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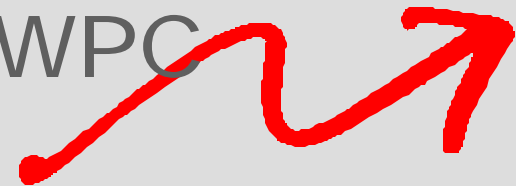## Transactions and Code Sets
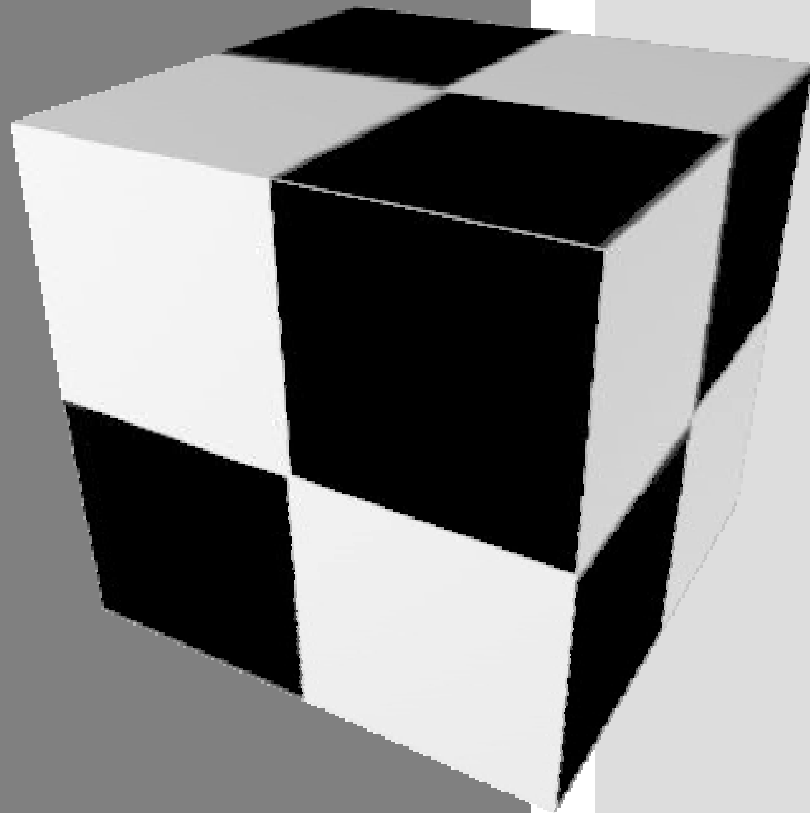
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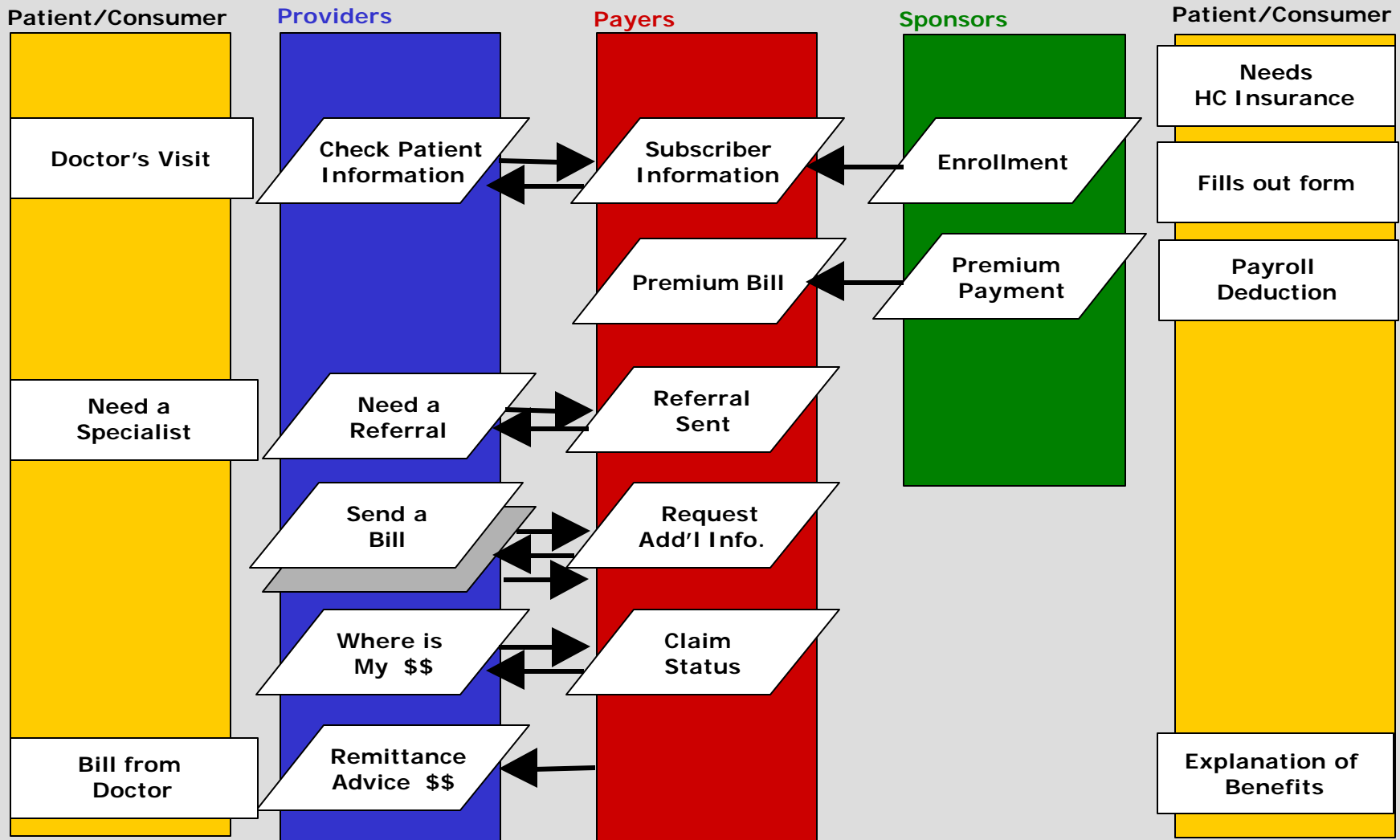
- **What is HIPAA?**
- **Why was it enacted?**
- **Why are national standards for electronic health transactions being proposed?**

