CMs e-Prescribing Update
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Objective

- CMS Commitment to adopting ePrescribing standards and transactions
- The process/timeline of updating standards
- Eprescribing much more than the Medicare Part D Program.
- Future standards
Adopted Part D Eprescribing Standards Timeline

- November 2005 Final rule
- 2006 Pilots
- In June 2006 CMS published an IFC to adopt NCPDP SCRIPT Standard version 8.1 on a voluntary basis.
- 2009 Physician Fee Schedule Payment Final Rule lifted the exemption to the Computer Generated Fax (CGF) exemption effective (1/1/12)
Timeline Cont.....

• July 2010 published an IFC to adopt NCPDP SCRIPT Standard version 10.6 on a voluntary basis.

• May 16, 2012 CMS published HIPAA Modification Final Rule
  – Updated two ePrescribing Foundation Standards
    – NCPDP Telecom D.0
    – X12N 5010 270/271 Health Care Eligibility Benefit Inquiry and Response
Timeline Cont.....

• 2012 the PFS final rule adopted the Script Version 10.6 standard effective (10/1/13)
  – Retires Version 8.1
  – Lifted the Long Term Care Exemption effective (10/1/14)
• 2014 the PFS final rule adopted a newer version of the Formulary and Benefits transaction (3.0) effective (2/28/15)
  – also retires version 1.0
Eprescribing Not Just for Part D Anymore
Expanded Outside MMA

- Section 132 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA)
  - Paid incentives to Eligible Providers (EP) for adopting and using ePrescribing solutions
  - Penalty for those EP who did not adopt by 2013
- HITECH Act (2009) establishes incentive payments under the Medicare and Medicaid programs for EPs and EHs that meaningfully use Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT).
  - E-prescribing is a core measure (40%)
What's next

• Adopt remaining E-prescribing transactions
  – NCPDP SCRIPT Standard version 2013071 published July 2013 (ePA)
  – Structured and Codified SIG
  – RxNorm

• Continue to adopt updated transactions as they become available.
For more information

Thank You

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