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In January 2017, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) began testing innovative approaches to Medication Therapy Management (MTM) for stand-alone basic prescription drug plans (PDPs) under the new Part D Enhanced Medication Therapy Management Model. To monitor sponsors' implementation of their approved Enhanced MTM programs and to evaluate overall success of the model, CMS will collect enhanced MTM encounter data throughout the five-year pilot. CMS notes that the encounter data elements and proposed monitoring measures will ensure these programs can be evaluated, monitored and compared within a common framework.

Encounter data elements are intended to capture the suite of MTM services provided to Medicare beneficiaries. Services include, but are not limited to, referrals, identification of medication therapy issues, procedures (services and interventions) and outcomes or recommendations. CMS designed the data elements to use existing code sets—primarily SNOMED CT—and align with existing CMS data collection efforts to promote interoperability and to strengthen system linkages across healthcare settings.

The National MTM Advisory Board supports collection of robust and meaningful data for the Enhanced MTM Model and applauds the efforts of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP), the Pharmacy Quality Alliance (PQA) and the Pharmacy Health Information Technology (PHIT) Collaborative in building consensus on a common framework for mapping SNOMED CT codes to enhanced MTM activities. The Board supports the "[Standardized Framework for Cross-Walking Medication Therapy Management \(MTM\) Services to SNOMED CT Codes](#)," released in October 2016, and encourages the MTM industry to adopt the framework and value sets available for MTM services in order to standardize data collection for the Enhanced MTM Model. In addition, the Board encourages the industry to evaluate application of the framework within MTM programs beyond Enhanced MTM programs to further strengthen system linkages and improve care coordination within the healthcare system.

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