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Background

- **Are these government standards that are being adopted?**

  - **How were the standards chosen?**

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The Health Care Landscape - HIPAA

Patient/Consumer	Providers	Payers	Sponsors	Patient/Consumer
Doctor's Visit	Check Patient Information	Subscriber Information	Enrollment	Needs HC Insurance
		Premium Bill	Premium Payment	Fills out form
				Payroll Deduction
Need a Specialist	Need a Referral	Referral Sent		
	Send a Bill	Request Add'l Info.		
	Where is My $$	Claim Status		
Bill from Doctor	Remittance Advice $$			Explanation of Benefits

Reduced Costs

- **Reduce the Accounts Receivable Cycle**
  - **Reduced Data Entry Time**
- **Improved Accuracy (5% data entry errors)**

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Reduced Costs

- **Smaller/Faster Transmissions at Lower Cost**

  - **Reduce/Eliminate Rework**

  - **Avoid/Reduce Data Entry FTE**

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Reduced Costs

- **Reduce Operational Costs**
  - Office Supplies
  - Postal Costs
  - Telephone Charges

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Improve Process

- **Improved Support**
  - Patient
  - Provider
  - Payer
- **Efficient Information Delivery**

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Creates New Opportunities

- **Use the Health Care Data for:**
  - Data Analysis
  - Business Analysis

  And Make Better Business Decisions

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The Future

Technology Empowering Consumers

- **The Health Care Landscape**

- **Funding Health Care**
  - Private Sector Employers
  - Public Sector Agencies

