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Agenda

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

Meet the RCE Team



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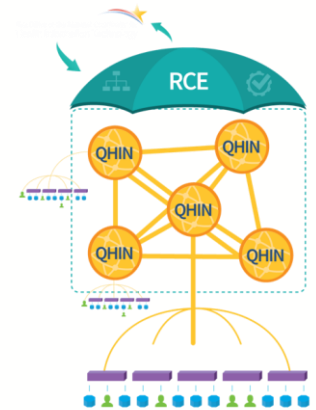


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RCE Update

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



RCE Metrics Development

Status Update

- **Responses received from CAWG members providing details on proposed specifications of year 1 metrics.**
 - General support for third-party accreditation options: reduces potential for perception of bias; alignment would streamline existing business processes
 - Further understanding of the specifications will be required in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
 - Level of burden for providing data to support various proposed measures varies depending on current operational processes and infrastructure (some already have ability to provide, some would have to develop the ability).
- **Next Steps:** Summarize responses on burden and finalize draft application for OMB Paperwork Reduction Act application; Coordinate feedback with SOP team.

Proposed Year 1 Operational and Process Measures

1: Onboarding status

2: Initial Compliance

3: Ongoing Compliance - Policy

4: Ongoing Compliance - Technical

#5: Ongoing compliance – Network performance

6: Ongoing Compliance – Security

7: Ongoing Compliance – Flow Down Verification

8: Number of “member organizations” affiliated with QHIN

9: Report to RCE number of document deliveries/healthcare organization transaction volume - near term

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 – **Under investigation**
- **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 Purchasers and Payers

Potential Benefits

- Improve care and care coordination
- Provider individuals with access to their information
- Support value-based care
- Support care management and population health
- Streamline prior authorization processes



RCE to validate through structured interviews with 10-12 entities from the payer community



Questions & Answers