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# RCE Monthly Informational Call

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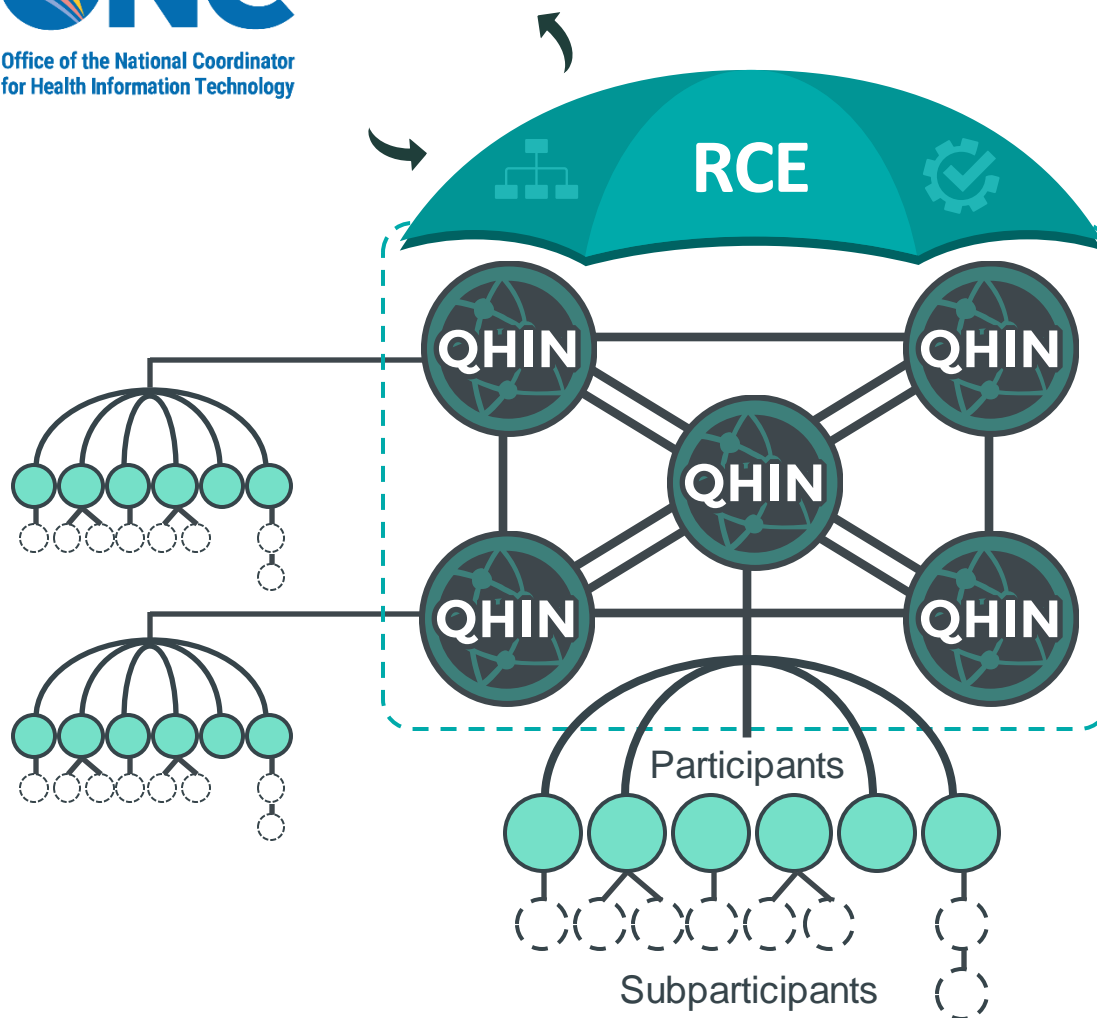
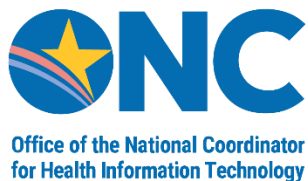
- How will Exchange Work under TEFCA?
- What are the Components of TEFCA?
- Status Updates
  - » Onboarding & Designation
  - » Common Agreement v2
  - » QTF v2
  - » Exchange Purpose Implementation SOP Updates
  - » Facilitated FHIR Implementation Guide
- Questions & Answers



