

# 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... Provide education and guidance on issues related to the implementation of the acknowledgment 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... Create white papers and provide audio-casts, educational guidance, etc on issues related to the implementation of the 5010 27x transactions...



## Genomics

Examine the evolving aspects of genomics including genomic data formats, exchange, privacy controls, security, storage, management, governance, care coordination and payer-provider collaboration... Focus on creating a common stakeholder vision and roadmap on how to incorporate genomic data into the American healthcare system... 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... Identify existing and not-yet-developed technology solutions that can mitigate barriers to implementation and sustainability...



### Prior Authorization

Study the workflows and business processes related to prior authorization from both the provider and health plan perspective... Identify pain points and challenges... 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 implementation of HIPAA HITECH privacy and security requirements across many variations of covered entities, business associates and interested parties across the healthcare 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. Engage stakeholders in a dialogue to determine needs, and requirements. 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 (ROI), 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... Evaluate the exchange of encounter information between patients and providers to identify ways to facilitate exchange of data, innovative encounter capabilities, and more...



### 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...

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The Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) is the leading authority on the use of health IT to improve healthcare information exchange in order to enhance the quality of care, improve efficiency and to reduce costs of the American healthcare system. Formed in 1991 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), WEDI was named in the 1996 HIPAA legislation as an advisor to HHS and continues to fulfill that role today.

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