

WEDI INITIATIVE
Strategic National Implementation Process (SNIP)
Transactions Workgroup
NPI Sub-workgroup

Sub-workgroup:	National Provider Identifier (NPI) Implementation
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Scope of Work of the SWG	
What is in scope? Provide the topic and definition of the topic.	The main purpose of the NPI Implementation WG is to serve as the focal point to the industry for information related to the NPI's impact on the implementation of 005010 and D.0, i.e. HIPAA '2' (TCS modifications). NPI education and outreach will continue to play a critical role in the successful planning, transition, full adoption and implementation of the NPI, and the evaluation of post-implementation corrections and adjustments as identified through the HIPAA transaction upgrades.
Identify any assumptions	The industry needs to re-evaluate NPI implementations to identify any changes or impacts as a result of the new transaction (Medicaid Subrogation) and upgraded transactions (005010, D.0).
What is out of scope?	Enforcement of the regulations. The work of the WEDI NPI Policy Advisory Group
Purpose of the SWG	
What is the primary goal?	Assist the industry to better understand everything that is related to NPI as it relates to the new and upgraded transactions mandated under HIPAA. To collaborate with other SNIP SWGs on an as needed basis.
What business problem will be minimized or resolved by this Initiative?	Inconsistent enumeration, incorrect usage of NPI in transactions, and proper and consistent use of NPI in transactions.
Stakeholders	Primary audience: health care providers, payers, clearinghouses, CMS Secondary audiences: professional associations
Describe the central problem this project will attempt to resolve. What are some of the symptoms of this problem? Are there any corollary problems?	The main objective is administrative simplification. However, more problems seem to have been created than resolved. The central problem is the inconsistent enumeration of Providers, i.e. Payer specific NPIs were obtained, and the 005010 837s require consistent usage of Provider NPIs across all Payers.
Are there other regulatory or contractual obligations that might affect how this project is implemented?	The implementation of the updated transactions mandated under HIPAA, i.e. 005010 and D.0 is required by HHS regulation. All covered entities are required to use 005010 and D.0 as of January 1, 2012.

Objectives / Measures of Success / Deliverables <i>(template allows for 3 projects for a specific WG/SWG)</i>	
Project #1 Title:	Implementation Issue(s) White Papers or Issue Briefs
What outcomes do you expect to achieve? Will there be a phased in approach?	Provide a central repository of information regarding NPI as related to the TCS modifications for the industry.
What is the ideal outcome?	Providers will be enumerated and use that enumeration in a consistent fashion across all Payers. The NPI will be used within the transactions correctly and consistently.
What is an acceptable outcome?	Correct and consistent implementation of the NPI in the transactions.
How would you define success for this Project?	Tools and resources are being accessed and used by intended audience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Based on traffic parameters obtained from the website ■ Based on results from surveys ■ Based on informal input from users
What are the potential business impacts if the solution(s) is not implemented?	There would not be a central, independent and authoritative source of NPI information; myths, misconceptions. Misunderstandings about NPI will continue.
What are the current deliverables or outcomes that are expected and the completion dates for each deliverable?	Develop information about NPI implementation in TCS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Audiocast (s) ■ White paper(s) ■ Issue brief(s)
How much time or resources need to be committed to complete deliverables?	Conference calls twice a month. Time and resources will be dependent on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number and types of issues brought to the SWG to be addressed • The need to collaborate with other SNIP SWGs
Project #2 Title:	Education on Implementation of NPI within the HIPAA TCS
What outcomes do you expect to achieve? Will there be a phased in approach?	Reach out to industry audiences with targeted events on specific topics. Provide education opportunities for the industry. Provide authoritative answers to the industry on limited-scope, focused questions and issues. Help address misconceptions and confusion around NPI issues.
What is the ideal outcome?	Providers will be enumerated and use that enumeration in a consistent fashion across all Payers. The NPI will be used within the transactions correctly and consistently.
What is an acceptable outcome?	Correct and consistent implementation of the NPI in the transactions.
How would you define success for this Project?	By volume of attendees By evaluation of outreach activity A core set of issues are identified and addressed through Issue Papers. Documents are disseminated and input received from industry regarding usefulness, timeliness and appropriateness.

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What are the current deliverables or outcomes that are expected and the completion dates for each deliverable?	Audiocasts as requested by the Education Committee White Papers/Issue Briefs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPI Subparts • Additional as identified
How much time or resources need to be committed to complete deliverables?	Conference calls twice a month. Time and resources will be dependent on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number and types of issues brought to the SWG to be addressed • The need to collaborate with other SNIP SWGs
Environmental Factors / Support Needs	
Are there other individuals/entities/work groups that need to provide input?	Industry via WEDI membership, X12, NCPDP Other SNIP SWGs
What tools does the Initiative need to acquire to ensure this project is successful?	No additional needs identified other than conference call and listserv capabilities
Do you need additional administrative support?	Not at this time
Do you need additional project management support?	Not at this time
Do you need additional communication support?	Not at this time
Additional Comments or Concerns	