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The Future

Vision For a new Health Care Economy

– Integration of Information Capture and Management

– Accessible Technology

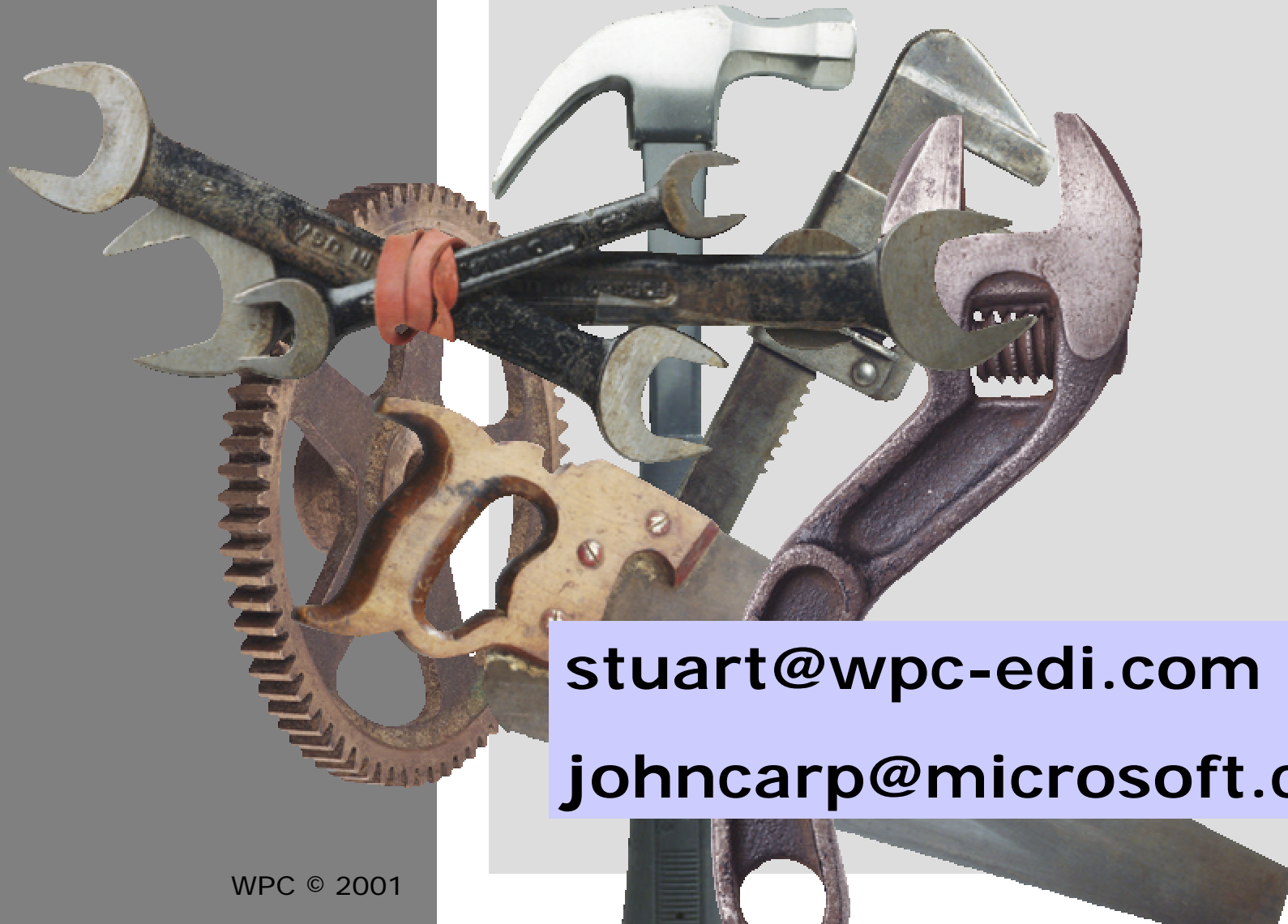– Flexible Technology

• **The New Healthscape**

The Future

Change Process

- DSMO
- Addenda
- New Versions

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