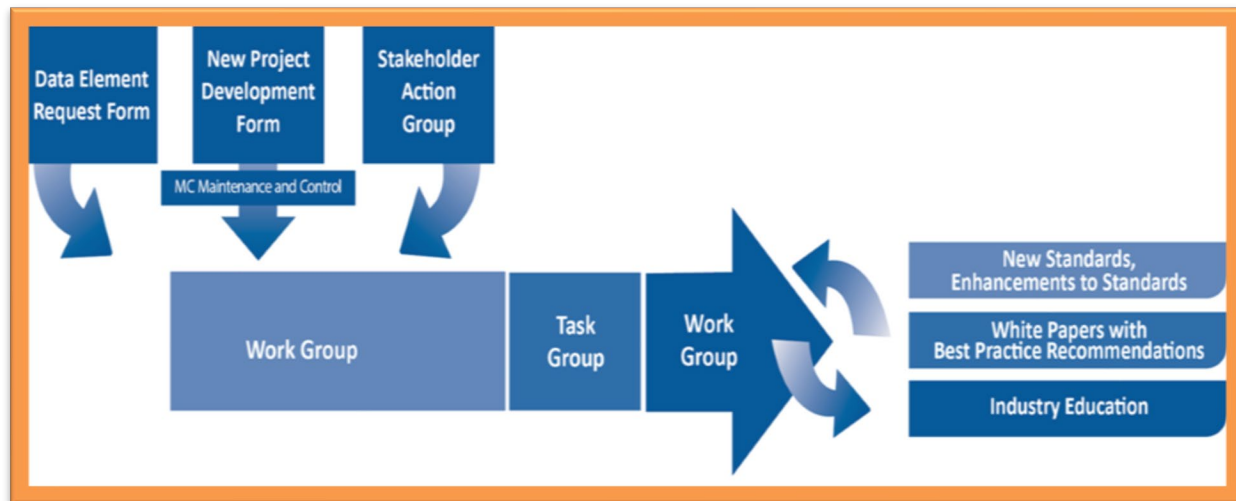
#### Payor/Processor

HMOs, PBMs,  
PSAOs, Government  
Payers, Health Plans



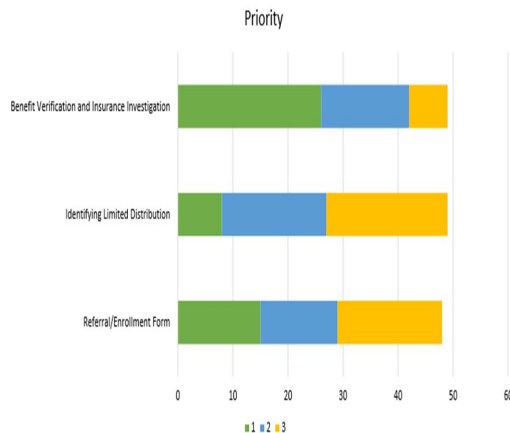
## Standards Development Process

- Getting the Right People in the Room
- Consensus-based process
- Driven by Business Need
- Workflow-enabled



# Development of Specialty Work Group

## Current Issues in Specialty



## Development of Specialty WG



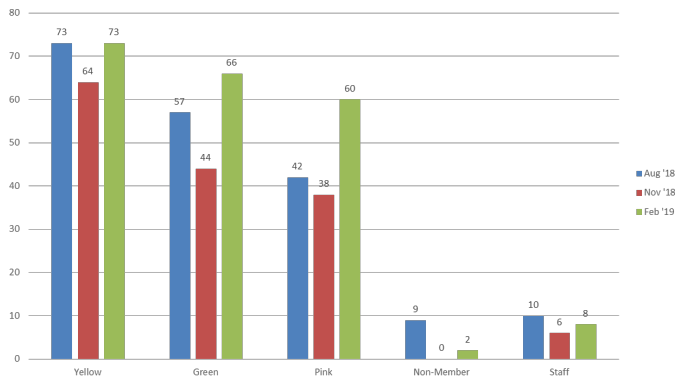
- SRx Stakeholder Action Group (SAG) met on **Monday, May 7 – 2018**
- Standardization Committee met after SAG on **Monday, May 7, 2018** to review and make determination if WG can move forward
- Approved by Standardization Committee and Board of Trustees
- First New WG met at **August 2018 WG Meeting**:
  - Co-Chairs Assigned
    - Pooja Babbrah, MBA - Point of Care Partners
    - Julie Hessick, R.Ph. – Industry Consultant
    - Laura Topor - Granada Health, Inc.



