



HIPAA Success Task Group

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Why WEDI created the HIPAA Success Task Group?



- *The Secretary may modify an initial standard at any time during the first year of adoption, if she determines that the modification is necessary to permit compliance with the standard.*

[45 CFR Parts 160 and 162, page 50313]

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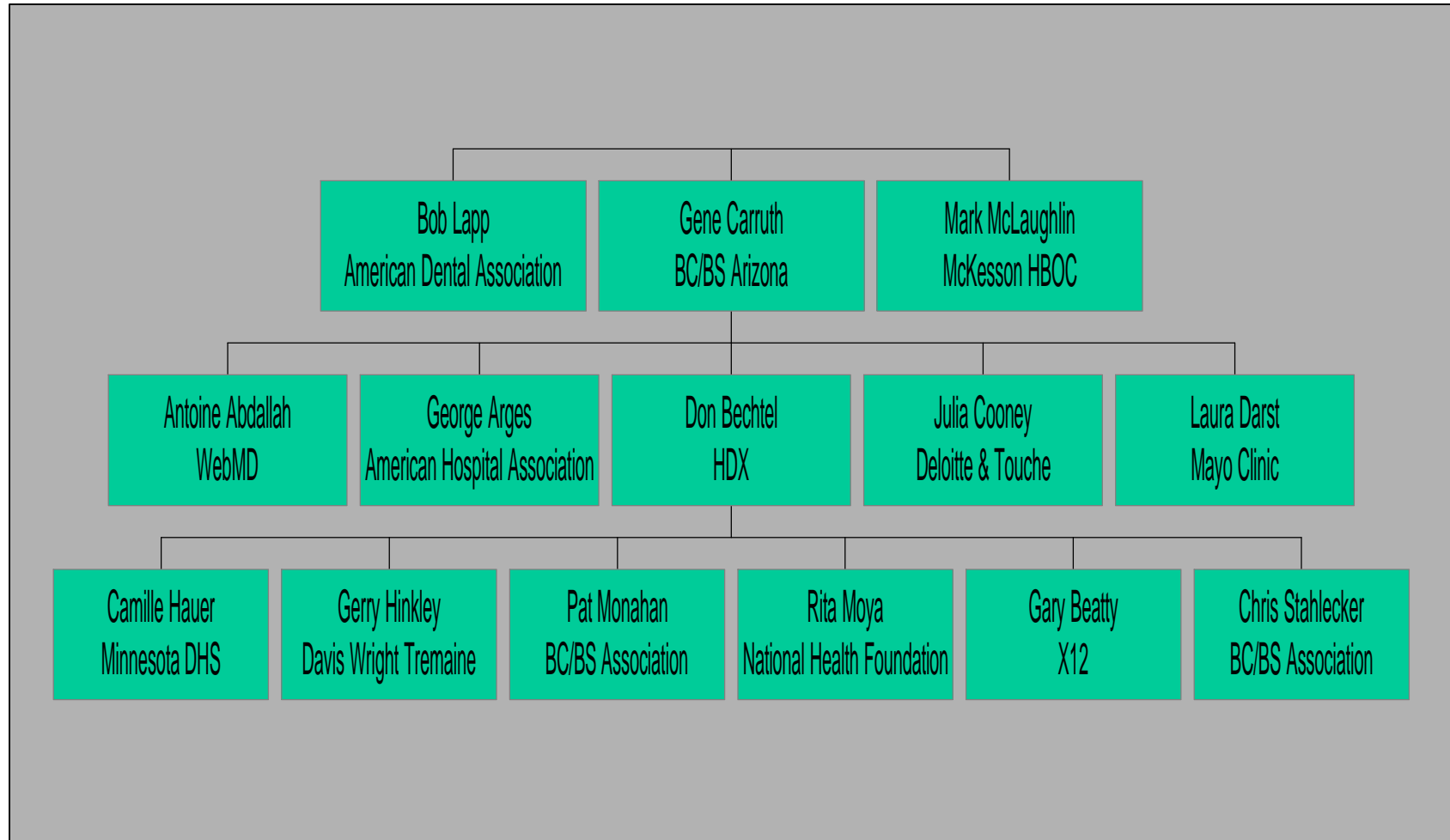
- *WEDI is a consultant to the Secretary named in the HIPAA legislation*
- *Some regulatory changes might reduce implementation costs*
- *Other regulatory changes might facilitate timely implementation*

How is the Success Task Group different from WEDI-SNIP?



- **The Task Group identifies obstacles to timely HIPAA implementation or successful implementation efforts and recommends regulatory modifications if necessary**
- **WEDI-SNIP develops industry collaboration and implementation processes for HIPAA regulations as promulgated**

Who's on the WEDI HIPAA Success Task Group?



What testimony was provided?



- **Issues that could represent a considerable financial burden and suggestions for mitigation**
- **Issues that could not be resolved by the current implementation dates**
- **Issues that cannot be resolved and suggestions for modification**
- **Successes**

Example of a Request



- For institutional providers, payers, fiscal intermediaries and others, there is no benefit yet enormous cost associated with implementing NDC codes on claims
- Removal of all National Drug Code qualifiers from the SV2 segment of the institutional health care claim implementation guide

Example of a Request



- **The business need to submit an electronic inquiry for pricing proposed dental services is not met in the final rule.**
- **Designate the 837 Health Care Claim: Dental as the appropriate transaction for the request for pre-determination of dental benefits**

Example of a Request



- **NCPDP Batch Standard Version 1.1 is the correct version to be used with Telecommunication Version 5.1**
- **The request is to clarify the rule by changing the named NCPDP Batch Standard to Version 1.1 in all appropriate places**

Example of a Request



- **WEDI supports privacy legislation that pre-empts state law to provide a consistent national privacy policy**
- **WEDI supports legislation extending the definition of covered entities to all organizations with access to protected health information**

Who cares about my HIPAA implementation problems?



- **The Designated Standards Maintenance Organizations (DSMOs) consider changes to the HIPAA standards**
www.hipaa-dsmo.org/
- **X12N Errata for the HIPAA Implementation Guides**
- **DHHS**
- **WEDI HIPAA Success Task Group**

Your Turn



- **What issues represent a considerable financial burden?
How can the costs be mitigated?**
- **What issues cannot be resolved by the implementation dates?
How much time is required?**
- **What issues can never be resolved?
How can the regulations be modified to permit resolution?**
- **Successes?**

Thank you. Questions?



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