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Agenda

• How will Exchange Work under TEFCA?
• What are the TEFCA Components?
• Status Updates
  » HIMSS
  » Onboarding & Designation
  » TEFCA Facilitated FHIR Implementation Guide Testing
  » Payment & Healthcare Operations
  » Public Health
  » Common Agreement v2
• Questions & Answers
Each QHIN connects Participants, which connect Subparticipants.

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

RCE provides oversight and governing approach for QHINs.

ONC defines overall policy and certain governance requirements.

How will exchange work under TEFCA?
TEFCA Components

Trusted Exchange Framework
Common Agreement
Standard Operating Procedures
QHIN Technical Framework
QHIN Onboarding
Metrics
Governing Approach
HIMSS 2023 Debrief
HIMSS TEFCA RCE Activities

• ONC TEFCA Update from the RCE
• Securing TEFCA: Security Practices Promoting Nationwide Health information Exchange
• Payment & Healthcare Operations SOP – Feedback Session
• Candidate QHIN Feedback Session with HHS
• Multiple panel discussions with candidate QHINs
Onboarding & Designation
QHIN Application and Onboarding & Designation

Letters of Intent
- Inactive – 5
- Active – 3

Completeness Review
- 0

Definitive Review
- 0

Applications Accepted
- 4

Partner Testing
- 0

Conformance Testing
- 3

Completed Project Plan
- 0

Designation
- 0
TEFCA Facilitated FHIR Implementation Guide Testing
FHIR Pilot

• TEFCA Facilitated FHIR Implementation Guide Testing
  » HL7 FHIR Connectathon
    – May 6-7 - New Orleans, Louisiana
    – Nine Organizations participated:
      • CareEvolution, eClinicalWorks, eHealth Exchange, EMR Direct, Evernorth, Health Gorilla, Infor, MEDITECH, Surescripts
    – Continued validation
      • UDAP and TEFCA extension requirements
      • RCE Directory submission/queries
      • Defined clinical scenarios
    – Further clarity of extensions, and simplification of document and references
    – Clarification around certificates
Payment & Healthcare Operations
Payment & Health Care Operations SOPs

- Collect stakeholder input to inform the first version of the TEFCA Payment & Health Care Operations Exchange Purpose Implementation SOPs to be published in 2023.

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Two SOPs: Use Case Definitions

- **Health Care Operations: Limited** means any of the following activities to the extent permitted by Applicable Law and the Common Agreement:
  - Conducting quality assessment and improvement activities, including outcomes evaluation and development of clinical guidelines, provided that the obtaining of generalizable knowledge is not the primary purpose of any studies resulting from such activities; patient safety activities (as defined in 42 CFR 3.20); population-based activities relating to improving health or reducing health care costs, protocol development, case management and care coordination, contacting of health care providers and patients with information about treatment alternatives; and related functions that do not include treatment.

- **Payment: Risk Adjustment** means the following:
  - Risk adjusting amounts due based on individual and/or enrollee health status and demographic characteristics.
Stakeholder Input

- General support for proposed HCO: Limited definition
- General unease with Risk Adjustment definition
- Split feedback regarding expanding use case definitions versus providing further specificity
- Consideration for entities that serve both payer and provider functions
- Align with ONC NPRM to move to USCDI v3
- General support for waiting for FHIR to require responses
- Additional clarity requested on "on Behalf of" entities
- Add more specificity to purpose of use codes
Public Health Implementation
SOP
Public Health Exchange Purpose

- Initial public health agency input group completed – final review of Public Health Educational Document

- Kicking off a drafting team to develop the PH Exchange Purpose Implementation SOP – June 1, 2023 – August, 2023
Common Agreement and QTF v2

- Updating Common Agreement and QTF to support FHIR
- Considering changes based on stakeholder feedback
- Streamlining Common Agreement for efficiency and flexibility
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, June 20 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET
Questions & Answers

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