Workgroups

Participate. Collaborate. Inspire Change!

Every day, WEDI members volunteer their time and talent to WEDI Workgroups to provide thoughtful leadership and common-sense approaches that enhance the exchange of clinical and administrative healthcare information. They collect input, exchange ideas, and make recommendations that inspire impactful and far-reaching change in our industry.

Below are brief descriptors of the various activities within WEDI's Workgroups.

Acknowledgements
Address business issues identified by various stakeholders causing inconsistent use of acknowledgment transactions... Share expertise on using the 999, 277CA and 824 transactions...

Attachments
Educate the industry on claims attachment... Provide possible implementation approaches and to assist with adoption of the new rule when it becomes final... Support and streamline activities related to implementation and adoption of claims attachment...

Claim Status
Outline the exchange of claim status request and response, the business issues that prevent its adoption and potential ROI savings for both providers and health plans...

Claims
Facilitate implementation of the 837s... Provide a forum to address business issues related to the implementation and use of the 837s... Create white papers and provide educational guidance on issues related to the implementation and use of the 837s...

Dental
Focus on the unique requirements for dental providers, payers, clearinghouses, and practice management systems as they relate to HIPAA, HITECH, ARRA, and other rules and regulations impacting the dental industry...

Eligibility and Benefits
Address identified business issues from various stakeholder perspectives moving to the 5010 X12 27x (270/271, 276/277, 278) transactions... Facilitate implementation of the 5010 27x transactions... Provide a forum to address business issues related to the implementation of the 5010 27x transactions...

Emerging Technology
Address business challenges and provide education on new clinical data exchange processes including underlying technologies... Coordinate and educate other Data Exchange subworkgroups about the adoption of HL7 administrative exchange such as prior authorization, eligibility and attachments...

Gender Coding
Develop best practice approaches to face the ongoing issue with gender codes... Support patient advocacy concerns as health care industry stakeholders address the difference of how a patient may identify themselves versus patient gender when services are being rendered and recorded...

Genomics
Examine the evolving aspects of genomics including genomic data formats, exchange, privacy controls, security, storage, management, governance, care coordination and payer-provider collaboration... Develop recommendations for healthcare stakeholders and government agencies...

Payment Models
Foster the adoption and implementation of new and existing value-based payment models by identifying technology attributes of these models, such as connectivity, eligibility/enrollment reconciliation, payment reconciliation, quality reporting, care coordination, data exchange, as well as usage challenges and barriers to the implementation of new payment models...

Prior Authorization
Study the workflows and business processes related to prior authorization from both the provider and health plan perspective... Make recommendations on how the process can be improved and automated to ensure timely access to care and reduced administrative burdens across stakeholder groups...

Privacy and Security
Identify and work towards resolution on all implementation issues related to securing, and protecting health information across the industry... Facilitate the review of privacy and security beyond HIPAA/HITECH in the growing areas of EHR, HIEs, HIX's and interoperability...

Property & Casualty Electronic Medical Bill (eBill)
Streamline workers' compensation and auto medical bill and payment processing by identifying successes, removing barriers to eBilling and accelerating and expanding industry-wide adoption of eBilling and electronic attachments...

Provider Information
Identify business issues impacting the transmission and receipt of provider directory data. Commit to understanding the nuances of the data along with industry successes and best practices for obtaining the information in a timely and accurate fashion...

Remittance Advice & Payment
Resolve issues related to the inconsistent use of the ERA/EFT transactions... Find the most effective solutions to the ERA/EFT issues...

Telehealth
Evaluate business cases, return on investment, and overall operations and functionality related to data exchange for innovative encounter models... Use existing and emergent technologies to foster enhanced collaboration between patients and providers at a lower cost and with increased value...

Terminology
Direct Standards Development Organizations and other who struggle with definitions and terminology... Help stakeholders bridge administrative with clinical data... Develop a glossary of terms and definitions that will evolve as new terminology is needed...

Virtual Clipboard
Define a set of industry best practices for exchanging and securing healthcare information within mobile applications used by patients and/or their advocates...

After you've logged into the WEDI member connection and resource center, in "My Info" select the workgroups that you want to participate in and then click save. Workgroup information will also be posted in the Forum, so all our members can see the great work being done. Contact Samantha Holvey, EMHL, Director, Community & Education at sholvey@wedi.org with any questions.

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