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RCE Monthly Informational Call

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Agenda

• How will Exchange Work under TEFCA?
• What are TEFCA Components?
• Department of Health & Human Services 2/13/2023 Debrief
• Interoperability & CMS Rules
• Status Updates
• Future Use Cases
  » Public Health
• Questions & Answers
How will exchange work under TEFCA?

ONC defines overall policy and certain governance requirements.

RCE provides oversight and governing approach for QHINs.

Qualified Health Information Networks (QHINs) connect directly to each other to facilitate nationwide interoperability.

Each QHIN connects Participants, which connect Subparticipants.
TEFCA Components

- Trusted Exchange Framework
- Common Agreement
- Standard Operating Procedures
- QHIN Technical Framework
- QHIN Onboarding
- Metrics
- Governing Approach
Applications Can Now be Submitted!

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.
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Part I – Basic Applicant Information

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.)
Department of Health & Human Services 2/13/2023 Debrief

• 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

• 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)
Status Update

• 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
Future Use Cases: Public Health
Public Health Exchange Purpose

- 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.
Educational Resources

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: rce.sequoiaproject.org