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# **eSolutions xChange Conference**

## **Introduction to WEDI and Critical Health IT Issues**

**April 20, 2026**

**Robert Tennant, Executive Director, WEDI**

# Agenda

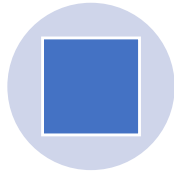
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# About WEDI



WEDI was formed in 1991 by then-HHS Secretary Dr. Louis Sullivan.



Bernard Tresnowski (BCBSA) and Joseph Brophy (Travelers)



1992 and 1993 WEDI reports leveraged into legislative language (HIPAA).

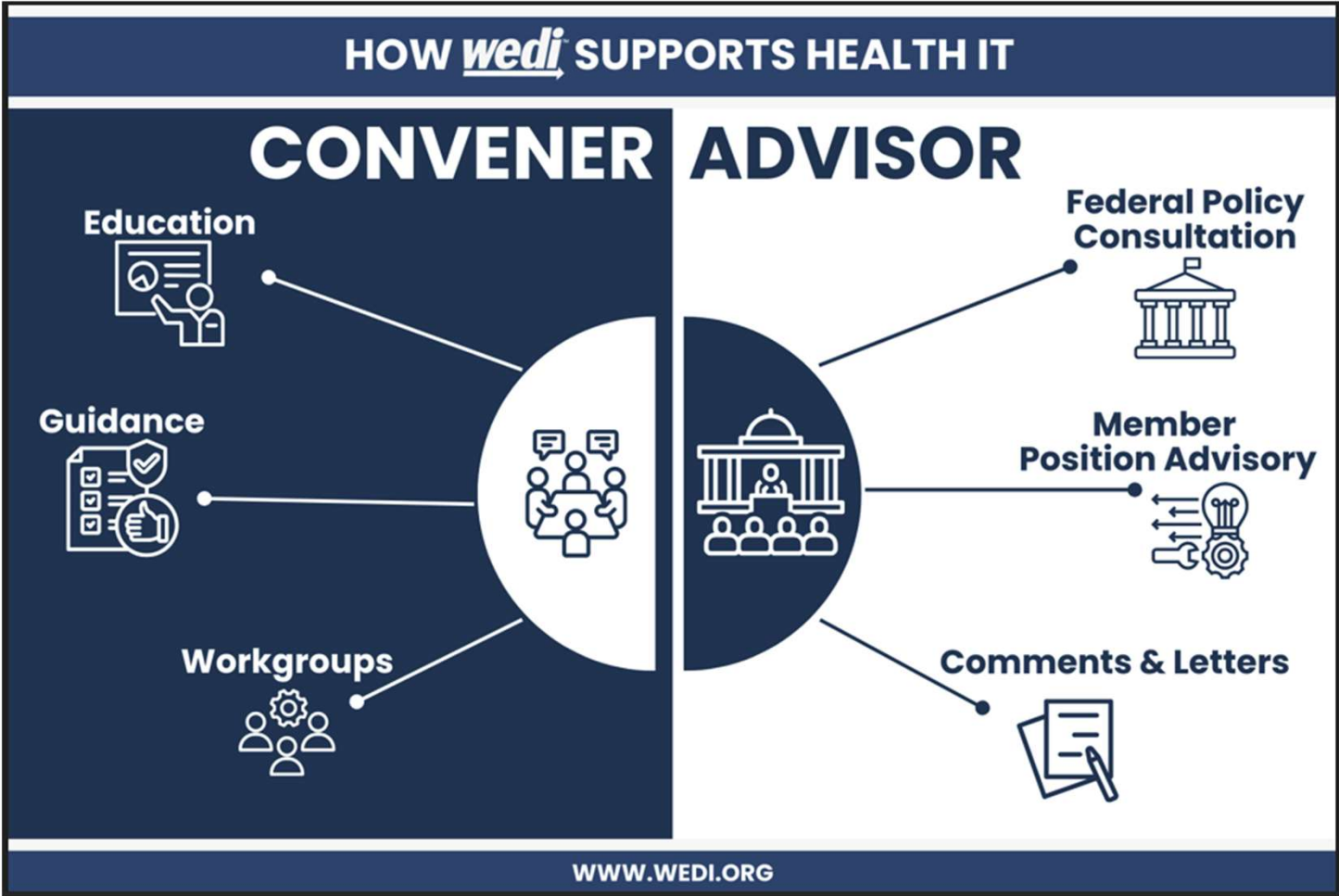


Named in HIPAA as an advisor to HHS, we have worked closely with every Administration with a focus on CMS, ONC and OCR.



