



# 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.

## Attachments

### Co-Chairs

Durwin Day, Health Care  
Service Corporation  
Susan Langford, BCBS of  
Tennessee  
Mary Lynn Bushman,  
Elevance Health  
Rose Hodges, Aetna

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

Arna Meyer, Albion Dental  
Technology Consulting

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, WEDI Chair  
Cherie Holmes-Henry,  
NextGen Healthcare  
Lukasz Nosol,  
UnitedHealthcare

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

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.

## Health Equity

### Co-Chairs

Janice Karin,  
Massachusetts Health Data  
Consortium  
Kristi Linson, IN Dept of  
Health  
Nancy Spector, American  
Medical Association

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

David Delano,  
Massachusetts Health Data  
Consortium  
Heather McComas,  
American Medical  
Association  
Janice Bakos, Aetna  
Raj Godavarthi, MCG  
Health

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

Lesley Berkeyheiser, Direct  
Trust  
Thanh-Thien Nguyen,  
Kaiser Permanente

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  
Martin Cody, Madaket  
Health

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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