

# MTM framework using SNOMED CT codes available for public comment

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*Pharmacists strongly encouraged to submit comments by September 16, 2016*

In preparation for the CMS Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation's (CMMI) launch of the Enhanced Part D MTM program in January 2017, a draft framework has been created that contains proposed definitions for key MTM terms and SNOMED CT codes mapped to those terms.

SNOMED CT codes will be used for electronic reporting of MTM interventions and quality metrics to CMS. From the pharmacist perspective, SNOMED CT codes can be used for the electronic documentation of pharmacists' services and over time will be incorporated into pharmacists' clinical documentation systems.

More information on SNOMED CT codes can be found at <http://pharmacyhit.org/pdfs/workshop-documents/WG2-Post-2014-03.pdf>.

It is critically important that the framework and associated codes reflect the patient care that pharmacists provide rather than having documentation requirements drive the care that is provided.

"APhA strongly encourages practicing pharmacists to review and provide comment on the framework and proposed definitions," said APhA Executive Vice President and CEO Thomas E. Menighan, BSPHarm, MBA, ScD (Hon), FAPhA. "It's important that clinicians guide the development of this framework."

The framework and proposed definitions were developed by a group of stakeholders at a meeting convened by the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, the Pharmacy Quality Alliance, and the Pharmacy Health Information Technology Collaborative.

Comments on the framework are due September 16, 2016. The framework can be accessed at: [www.amcp.org/SNOMED](http://www.amcp.org/SNOMED). Questions can be addressed to Anne Burns at [aburns@aphanet.org](mailto:aburns@aphanet.org).

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