The Collective Voice of Health IT

Workgroups, Subworkgroups & Task Groups

Everyday, WEDI members volunteer their time and talent 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.

Acknowledgements

Co-Chairs
Tara Rose, Optum
Jessica Malsom, BCBS of Kansas

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

Administrative Automation

Co-Chairs
Ed Hafner, Change Healthcare
Jon Zimmerman, Holon Solutions
Dave Haugen, Minnesota Department of Health

The purpose of the Administrative Automation Taskgroup (AATG) is to define a clear, actionable path for stakeholders to follow to move from manual to automated administrative processes to reduce costs and burdens associated with the exchange of health data needed to achieve and sustain higher quality, more equitable, more cost-efficient health care and outcomes.

Attachments

Co-Chairs
Durwin Day, Health Care Service Corporation
Susan Langford, BCBS of Tennessee

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.

Claims

Co-Chairs
Stanley Nachimson, Nachimson Advisors
Beth Davis, Allscripts
Charles Veverka, Kunz, Leigh & Associates

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.

Claims Status

Co-Chairs
Andrew Frost, Cognizant

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.

Dental

Co-Chairs
Contact sholvey@wedi.org if you are interested in becoming a Co-Chair.

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 & Benefits

Co-Chairs
Donna Campbell, Health Care Service Corporation
Deb McCachern, Change Healthcare

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

Co-Chairs
Ed Hafner, Change Healthcare
Randy Swift, CitiusTech

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.

Genomics

Co-Chairs
Grant Wood, Intermountain Healthcare
Rosalyn Ryan

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.

New Workgroup!
Health Equity

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Health Equity is a major emphasis for the past and current administrations within the US Department of Health and Human Services. Our new workgroup will function primarily as a discussion group to tackle health equity topics related to data capture, data sourcing, and the findings from that analysis.

No Surprises Act

Co-Chairs
Beth Davis, Allscripts
Stanley Nachimson, Nachimson Advisors
Tom Wilder, UnitedHealthcare
Terrence Cunningham, American Hospital Association

The purpose of the No Surprises Act Task Group is to review the legislative and regulatory requirements of the federal No Surprises Act (Title I, Division BB, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021) and 1) identify education, work product, and advisory needs and 2) collaborate with the appropriate existing WEDI committees, workgroups and subworkgroups on development of work products; and 3) Collaborate with outside groups as needed.

Payment Models

Co-Chairs
Michael Pattwell, Edifecs

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

Co-Chairs
Heather McComas, American Medical Association
Janice Bakos, Aetna

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 & Security

Co-Chairs
Marilyn Zigmund Luke, AHIP
Tina Grande, Healthcare Leadership Council

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 eBill

Co-Chairs
Sherry Wilson, Jopari Solutions
Tina Greene, Mitchell International

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

Co-Chairs
Michelle Barry, Availity

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

Co-Chairs
Pam Grosze, PNC Bank
Pat Wijtyk, Cognizant

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

Telehealth

Co-Chairs
Nancy Spector, American Medical Association
Jill Dominic, Anthem BCBS

Focus on business processes and challenges related to workflow for telehealth and the exchange of data for telehealth services. Evaluate business cases, return on investment, data exchange, and overall functions of telehealth services in today’s health care system. Consider the perspectives of providers, payers, vendors, and patients in the various components that make up the delivery of telehealth services.

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Workgroup information will also be posted in the Forum, so all our members can see the great work being done.

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