WEDI has 17 workgroups and conducts educational programming on a wide array of HIT topics.





# Current BCBS Involvement

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BCBSA  
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Plans are  
Current  
Members

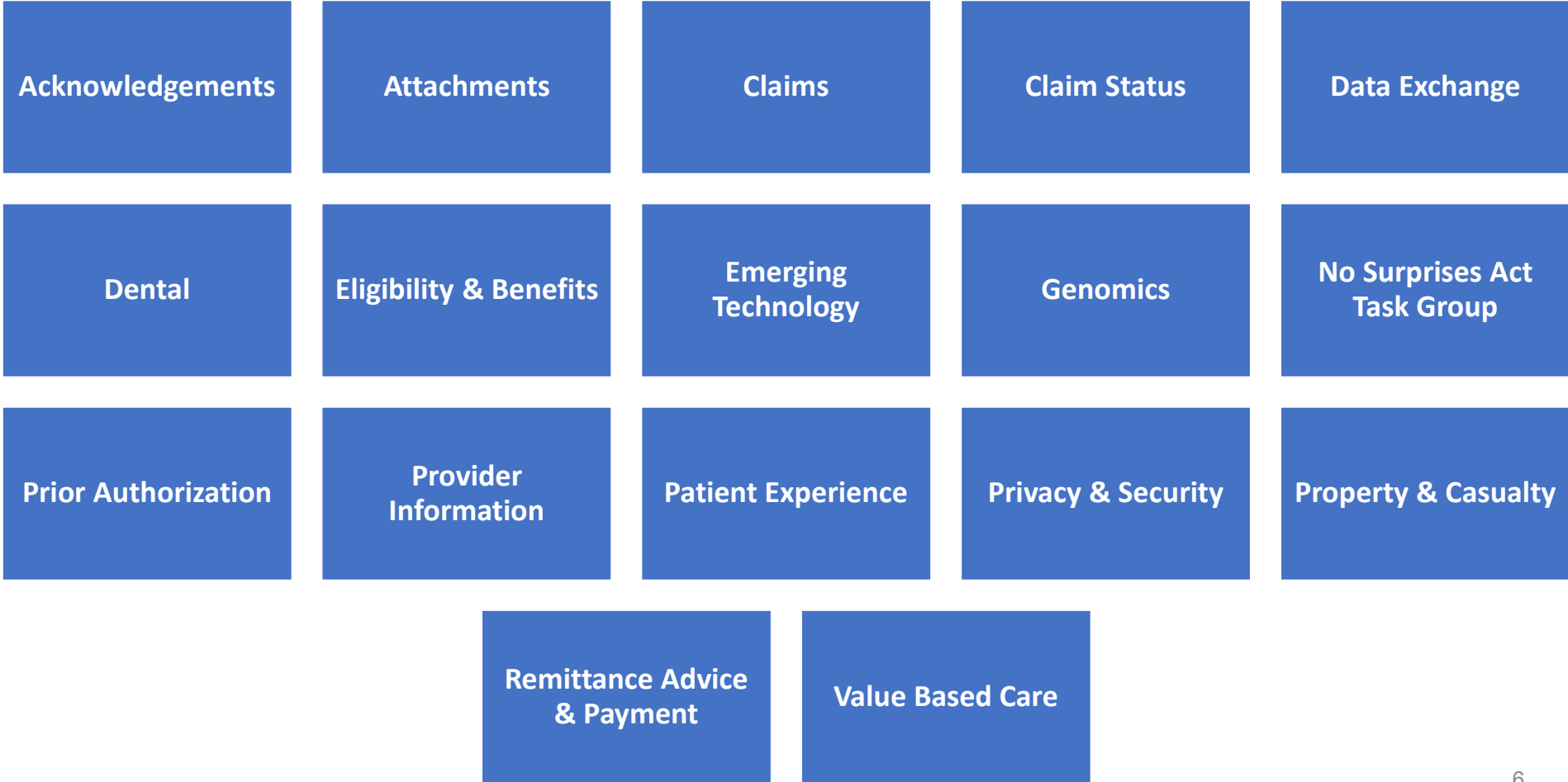


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Members: **Gail  
Kocher** (BCBSA)  
and Chair,  
Nominating  
Cmte, **Elizabeth  
Reyes** (Elevance  
Health), **Steven  
Johnson** (HCSC)



WG co-chair  
roles: **Amanda  
Abbott** (BCBS  
Kansas), **Donna  
Boyle-Campbell**  
(HCSC), **Mary  
Lynn Bushman**  
(Elevance  
Health/Wellpoint  
Federal)

# WEDI's Workgroups and Task Group



# What do Workgroups Produce?

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- **Fact Sheets & Whitepapers**
  - Documents that presents key information about a specific topic or issue