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# TEFCA Exchange

# 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.



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# TEFCA Components

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Trusted  
Exchange  
Framework



Common  
Agreement



Standard  
Operating  
Procedures



QHIN  
Technical  
Framework



QHIN  
Onboarding



Metrics



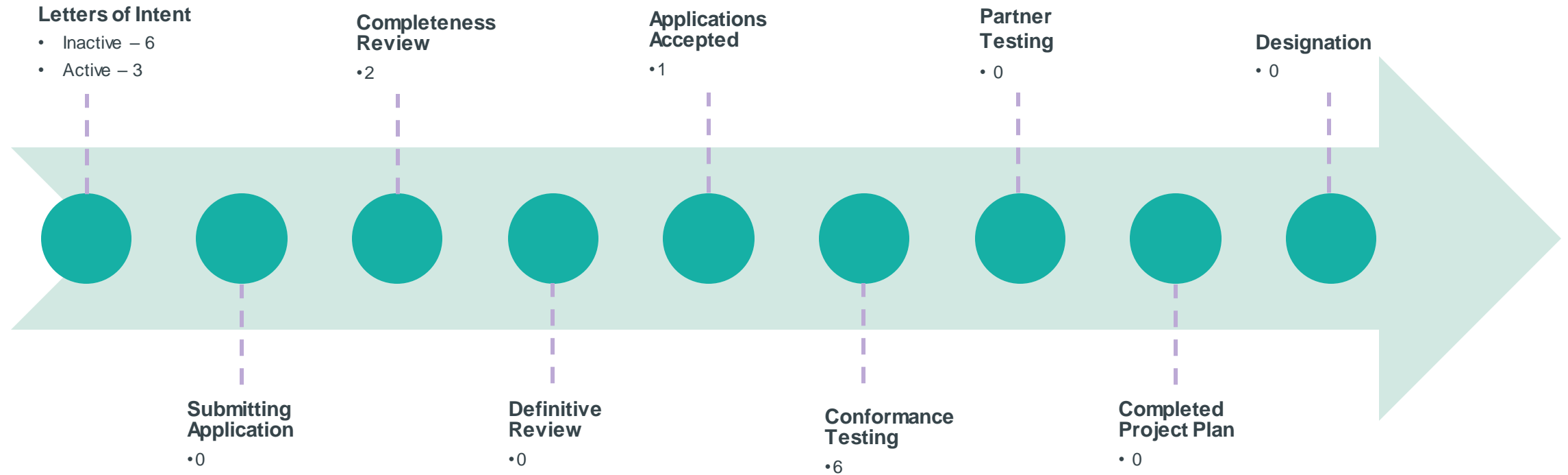
Governing  
Approach



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# Onboarding & Designation

# QHIN Application and Onboarding & Designation







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# Common Agreement Version 2



- **CA v2.0 and QTF v2.0 — FHIR and other policy changes identified by the RCE and ONC**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Targeted timeline</b>
TEFCA Task Group with QTF Subgroup	<b>September - November 2023</b>
Publish drafts for stakeholder feedback	<b>Late Q4 2023</b>
Publish final CA v2 and QTF v2	<b>Q1 2024</b>



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# Exchange Purpose Implementation SOP Updates

# Exchange Purpose SOPs



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- Public Health
  - » Socializing proposals with public health communities
- Payment & Health Care Operations
  - » Reviewing and considering feedback from public input



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# Facilitated FHIR Implementation Guide



- TEFCA Facilitated FHIR Implementation Guide Testing
  - » Completed at September HL7 FHIR Connectathon
    - Additional UDAP testing, along with OAuth Scopes
    - No further changes found
  - » Previously Completed at IHE & HL7 FHIR Connectathons
    - UDAP and TEFCA extension requirements
    - RCE Directory submission/queries
    - Defined clinical scenarios
  - » Vendors who participated in at least one Connectathon Event:
    - CareEvolution, eClinicalWorks, eHealth Exchange, EMR Direct, Evernorth, Health Gorilla, Infor, MEDITECH, Optum, Surescripts
- Facilitated FHIR IG will be incorporated into QTF v2, with separate additional requirements for Participants and Subparticipants



## 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, October 17 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET



# Questions & Answers

For more information:  
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