X12N/TGAH01
Harmonization

The Harmonization task group (TGAH01) is an ad hoc advisory task group operating under the Insurance subcommittee (X12N) of the Accredited Standards Committee (ASC). The ad hoc group was established as a transitional, proof-of-concept task group and is expected to transition into a standing advisory task group by June 2022. The group's activities are overseen by the X12N officers. The task group adheres to all applicable corporate, committee, and subcommittee policies and procedures.

Purpose

The Harmonization task group is accountable for consistency within and across the technical reports X12N maintains. The group is responsible for developing introductory and explanatory content for inclusion in the technical reports and for ensuring consistent use of segments and elements, consistent wording in situational rules and notes, and for confirming the same or correlated codes are included on code lists as appropriate. The task group chair(s) work with the X12 Governance Panel to ensure X12N-specific terms and definitions are added to the X12 Wordbook and to verify appropriate Wordbook terms are used in the technical reports. A task group constituent is assigned to each X12N MR Development Group to ensure proposed MR solutions conform to established harmonization and consistency rules.

Scope

Specific responsibilities include:
- Maintaining an inventory of the prose content, segments, data elements, codes, situational rules, and notes identified for consistent use across X12N-developed technical reports, commonly known as harmonized content
- Maintaining expertise related to the X12 Wordbook
- Maintaining expertise related to the X12 EDI Standard, including detailed knowledge of its design rules and syntax and semantic requirements
- Maintaining the wording and formatting of prose content identified for consistent use across X12N-developed technical reports, generally known as Common Content
- Maintaining the wording, syntax and semantic requirements, and other technical aspects for segments, data elements, codes, situational rules, and notes identified for consistent use across X12N-developed technical reports
  - Of particular focus is consistency in the identification of individuals and organizations (entities) in the transaction sets and technical reports
- Reviewing X12N maintained work products to ensure established harmonization and consistency rules have been applied and to identify harmonization opportunities
- Collaborating with and providing guidance to other X12N groups related to harmonization and consistency requirements and opportunities

Document History

New versions of this document are effective on the approval date unless otherwise designated.

Date	Description
05/7/2021	Initial Version - consolidates the purpose and scope statements of two X12N work groups, N|B|6 and N|C|5, which are being consolidated into this new adhoc task group.