  - Designed to provide quick, essential facts or industry guidance
- **Surveys**
  - Useful for collecting data on a specific issue facing the industry
  - We use results to assist with recommendations and get a better understanding of what additional training/guidance the industry needs
- **SMEs/Education/Podcasts**
  - Invite outside experts to discuss issues of importance, emerging tech
  - Develop educational sessions (and serve as faculty) at WEDI spotlights/conferences
  - WEDI highlights relevant topics on “The Collective Voice of Health IT” podcast, discuss relevant topics and reach a broader audience

# Getting Involved

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## Opportunities

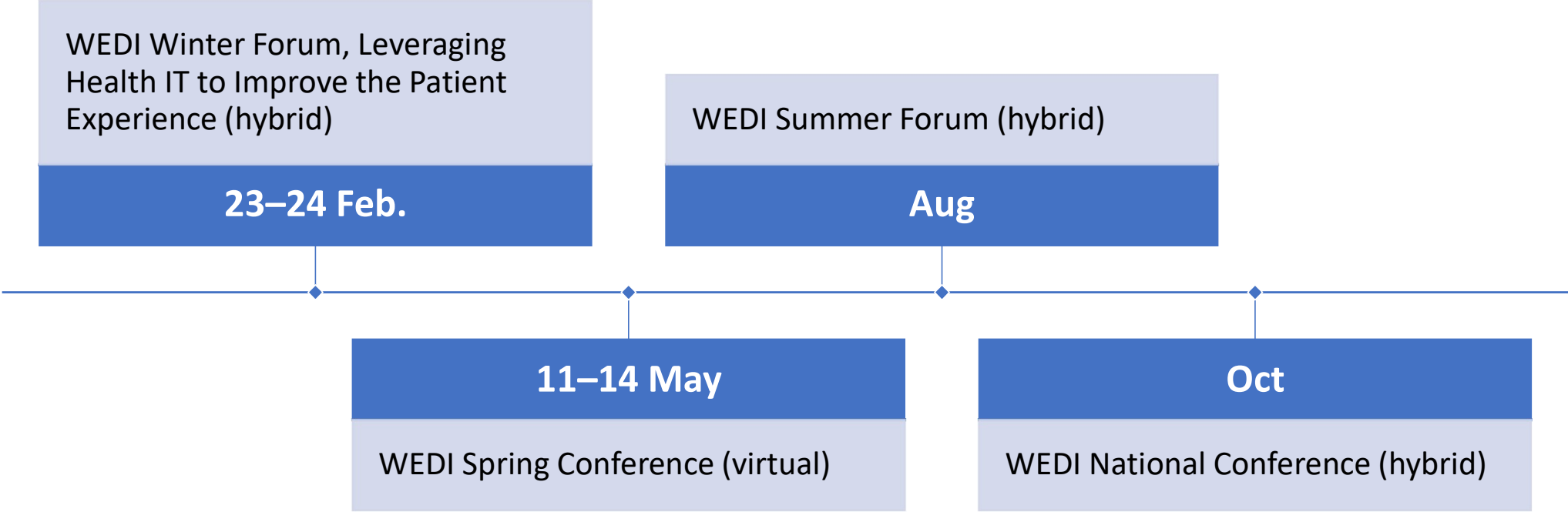
Unique venue for Blues Plans to interact with colleagues from payer, provider, SDO, and vendor organizations on critical health IT issues