# NCPDP SRx WG Scope and Goals

## Work Group Participation

WG 18 Attendance 2018/2019



August Total = 191 | November Total = 152 | February Total = 209

## SRx WG Scope & Goals

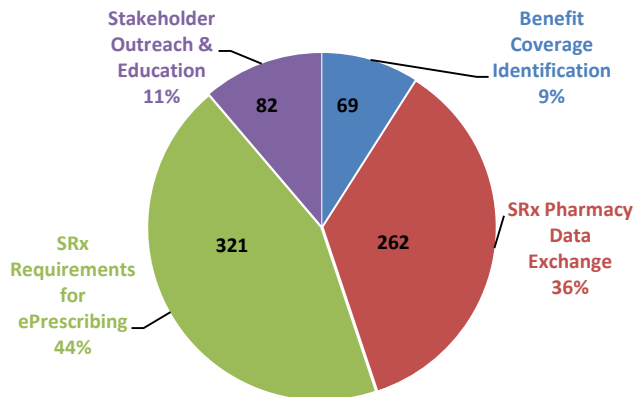


- Identify **pain points** and **transactions** that delay the prescribing, dispensing, care management, reporting, and payment of specialty medications and determine if an existing electronic transaction and/or standard can be used or enhanced to improve the process.
- Drive **increased participation** in the following membership categories:
  - Pharmaceutical Manufacturers
  - Prescribers
  - Software Vendors
  - Specialty and Compounding Pharmacies
  - Ancillary service providers, such as hubs and infusion centers
  - Care Providers, such as health systems, long term care, and home care
  - Accreditation bodies
- Develop **new standardized transactions** and messages for prescribers, pharmacists, payers, manufacturers and other interested parties in exchanging information related to specialty prescriptions (e.g., enrollment, reporting).
- Review Data Element Request Forms (DERFs) and adjudicate ballots pertaining to standards for which this work group is responsible.



# NCPDP SRx WG Task Groups

## Task Group Trending



## Task Groups Assigned to WG18- Specialty Pharmacy

- **Benefit Coverage Identification Task Group**
  - Created to address the areas of opportunity related to determining if coverage is through the medical or pharmacy benefit.
- **Specialty Pharmacy Data Exchange Task Group**
  - New use cases are being explored that involve other stakeholders.
- **Specialty Requirements for ePrescribing Task Group**
  - Works on ePrescribing and related transactions
- **Stakeholder Outreach and Education Task Group**
  - Created to provide outreach to Specialty Pharmacy stakeholders and develop and execute education opportunities.



# NCPDP Sessions

- Session 1 – How NCPDP is improving Speed to Specialty Therapy
- Session 2 – Real Time Benefit Check: The Next Revolution in Healthcare
- Session 3 – Best Practices for Automating REMS in Workflow



# Specialty Medication: Patient Challenges

- Where do I fill my medication?
  - Can I afford this medication?
- How do I administer this medication?
  - Who can take me to my appointment for my infusion?
    - How do I deal with side effects?
- When will my medication arrive?
  - Will my insurance pay for this medication?



# Specialty Medication: Prescriber Challenges

## Drug Selection



- ☐ Select Drug
- ☐ Formulary review

## Prescription Routing



- ☐ eRx
- ☐ Fax to specialty pharmacy
- ☐ Payer portal
- ☐ HUB portal or fax

## Benefit Identification



- ☐ Pharmacy Benefit
- ☐ Medical Benefit
- ☐ HUB Support

## Documentation Information Gathering



- ☐ Paper Prescription
- ☐ Prior Authorization
- ☐ Patient Information
- ☐ Financial Information
- ☐ REMS

## Dispense



- ☐ Dispense Retail
- ☐ Limited Distribution
- ☐ Ship to office
- ☐ Drop-Ship to Patient
- ☐ IDN Pharmacy

## Administer



- ☐ In-Office
- ☐ Infusion Center
- ☐ Self-Administer



## Specialty Workflow Challenges: There's a standard for that

STANDARD	DESCRIPTION	WHO SHOULD IMPLEMENT?
Formulary and Benefit Check	Displays patients prescription benefit information to the prescriber including: On/Off formulary, tier level, coverage restrictions (i.e., Prior Authorization required, Step-therapy required, Age limits)	PBMs and EHR vendors
REMS	Automates the REMS process between prescriber and pharmacies and REMS Administrators	REMS Administrators, Pharmacies and EHR vendors
Electronic Prior Authorization (ePA)	Allows a prescriber to respond to payer question sets and requests for additional information for prior authorization requirements electronically	Pharmacies – new pharmacy initiated use case
Specialty Pharmacy Reporting and Data Exchange	Dispensed Medication reporting standard between pharmacy and manufacturer	Pharmacies and Manufacturers

# Specialty Workflow Challenges: Work in Process

STANDARD	DESCRIPTION	WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE
Real-Time Pharmacy Benefit Check (RTPBC)	Provides real-time information on patient pharmacy benefit including alternatives and more accurate patient cost information	PBMs, EHR Vendors, Pharmacy System Vendors
Specialty Requirements for ePrescribing	Automation of specialty enrollment process	Pharmacies, EHR Vendors, Manufacturers, HUB Vendors, HIT Software Vendors
Benefit Identification	Focus on how to begin to unravel question of where to bring specialty drug prescriptions or orders	Pharmacies, EHR Vendors, Manufacturers, HUB Vendors, HIT Software vendors, PBMs, Medical Payers
Specialty Pharmacy Reporting and Data Exchange	Reviewing multiple use cases where data needs to be exchanged between stakeholders in the specialty medication prescribing and dispensing process	Pharmacies, EHR Vendors, Manufacturers, HUB Vendors, HIT Software vendors, PBMs, Medical Payers

# Q&A

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