

WEDI SNIP Testing SubWorkGroup (SWG)	
WG/SWG Topic(s):	Testing
Primary List Serve Address	wedi-testing@lists.wedi.org
WG/SWG Scope of Work	
What is in scope? Provide the topic and definition of the topic.	<p>Prepare industry and educational testing tools to address regulatory changes impacting the healthcare industry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address connectivity response time in the operating rules • Identify steps for Testing between trading partners Health Plans, Clearinghouses, Providers and other entities (e.g., billing agents). • Identify industry best practices • Identify business problems and processes impacted by the implementation. • Proactively Identify problems which can be addressed by testing initiatives to reduce financial risks, operational or clinical impacts. • Engage with CMS and operating rule authors on best practices. • Provide recommendations for WEDI testimony at NCVHS hearings within the scope of the charter.
Identify any assumptions	Participants will have a basic understanding of the nomenclature of the healthcare industry.
What is out of scope?	ICD-10 Testing
WG/SWG Purpose	
What is the primary goal?	Education and development of industry testing best practices.
What business problem will be minimized or resolved by this workgroup?	Identify regulatory testing issues, obstacles, and potential solutions.
Stakeholders	All HIPAA covered entities (providers, payers, vendors and clearinghouses), and any others involved in implementing regulatory transactions.
Describe the central problem this project will attempt to resolve. What are some of the symptoms of this problem? Are there any corollary problems?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder-specific risks for not conducting testing timely, roadblocks and impediments to the completion of the testing initiative. • Post-implementation disruption to business process.
Are there other regulatory or contractual obligations that might affect how this project is implemented?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Federal Legislation. • Availability of volunteer time and resources may be affected by competing obligations
Objectives / Measures of Success / Deliverables <i>(template allows for 3 projects for a specific WG/SWG)</i>	
Project #1 Title:	

What outcomes do you expect to achieve? Will there be a phased in approach?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide a forum to address business issues related to testing regulatory initiatives, • Identification of various business processes that may need to be tested, • Remediation of systems and re-evaluation of work flow processes that may be required as a result of the testing initiative, • Report issues and solutions regarding regulatory testing, • Advice on best practices, • Suggestions to WEDI work groups for educational programs and projects, • Identification of issues for WEDI to bring to the attention of CMS, NCVHS, as well as the standards and operating rule authors, ▪ Provide multimedia educational information pertaining to regulatory testing for payers, providers, clearinghouses and vendors, and ▪ Create white papers or issue briefs and provide educational guidance on issues related to testing.
What is the ideal outcome?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of the most critical issues for plans, providers, and vendors in testing regulatory requirements. • A smooth, on-time industry migration and implementation with no interruptions to business operations and revenue.
What is an acceptable outcome?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry awareness, education and empowerment. • Successful testing of new regulatory requirements. • Minimal interruptions to business operations and revenue.
How would you define success for this workgroup?	Industry participants work together to identify regulatory testing issues, obstacles, and potential solutions.
What are the potential business impacts if the solution(s) are not tested?	If early testing does not encompass all changes and identify all potential problems and impacts, the entire industry could encounter difficulties in meeting the regulatory deadline.
What are the current deliverables or outcomes that are expected and the completion dates for each deliverable?	<p>Monthly testing progress reports.</p> <p>White papers and/or issues briefs detailing potential solutions.</p> <p>Audio casts or WEDI conference presentations.</p> <p>Testing Guidance.</p>
How much time or resources are needed to be committed to complete deliverables?	One hour monthly on Thursdays at 4pm EST. Potential additional team requests for participation or development of educational tools or capturing of testing initiatives information from your own organization.
Environmental Factors / Support Needs	
Are there other individuals/entities/work groups that need to provide input?	WEDI transaction implementation, ICD-10 testing and education SWGs.
What tools does the workgroup need to acquire to ensure this project is successful?	No special tools will be required at this time, other than standard items such as a listserv.
Do you need additional administrative support?	Assistance from the WEDI administrative staff in scheduling conference calls and webinars.
Do you need additional project management support?	TBD
Do you need additional communication support?	Assistance from the WEDI administrative staff for publications or announcements.

Additional Comments or Concerns