



**Federal Advisory Committee HIT Standards Committee (HITSC) S&I Task Group Meeting,
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Comments made by Shelly Spiro, Pharmacy HIT Collaborative Executive Director

My name is Shelly Spiro; I'm the Executive Director of Pharmacy HIT Collaborative representing over 250,000 members of the majority national pharmacy associations and key pharmacy organizations involved in Health Information Technology (IT) including the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited Standards Development Organization (SDO) the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP). NCPDP's mission is to provide a forum wherein their diverse membership can develop business solutions, including ANSI-accredited standards, and guidance for promoting information exchanges related to medications, supplies, and services within the healthcare system. Through a consensus-building process in collaboration with other industry organizations, NCPDP members develop these solutions to improve safety, privacy and healthcare outcomes for patients and healthcare consumers, while reducing costs in the system.

NCPDP provides model forum especially with standards and interoperability initiatives related to the pharmacy industry and patient care related to medications. NCPDP played a significant leadership role in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Standards and Interoperability (S&I) initiative. As a member and active leader in NCPDP, it is important to recognize the successful NCPDP consensus, operational and SDO processes in using this model as an example where SDO's can successfully lead S&I initiatives including bringing in industry leaders to participate and implement pilots.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted,
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Response: None