Opportunity to raise issues for group discussion, provide your company's perspectives

Influence industry direction on policies that impact your company

# WEDI Education

# WEDI Education: 2026 Anchor Events



# Education Events

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**Member Town Halls**



**Deep Dives on Critical Issues**



**Spotlights on Hot Topics**



**Sponsored Sessions: Showcasing Innovative Solutions**



**Blogs**



**Podcasts**

# WEDI Podcasts

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- ❖ 24,600 all-time downloads
- ❖ 224 all-time episodes
- ❖ 6 episodes in 2026



## Top 5 Most Downloaded Episodes, Nov 1, 2025- February, 2026

1. Episode 233- **Inside TEFCA**: QHIN Leaders on the State of Nationwide Interoperability (Jan. 16, 2026)
2. Episode 228- People, Process, and Performance: **Building Resilient RCM Teams** (Dec. 5, 2025)
3. Episode 234- From Regulation to Real-World Impact: **Operationalizing CMS 0057**, Sponsored by Itiliti Health (Jan. 23, 2026)
4. Episode 227- SDOH, Risk Stratification, and the **Road to Proactive Care** (Nov. 28, 2025)
5. Episode 232- The **Role of Intermediaries in CMS 0057** (Jan. 9, 2026)



## 2026 Issue

Implementation of the CMS Advancing Interoperability and Improving Prior Authorization Final Rule (CMS-0057-F)

# WEDI 0057-F Surveys

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Surveys was in response to the CMS 2.8.24 [0057-F Final Rule](#)



Requirements include Patient Access, Provider Access, Payer-to-Payer, and Prior Authorization application programming interfaces (APIs).



Impacted payers are required to implement the API requirements in the Final Rule by **January 1, 2027**.



Surveys received 243 responses (Jan-Feb 2025), 183 (Oct. 2025), and 83\* (Feb. 2026)

## Survey Payer Highlights (Full Results [Here](#))



For the API requirements, just 10% have not yet started their work, compared to the previous result of 33% (Oct. 25) and 42% (Jan/Feb. 25)

Notable increase in those payers estimating the cost would exceed \$5 million: from 15% (Oct. 25) to 25% (Feb. 26)

Implementing the Payer-to-Payer API: half of payer respondents are between 50-100% ready, compared to just one quarter in Oct. 25

Implementing the PA API: Just 10% reported not yet started, down from 22% in Oct. Half reported at least 50% complete in Feb. 26, up from 21% in Oct.

In Feb. 26: Top challenges payers reported facing are: 1) Delegated 3<sup>rd</sup> parties facing challenges connecting with different systems 2) Digitizing PA policies 3) Funding



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# Interoperability and Drug Prior Auth NPRM

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Just Published!  
4/14/26 Federal Register – Comments due 6/15

Would apply to specific “impacted payers”

Proposes HL7 FHIR Da Vinci IGs for ePAs for drugs covered under medical benefits

Proposes NCPDP standards for ePAs for drugs covered under pharmacy benefits

Would require payers respond within specific times with drug prior auth decisions

CMS is proposing to require impacted payers to use IG versions that are currently recommended under the 2024 final rule

Would require payers provide a specific reason for denial of drug prior auth

Would require payers publicly report specific metrics on drug prior auths

Proposes HL7 FHIR Da Vinci Clinical Data Exchange (CDex) IG for ePA attachments

Would require payers to report their endpoints for each API. CMS to publish in a centralized location

Would require impacted payers to report Access API usage metrics

CRD, DTR, and PAS IGs in place of the adopted versions of the X12N 278 transaction

