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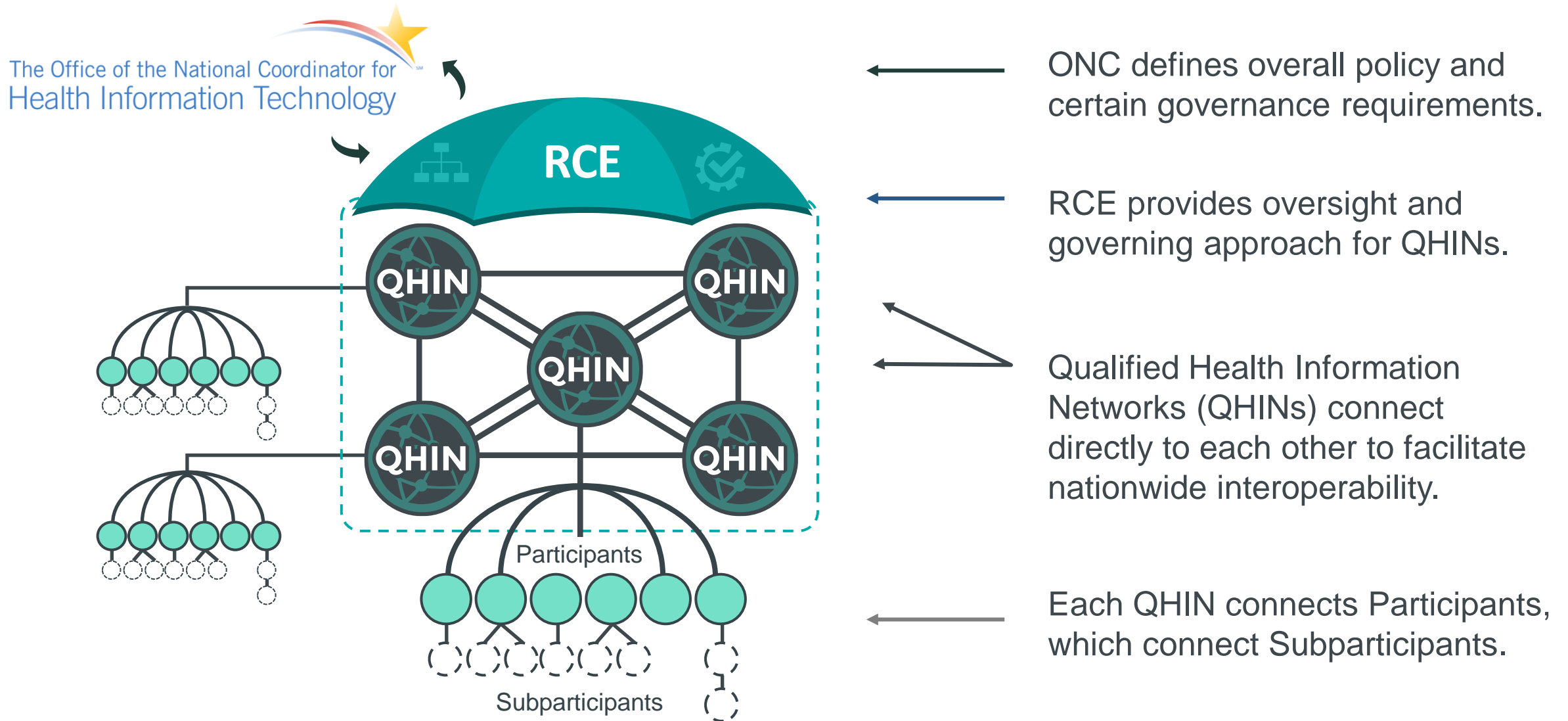
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- How will Exchange Work under TEFCA?
- What are TEFCA Components?
- Department of Health & Human Services 2/13/2023 Debrief
- Interoperability & CMS Rules
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# How will exchange work under TEFCA?



# TEFCA Components



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Trusted  
Exchange  
Framework



Common  
Agreement



Standard  
Operating  
Procedures



QHIN  
Technical  
Framework



QHIN  
Onboarding



Metrics



Governing  
Approach

# Applications Can Now be Submitted!



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## Welcome to your QHIN Application Web Forms!

Before you begin, please read the following instructions carefully.

### General Overview Instructions

1. Before beginning either of the below forms, be sure that you have:
  - a. Thoroughly reviewed the QHIN Onboarding & Designation SOP;
  - b. Submitted your intent to apply and received a response from the RCE confirming receipt; AND
  - c. Met with an RCE representative, during which time the RCE has provided an overview of how to complete these forms.

# Applications Can Now be Submitted



## Part I – Basic Applicant Information

Part I – Basic Applicant Information +

Part II – Organizational Requirements +

Part III – Exchange of Required Information and Ability to Perform Functions of a QHIN +

Part IV – Organizational Infrastructure and Legal Authority +

Part V – QHIN Privacy and Security Requirements +

Part VI – Project Plan +

Part VII - Background References +

Part VIII - Attestation +

### Question 1.

Please complete the following fields.

SUBMISSION ID \*

APPLICANT'S LEGAL NAME \*

List all other names under which the applicant does business (Doing Business As, Alias, Trademarks, etc.)



- Recap of HHS TEFCA event
- Clarifications:
  - » 6 Applicants recognized for moving into the next phase of Onboarding
  - » Application will remain open, and there are others currently going through the process
  - » Currently, there are no Designated QHINs
    - The 6 approved applicants have remaining processes to successfully complete in order to be Designated.
    - There is no guarantee that each will become a QHIN
  - » There are no cohorts of QHINs
  - » There will be no first QHIN



# Interoperability and CMS Rules



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- TEFCA is an option to meet information exchange requirements under Medicare Promoting Interoperability programs:
  - » FY 2023 Hospital IPPS final rule
  - » CY 2023 Physician Fee Schedule / MIPS final rule
- Advancing Interoperability and Improving Prior Authorization Processes Proposed Rule (comments due March 13)
  - » Request for Information on Advancing the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA)

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- Onboarding & Designation SOP & Application
- Define the scope of potential changes to Common Agreement v2
- Payment & Healthcare Operations Implementation SOP
- Additional Security requirements for QHINs, Participants and Subparticipants
- TEFCA Facilitated FHIR Implementation Guide Testing
  - » IHE TEFCA Facilitated FHIR Projectathon
    - March 8-9, 2023 - Austin, Texas
  - » HL7 FHIR Connectathon
    - May 6-7, 2023 - New Orleans, Louisiana



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# Future Use Cases: Public Health

# Public Health Exchange Purpose



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- Two (2) Public Health Partner Meetings have been completed.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 2/22 where we will review the most recent version of a scoping document that includes feedback and suggested edits from our public health partners.
- The work is on target, with no expected delays.
- There will be a new workstream to draft an implementation SOP.



## Resources

- Common Agreement v. 1
- QHIN Technical Framework
- FHIR® Roadmap for TEFCA
- Standard Operating Procedures
- QHIN Application
- Communication Protocols
- User's Guide
- Benefits of TEFCA by Stakeholder Factsheets
- FAQs

<https://rce.sequoiaproject.org/tefca-and-rce-resources/>

Additional Resources:

<https://www.healthit.gov/tefca>

All Events Registration and Recordings: <https://rce.sequoiaproject.org/community-engagement/>

**Upcoming Monthly Informational Call:**  
Tuesday, March 21 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET



# Questions & Answers

For more information:  
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