

# ONC TEFCA

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# Agenda

- Welcome
- RCE Status Update
- TEFCA Value Proposition
- Questions & Answers

# Meet the RCE Team



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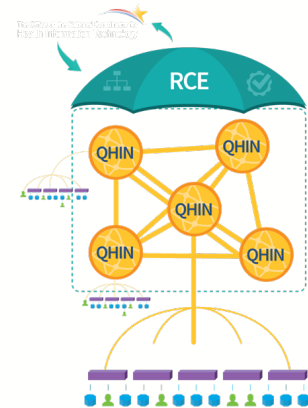
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# RCE Update

# Status Update

- Prepare QHIN and RCE Metrics and facilitate Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) clearance
- Prepare Common Agreement Draft Version 1 for public comment
- Facilitate stakeholder feedback sessions
- Develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Define QHIN onboarding and designation process
- Prepare QHIN Technical Framework Draft Version 2 for public comment



# TEFCA Value Proposition

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- **Overall value proposition**
  - Nationwide scale
  - Simplified connectivity
  - Standardized approaches to trust frameworks and technical standards
- **Implications unique to stakeholder groups**
  - ✓ Health information networks
    - Patients and consumers
    - State government and public health – **Coming soon!**
    - Providers – **Coming soon!**
    - Payers
- **Build from stakeholder views**
- **Discuss what stakeholders can do to prepare**



The Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement –

## Benefits for Health Information Networks (HINs)

Together with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), we are building the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) established by the 21st Century Cures Act. Once operational, the TEFCA will facilitate exchange of health information on a nationwide scale, simplify connectivity among networks, and create efficiency by establishing a standardized approach to exchange policies and technical frameworks.

The TEFCA will offer nationwide approach for the exchange of relevant health information to support a range of exchange purposes, such as treatment, payment, quality assessment, benefits determination, consumer access to health information, and public health.

The TEFCA will provide a common set of rules that are federally recognized, greatly reducing the burden health information networks (HINs) currently face when they try to establish connections with entities outside their networks. Consistent policies and technical approaches will increase the overall exchange of health information. The TEFCA will also provide a structure for engaged parties to work together on coordinated, uniform adoption of new technologies and use cases over time.

The ultimate goal of the TEFCA is to enhance provider and consumer access to health information that supports better clinical decision-making, improved outcomes, and lower costs. HINs participating in the TEFCA will play a pivotal role in reaching that goal and will benefit greatly from its achievement.

# Value Proposition for State Governments and Public Health

## Benefits

- Improve access to population health data
- Further advancing interoperable exchange for Medicaid
- Support public health reporting
- Facilitate bidirectional exchange with public health
- Facilitate emergency preparedness and response
- Augment state-level information exchange

## Considerations

- State-level privacy policies that may differ from and supersede TEFCA
- Variation in public health laws and programs across states and jurisdictions
- Connecting existing public health reporting mechanisms to TEFCA
- Funding for modernization of information systems and connectivity





# Value Proposition for Providers



## Benefits

- Improve care and care coordination
- Support individuals' access to information from across providers
- Easier access to information needed to support value-based care, care management and population health
- Network-of-networks approach supports more efficient connection across HINs
- Ease burden of public health reporting
- Infrastructure to support care providers during emergencies

## Challenges

- Different rates of adoption across settings
- Limited bandwidth focused on patient care
- Useability within workflow
- Data quality and usefulness
- Individual access to records across care team
- Interaction with other federal, state and local rules



# Questions & Answers