

Standards Organizations Plan Collaboration

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In March, the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) Subcommittee on Standards and Security reached an agreement with six standard-setting organizations. The six organizations include the Accredited Standards Committee X12, Dental Content Committee, Health Level Seven, National Council for Prescription Drug Programs, National Uniform Billing Committee, and National Uniform Claim Committee. The agreement consists of a signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) pledging to collaborate in the process of maintaining and updating the administrative simplification standards developed by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as well as recommending new standards. The MOU sets a process that will allow "a single entry point" for requesting changes to HIPAA standards, for the request's evaluation, and for a response to the request to be sent to the NCVHS and HHS.

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