

Public Health Participation in NUBC and ASC X12

The Consortium provides representation at the [National Uniform Billing Committee \(NUBC\)](#) and [American National Standard Institute \(ANSI\) Accredited Standards Committee \(ASC\) X12](#).

NUBC is a designated standard maintenance organization whose focus is to standardize data elements and definitions that will meet the billing and public health reporting requirements, which includes research needs. NUBC meets monthly either in person or by conference call to provide forums for discussions on standardization of data elements for the UB-04 manual. “Race/Ethnicity”, “Do Not Resuscitate”, and “Present on Admission”, were approved for the UB-04 manual as additional public health data elements in 2009. This will benefit state public health agencies that currently use the UB dataset. NUBC is currently working on adding a “Language” data element to the UB dataset.

ASC X12 is a designated standard maintenance organization. There are three in person ASC 12 meetings a year. The purpose of these meetings is to develop standards to meet identified industry business requirements, including electronic transactions named as standards by [Health Information Portability and Accountability Act \(HIPAA\)](#). The work on health care transactions is done by the Insurance Subcommittee. Within this subcommittee one of the health care claim work groups, WG2, focuses on health care claims and reporting to the regulatory agencies. One of products developed and maintained by this work group is the ANSI ASC X12 approved [837 Health Care Services Data Reporting Guide](#). This implementation guide is supported by PHSDC. The Guide is geared toward public health agencies and state hospital associations to support their data collection activities. The workgroup also works on standardizing the health-related data elements for the electronic healthcare data exchange including streamlining the examples of ICD-9 and ICD-10 used in the health care reporting implementation guides, including the 837 Health Care Services Data Reporting Guide.

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[Find out more about the PHDSC’s participation in Health Data Standards Development.](#)