



AGENDA

Health Information Technology Advisory Committee
Interoperability Standards Priorities Task Force
July 31, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. ET
VIRTUAL

- 10:00 a.m.** **Call to Order/Roll Call**
- *Lauren Richie, Designated Federal Officer (ONC)*
- 10:05 a.m.** **Opening Remarks**
- *Donald Rucker, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)*
- 10:15 a.m.** **Health IT and CMS Programs Summary**
- *Elisabeth Myers, Deputy Director Office of Policy (ONC)*
- 10:35 a.m.** **Discussion of Priority Uses**
- *Steven Lane & Kensaku Kawamoto, Task Force Co-Chairs*
- 11:15 a.m.** **Public Comment**
- 11:25 a.m.** **Next Steps**
- 11:30 a.m.** **Adjourn**



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Supporting the Care Continuum, Quality-Focused Programs & Interoperability

Elisabeth Myers, Deputy Director
Office of Policy, ONC



Section 3003 of the Public Health Service Act as amended by the 21st Century Cures Act

“SEC. 3003. SETTING PRIORITIES FOR STANDARDS ADOPTION.

“(a) IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date on which the HIT Advisory Committee first meets, the National Coordinator shall periodically convene the HIT Advisory Committee to—

“(A) identify priority uses of health information technology, focusing on priorities—

“(i) arising from the implementation of the incentive programs for the meaningful use of certified EHR technology, the Merit-based Incentive Payment System, Alternative Payment Models, the Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Program, and any other value-based payment program determined appropriate by the Secretary;

“(ii) related to the quality of patient care;

“(iii) related to public health;

“(iv) related to clinical research;

“(v) related to the privacy and security of electronic health information;

“(vi) related to innovation in the field of health information technology;

“(vii) related to patient safety;

“(viii) related to the usability of health information technology;

“(ix) related to individuals’ access to electronic health information; and

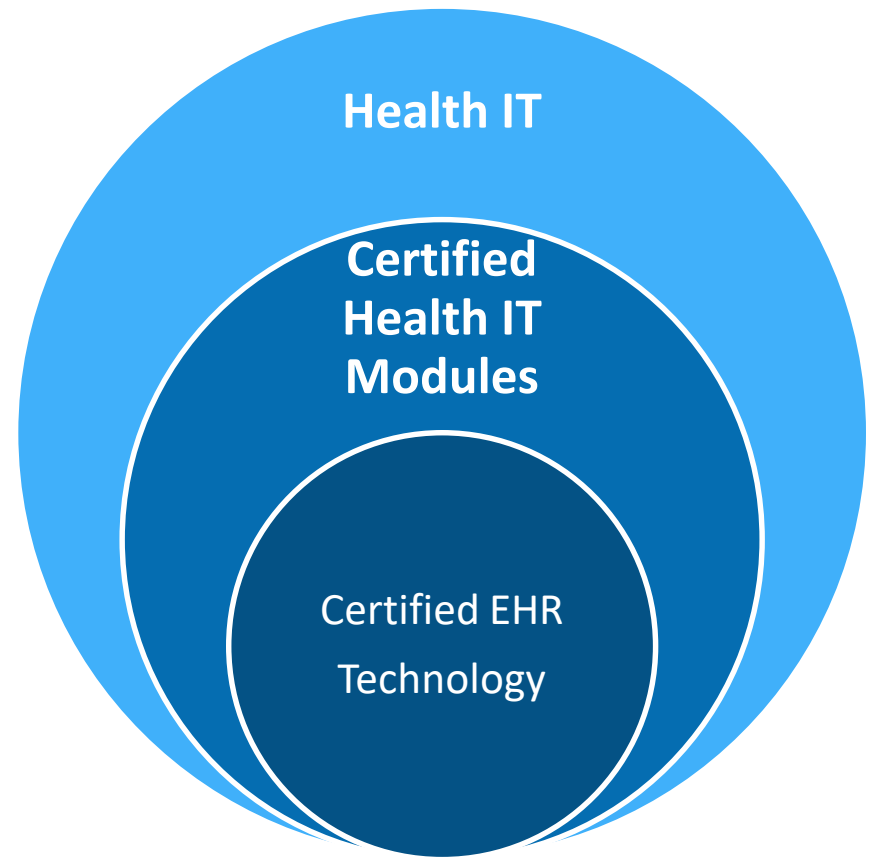
“(x) other priorities determined appropriate by the Secretary;

“(B) identify existing standards and implementation specifications that support the use and exchange of electronic health information needed to meet the priorities identified in subparagraph (A); and

“(C) publish a report summarizing the findings of the analysis conducted under subparagraphs (A) and (B) and make appropriate recommendations.