## Key Issues: 0057/0062



***How will the industry move efficiently from theory, to testing, to go live?***



***How will including drugs impact implementation efforts?***



***What role will intermediaries (CHs, QHINs) play in supporting APIs?***



***How will the industry identify, then solve the expected business issues?***

# WEDI Prior Authorization SUB WORKGROUP

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**Mission: To educate the industry on prior authorization regulations. Provide possible implementation approaches and to assist with adoption of the 0057 final rule. Support and streamline activities related to implementation and adoption of ePA.**

## **Sub Workgroup Co-Chairs**

**Janice Bakos**  
CVS Aetna

**Raj Godavarthi**  
MCG Health

**Michael Lunzer**  
Itiliti Health

**Heather McComas**  
AMA

The Prior Auth Sub Workgroup Meets Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month, 2:00pm – 3:00pm ET

Open to WEDI Members

If you are interested in joining, contact Ariana Poole, [apoole@wedi.org](mailto:apoole@wedi.org)

# CMS-0057-F Landing Page



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WITH IMPLEMENTATION JUST MONTHS AWAY, IS YOUR ORGANIZATION POSITIONED FOR SUCCESS? WEDI SUPPORTS THE HEALTH CARE IT INDUSTRY BY OFFERING REGULAR EDUCATION FOR ALL HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS, FACILITATING COMMUNICATION WITH KEY GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDERS AND MORE.

INTRO TO FINAL RULE

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

wedi TESTING DIRECTORY

wedi RESOURCES

HL7/DA VINCI RESOURCES

INDUSTRY RESOURCES

WEDI SURVEY CMS-0057-F



UPCOMING EVENTS



**WEDI Spring Conference 2026 (Virtual)**  
Virtual May 11-14, 2026

The 2026 WEDI Spring Conference is a 3.5-day virtual spotlight on best practices, lessons learned, and emerging trends shaping the future of healthcare IT.

PAST EVENTS

- [3.19.26] Preparing State Medicaid for CMS-0057-F: What Implementation Looks Like, sponsored by Itiliti Health
- [2.23.26] WEDI Winter Forum: The Promise and Reality of Health IT in Improving the Patient Journey
- [2.17.26] The Final Countdown: CMS-0057-F Updates from CMS and WEDI Stakeholders
- [2.10.26] Unlocking the Power of Bidirectional Data Exchange between Payers and Providers, sponsored by InterSystems
- [2.5.26] From Data Exchange to Decision-Making: Integrated Interoperability Platform and Prior Authorization Solution in Action for CMS-0057 Compliance, sponsored by Itiliti Health and 1upHealth



# CMS-0057-F Testing Directory

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## CMS 0057-F IMPLEMENTATION WEDI TESTING DIRECTORY

### CMS-0057-F Testing Directory Questionnaire for Organizations

WEDI is creating a public directory of industry readiness for organizations that are interested in testing prior authorization and interoperability APIs in preparation for the January 1, 2027, compliance deadline for CMS-0057-F. The intent of the directory is to facilitate testing between organizations, gauge industry readiness for the compliance deadline, and provide overall education for organizations. The directory will also display results and/or summaries of completed testing as described by the submitters.

If your organization is interested in being listed in the WEDI directory, please complete the following questionnaire and return it to [wedi@wedi.org](mailto:wedi@wedi.org).

[Submit an Entry for the Directory](#)

## WEDI CMS-0057-F Testing Directory Questionnaire for Organizations

### **Introduction**

Please complete the following questions and provide as much information as possible. Information provided in this questionnaire will be posted publicly as part of WEDI's CMS-0057-F Testing Directory. Information can be updated by submitters as frequently as necessary.

If you have any questions about this submission form, please submit them to [apoole@wedi.org](mailto:apoole@wedi.org).

\* 1. Date Submitted/Updated (Enter the date of this submission.)

