

ONC and CMS Reducing Clinician Burden Public 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 (PHIT) representing over 250,000 members of the majority national pharmacy associations including pharmacy education and accreditation. Our members include key pharmacy organizations involved in Health Information Technology (IT) including the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) and 8 associate members representing e-prescribing and health information networks, transaction processing networks, pharmacy companies, system vendors, pharmaceutical manufactures and other organizations that support pharmacists' services.

The PHIT's vision is to assure US Health IT infrastructure will better enable pharmacists to help optimize person-centered care. Our mission as the leading authority in pharmacy health IT, the Collaborative advances and supports the use, usability, and interoperability of health IT by pharmacists to help optimize person-centered care. This is accomplished by:

- Identifying and voicing the health IT needs of pharmacists.
- Promoting and influencing awareness of pharmacists' use and functionality of health IT.
- Collaborating, facilitating, and convening stakeholders on topics related to health IT.
- Providing resources, guidance, and support for adoption and implementation of standards-driven health IT.
- Guiding health IT standards development and other activities to address the health IT needs of pharmacists.
- Supporting the collection, documentation, and exchange of information among health IT systems.

A major focus of the Collaborative is to assure pharmacists in all practice settings (community, health-system, hospital, managed care, behavior health and long-term and post-acute care) are integrated in the national health IT infrastructure.

Through help from an ONC's High Impact Pilot ending September 2017, national adoption of the use of the Pharmacist eCare Plan by hundreds of community pharmacies is underway. The Pharmacist eCare Plan effort is a joint NCPDP and HL7 project using the C-CDA and FHIR standards. The Collaborative is the steward of over 500 SNOMED CT[®] codes and over 100 Value Sets within the National Library of Medicine's Value Set Authority Center (VSAC) to standardize the collection, documentation and sharing of medication-related pharmacist-provided patient care services with standards such as the Pharmacist eCare Plan.

Pharmacists are an integral part of the patient care team and struggle with raising awareness around optimizing implementation and configuration of EHRs used by clinical pharmacists. Pharmacist's providing patient care services especially in the community setting, encounter patients at least monthly and in some cases even more. We need help with integrating the pharmacists' clinical services with others in the health care team including capturing medication-related electronic clinical quality measures. We hope these efforts will reduce the documentation burden of all health care providers.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted, Shelly Spiro, RPh, FASCP

Response: None