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**Item "Adoption of NCPDP SCRIPT 8.1"**

With regards to removing the exemption from Long Term Care, we applaud CMS for wanting to move forward with the challenges in addressing the unique e-prescribing needs of Skilled Nursing Facilities. It is our understanding that NCVHS will hear testimony in January on lifting the exemption. NCPDP SCRIPT version 8.1 may work well for everyone else but it is our understanding that version 10.2 or higher would be required for LTC.

More specifically, prior to 10.x the functionality to identify the unit, room or bed of the resident does not exist, nor is there a contact within the facility included for communication between pharmacy and facility about an order. Since these newer versions are awaiting ANSI approval we recommend that the LTC exemption be lifted but be done after the adoption of version NCPDP SCRIPT version 10.2 or higher.

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