# WEDI's Member Position Advisory (MPA)



**MPA event: May 19<sup>th</sup> 12 noon to 3 pm ET on the CMS Interoperability and Drug NPRM (0062-P)**



**Members only, led by industry experts, we will walk through the key provisions and hear from our stakeholders**



**We will seek to identify consensus-based recommendations**



**WEDI Board will review and approve final comment letter to CMS**



# 2026 Issue

## 008060 Version of the HIPAA EDI Transactions

# X12 Version 008060

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- X12 sent a letter to NCVHS and CMS in December 2025 recommending the adoption of the Version 008060 under HIPAA
- If finalized, Version 008060 will replace Version 005010 that has been in place since 2012
- X12's Resources: [X12 HIPAA Recommendations](#) with links to:
  - Recommendation letter
  - Change Reference Documents
  - Coming soon: Benefits Summary documents
  - Coming soon: Education Presentation slides
  - [X12 News](#): Announcements for X12's 008060 Education/ Information Series

# Federal Policy Consultation Process



# WEDI's Federal Policy Consultation (FPC)



**Need:** Support HHS and its agencies by proactively convening consultation events *prior* to regulatory action



**Purpose:** 1) Gather information for potential regulatory action, 2) Convene stakeholders to collect feedback and data, 3) Compile perspectives and recommendations and provide to HHS

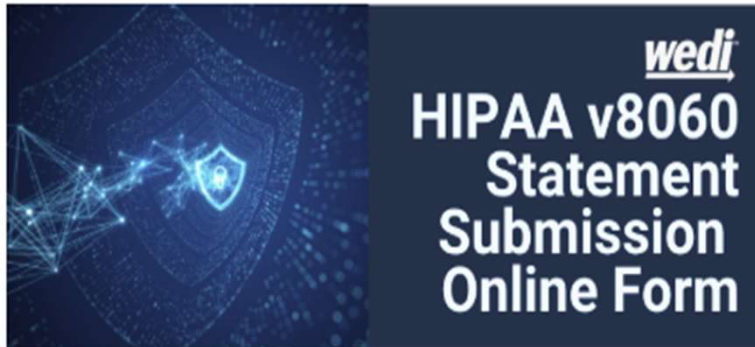


**Methodology:** All or some may be used – surveys, meetings or hearings, requests for written statements, interviews, electronic polling tools, and other relevant means



**Outcome:** Report on the findings that is submitted to HHS or requesting agency, and made public

# Participate in Version 008060 FPC



[Written Statement Submission Form](#)  
(Closes April 24)



[Survey](#)  
(Closes April 24<sup>th</sup>)



[FPC Event](#)  
**This Wednesday!**

# After the FPC Process

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## WEDI will:

Compile survey data, submitted written statements, testimony from panelists, comments from FPC attendees

Draft a report summarizing information obtained

Submit the report to CMS (early May)

## CMS will:

Decide on next steps with Version 008060 and potential rulemaking



# 2026 Issue

Publication of the Claims Attachments  
and Digital Signatures Final Rule



# Claims Attachments Final Rule



<b>Final Rule</b>	<p><a href="#">Rule: Administrative Simplification; Adoption of Standards for Health Care Claims Attachments Transactions and Electronic Signatures Final Rule</a> <a href="#">Fact sheet: Administrative Simplification; Adoption of Standards for Health Care Claims Attachments Transactions and Electronic Signatures Final Rule CMS-0053-F   CMS</a></p>
<b>Dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Published: March 24, 2026</li><li>• Effective date: May 26, 2026</li><li>• Compliance date: May 26, 2028</li></ul>
<b>Scope</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Claims attachments only</li><li>• Does not apply to attachments for other administrative transactions, i.e., prior authorization</li><li>• Electronic signatures standard applies to claims attachments only; not for other electronic signature needs</li></ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduced administrative burden by replacing largely manual, burdensome processes</li><li>• Faster claims processing</li><li>• Cost savings – projected to save the industry \$781 million annually*</li></ul>

## Claim Attachments: Issues



*How can the industry educate providers on the advantages of eAttachments-transitioning them away from their faxes*



*How will the industry operationalize solicited vs unsolicited*



*Can we move to structured data-thus increasing ROI*



*As always with new standards, testing is critical*

## WEDI ATTACHMENTS SUB WORKGROUP

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**Mission: To educate the industry on claims attachments. Provide possible implementation approaches and to assist with adoption of the final rule. Support and streamline activities related to implementation and adoption of claims attachments.**

