

ID & EDI ADDRESS PROJECT ORGANIZATION

The purpose of this paper is to describe the objectives, deliverables, and organization of the SNIP Identifiers and EDI Addressing workgroup.

1. Purpose of the Project

This project will publish implementation guidelines for interim and long-term identifier use and specifications for EDI Addresses.

2. Coordination with Interoperability Project

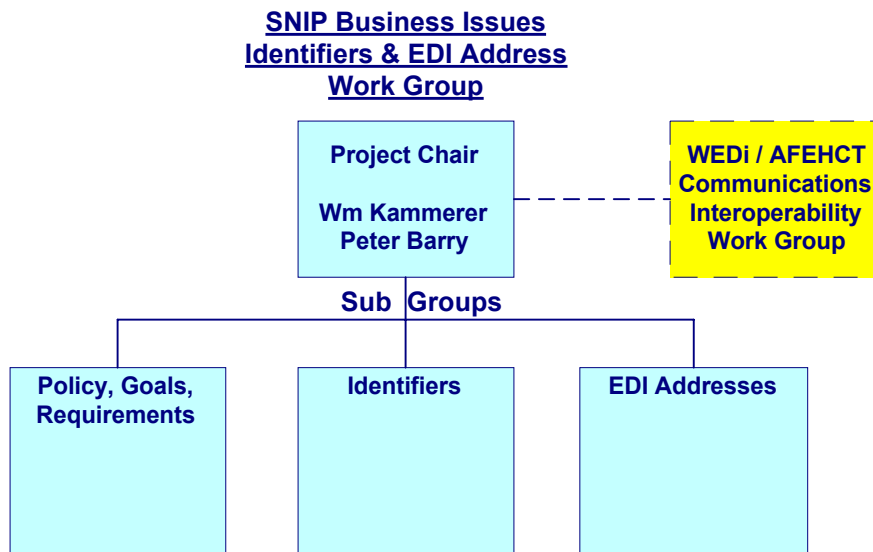
This project will coordinate its findings with the 2002 WEDi / AFEHCT Health Care Communications Interoperability Work Group, which is tackling the related questions of infrastructure (e.g.directories), communications security, and communications packaging.

3. Deliverables

The project will write implementation guidelines and specifications with technical specificity suitable for implementation.

4. Organization of Project

The project will be organized into several subgroups as described below. Membership and participation in all groups are open. Each subgroup will have 2 or 3 co-chairs.



4.1 SNIP Business Issues. The project is organized under the SNIP Business Issues group.

4.2 WEDi / AFEHCT Communications Interoperability Work Group. The project will coordinate its findings with the Interoperability project, which is preparing specifications for infrastructure, communications security, and communications packaging.

4.3 Project Chairs. Responsible for general administration and scheduling of the project and for final editing of publications.

4.4 Subgroups

a. Policy Subgroup. This subgroup will define policy and business issues, goals of the project, and business and technical requirements. It will resolve cross-group questions such as: (i) there are multiple EDI Addresses per identifier, (ii) selection of EDI Address for PPO, repricing, and out-of-area situations.

b. Identifiers Subgroup. This subgroup will write implementation guidelines for use of identifiers in standard EDI transactions. It will address the problems for implementation prior to the introduction of national standard identifiers, entities potentially not included in the national identifier programs, transition to national identifiers, and use of national identifiers.

c. EDI Address Subgroup. This subgroup will write specifications for the representation of an EDI Address and the security and communication attributes associated with the capabilities of the receiver at the address. It will look to the Interoperability project to describe the attributes required.

5. Working Papers

Each subgroup will document interim findings in project working papers. To help coordination, working papers will employ a shell format similar to this paper and will be given document numbers and dates, such that a later date replaces an earlier date for the same document number. The papers will be written in Word. Charts will be developed using Visio and maintained as separate files, copied into Word documents. Filenames are document number followed by title of the paper (e.g. "6010 Project Organization").

Document numbers are assigned by each subgroup within the following series:

6000-6099	Project administration
6100-6199	Policy subgroup
6200-6299	Identifiers subgroup
6300-6399	EDI Address subgroup