



Description: On September 1st, 2021, Surescripts will begin validating on the most recent version of the NCI* NCPDP** Terminology Codes, version 19.12e, which contains a smaller subset of QuantityUnitOfMeasure*** codes than what is allowed today. This code set is referenced by the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard External Code List (ECL) v2017071 that is used in Surescripts E-Prescribing Solutions. Please note that the changes to the QUOM Code is independent from the NCPDP E-Prescribing SCRIPT Standard v2017071 migration.

If sunset codes, other than the NCI* NCPDP Terminology codes, version 19.12e, are sent in E-Prescribing messages on or after September 1st, 2021, those messages will result in a Surescripts error stating: “QuantityUnitOfMeasure Code: [code value] is invalid.” Therefore, messages with sunset QUOM codes will not successfully be transmitted electronically, and rather end users will have to either update their e-prescribing messages to include the non-sunset QUOM values or transmit them non-electronically.

Surescripts intended to enforce the sunset of the NCI* QuantityUnitOfMeasure on October 1, 2019, in alignment with NCPDP. However, based on industry feedback, Surescripts announced in June 2020 that it would delay validation on QUOM values until September 1, 2021, when Surescripts will sunset NCPDP SCRIPT version 10.6. Since then, many Alliance Network Participants have already successfully implemented or are implementing the necessary changes to ensure their E-Prescribing messages are sent successfully after the sunset date. Any E-Prescribing messages containing sunset QuantityUnitOfMeasure codes on or after September 1, 2021 will fail.

Links for More Information:

- For a detailed list of codes that are being sunset, see Section 13.3 Quantity Unit Of Measure in the NCPDP SCRIPT Implementation Recommendations Document: <https://ncpdp.org/NCPDP/media/pdf/SCRIPT-Implementation-Recommendations.pdf?ext=.pdf>
- See NCI's File Transfer Protocol (ftp) site for the most recent version of the NCPDP Terminology Codes file: <https://evs.nci.nih.gov/ftp1/NCPDP/About.html>
- For more information see this PDF: [QuantityUnitOfMeasure_Bulletin_Supplement_2021.pptx](#)

*NCIt – National Cancer Institute Thesaurus

**NCPDP – National Council for Prescription Drug Programs

***QuantityUnitOfMeasure is referred to as PotencyUnitCode in prior versions of the SCRIPT Standard.

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