

HITAC Task Force on Pharmacy Interoperability and Emerging Therapeutics

A Presentation Regarding Drug Inventory Transparency

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Pharmacy Product Locator Task Group

part of NCPCP WG11 – ePrescribing & Related Transactions

- Purpose: to investigate creating a technical solution for pharmacies to query pharmacies to locate products on behalf of patients
- Task Group Progress
 - Identified multiple stakeholders
 - Identified multiple use cases
 - Evaluated transaction data fields
 - Identified initial out-of-scope considerations
- Task Group Status
 - Build participation
 - Progress with transaction build out
 - Engage entities to pursue pilot

Working Parameters

- 01 Leverage technology ... avoid a telephone call

- 02 Utilize network services connections

- 03 Anticipate intermediary involvement

- 04 Do not expect to access the pharmacies inventory, nor broadcast inventory, rather expect a response that indicates whether pharmacy can fill Rx vs. cannot fill Rx

- 05 The inquiry data is familiar ... from existing NCPDP SCRIPT and Specialized standards

- 06 This is expected to be an automated transaction. Manual intervention is minimal or nil.

- 07 Crawl...walk...run approach. Satisfy basic case initially and then mature

Stakeholders

Benefits

1

Patient

- Prescription availability status
- Minimize delays in therapy
- Reduce unnecessary health risks

2

Prescriber

- Mitigate delays in therapy
- Work flow efficiencies
- Improved decision support

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Pharmacy

- Operational efficiencies
- Patient satisfaction
- Improved outcomes

Questions

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