### **Sub Workgroup Co-Chairs**

**Mary Lynn Bushman**  
Elevance Health

**Rosemarie Hodges**  
CVS Aetna

**Jamie Mosteller**  
Jopari

The Attachments Sub Workgroup Meets Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month,  
3:00pm – 4:00pm Eastern

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## HIPAA TRANSACTIONS & OPERATING RULES

THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) WAS PASSED INTO LAW IN 1996. REGULATIONS ADOPTED STANDARDIZED ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI) TRANSACTIONS, CODE SETS, AND UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS. THE HIPAA-MANDATED TRANSACTIONS STREAMLINE THE ADMINISTRATIVE DATA EXCHANGE REDUCING COSTS AND BURDENS ON HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS.

### HIPAA & ACA IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE



Providers	Clearinghouses	Payers	Clearinghouses	Employers
Eligibility & Benefits Inquiry	← 270/271 →	Eligibility & Benefits Response	← 834 →	Enrollment & Termination of Enrollment Data
Preauthorization or Referral Request	← 278 →	Preauthorization or Referral Response	← 820 →	Premium Payment & Advice
Claim Submission	← 837 →	Claim Receipt		
Claim Status Inquiry	← 276/277 →	Claim Status Response		
Receive Claim Payment/Advice	← 835 →	Claim Payment/Advice		

**NEW!**  
**Claims Attachments Final Rule**

- Published on March 24, 2026
- Compliance Deadline: May 26, 2028

[Click here for additional information](#)



# 2025 WEDI Watchlist

# WEDI Watch List

## Regulations

Privacy Modifications  
(OMB)

Cyber Incident Reporting

Cybersecurity

Additional No Surprises  
Act Rules (GFE/AEOB)

## Regs/Guidance

National Provider  
Directory

HTI-6 (ONC)

Additional CMMI Models

HIT Enforcement

## Under Discussion

TEFCA/HIEs

CMS Health Tech  
Ecosystem

National Patient  
Identifier

New Process for Vetting  
Administrative Standards

# Final Thoughts

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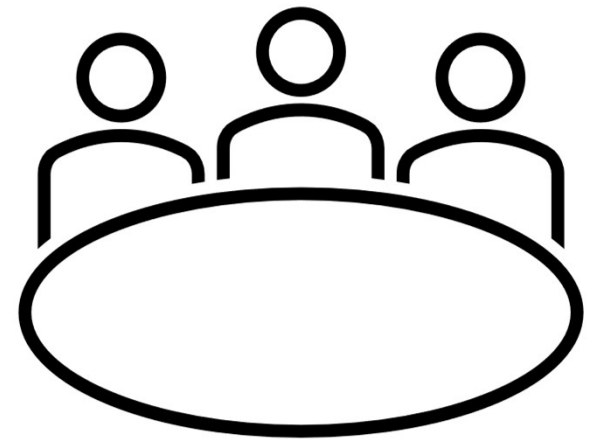
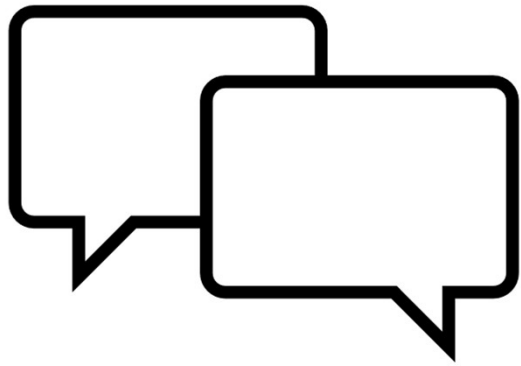
Based on previous mandates (Version 4010, 5010, ICD-10) many in the industry do not get an early start on implementation. Same appears to apply to 0057-F

Additional regulatory actions from the new Administration are expected

WEDI will host MPAs/FPCs on critical federal health IT actions-as they are released

Tsunami of changes requires collective and collaborative action and solutions

Reach out to me at [rtennant@wedi.org](mailto:rtennant@wedi.org) with any questions



**Questions**