Tell me about the terms...How do they differ?

- **ONC certification program** establishes certification criteria for health IT as a range of individual standards and functions known individually as certified health IT modules
- **EHR technology** is a sub-set of health information technology which may contain a wide range of functions and standards



Understanding Certified Health IT Interactive PDFs

- ONC has created an interactive PDF for better understanding certified health IT and how it supports clinicians in providing care
- User-friendly tool to learn about certification requirements in plain terms
- The interactive PDF covers the eight certification criteria categories:
 - » Clinical Processes
 - » Care Coordination
 - » Clinical Quality Measurement
 - » Privacy and Security
 - » Patient Engagement
 - » Public Health
 - » Health IT Design & Performance
 - » Electronic Exchange

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Understanding Certified Health IT

Browse criteria by clicking an icon from the wheel.

Interoperability is essential for systems to communicate

ONC Certified HIT

Certification supports clinician engagement in clinical practice improvement and care coordination activities using health IT - including participation in CMS programs

Patients can access and send their health information electronically

Clinicians & Hospitals have tools for clinical processes, care coordination, and quality improvement

Developers can assure their customers that their product meets recognized standards and functionality

2015 Edition Certification Criteria Categories

- CLINICAL PROCESSES
- CARE COORDINATION
- CLINICAL QUALITY MEASUREMENT
- PRIVACY & SECURITY
- PATIENT ENGAGEMENT
- PUBLIC HEALTH
- HEALTH IT DESIGN & PERFORMANCE
- ELECTRONIC EXCHANGE

About the Certification Criteria

There are sixty 2015 Edition health IT certification criteria, which are organized into the eight categories specified on the wheel above. ONC-Authorized Certification Bodies (ONC-ACBs) certify health IT products that have been successfully tested by an ONC-Authorized Testing Laboratory (ONC-ATL) to the certification criteria. These products are then listed on the Certified Health IT Product List (CHPL). We encourage clinicians to work with their health IT developers to determine if their products include the right set of certified functionality to support their practices and patients.

Where have you seen Certified Health IT Provisions?

Examples:

- Medicare and Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program
- Medicare Quality Payment Program and Merit-based Incentive Program
- Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR)
- The Joint Commission for performance measurement initiative
- CPC+ alternate payment model and others
- Physician Self-Referral Law exception and Anti-kickback Statute safe harbor for certain EHR donations
- CMS chronic care management services (included in 2015 and 2016 Physician Fee Schedule rulemakings)
- Department of Defense Healthcare Management System Modernization Program

CMS Quality Payment Program

Established by MACRA Act of 2015; Implemented by CMS Oct. 2016 Final Rule

What is the Merit-based Incentive Payment System?

Performance Categories



Quality



Cost



**Improvement
Activities**



**Advancing Care
Information**

- Combines existing CMS program payment adjustments into single adjustment of Medicare Part B claims
- Provides some flexibility for clinicians to choose activities and measures for their participation
- Reporting standards intended to align with Advanced APMs wherever possible

MACRA & the CMS Quality Payment Program

Health IT in ACI

- Closing the Health IT Referral Loop
- Bridging the Information Gap across Care Settings
- Incentivizes Public Health and Population Health Management
- Streamlining Reporting and Providing Flexibility

Health IT in Improvement Activities

- Includes a wide range of options that leverage certified health IT to support eligible clinicians in implementing clinical practice improvements.
- Certified EHR Technology Bonus for Improvement Activities

Health IT in Quality

- Seamless Information Exchange through Health IT
- Flexible Options for Electronic Reporting
- End-to-End Electronic Reporting Bonus

Health IT In APMs

- At least 50 percent of the clinicians in an Advanced APM must use certified EHR technology
- Other payer APMs will align with Medicare APMs using certified EHR technology in future years
- APM Entities must comply with HIPAA and may also include additional APM specific technology initiatives



Merit Based Incentive Program

Advancing Care Information Category

The Advancing Care Information performance category includes measurement of eligible clinicians and groups use of certified EHR technology



Protect Patient Health Information
(yes required)



Electronic Prescribing
(numerator/denominator)



Patient Electronic Access
(numerator/denominator)



Coordination of Care Through Patient Engagement
(numerator/denominator)



Health Information Exchange
(numerator/denominator)



Public Health and Clinical Data Registry Reporting
(yes required)



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Written comments will not be read at this time, but they will be delivered to members of the Task Force and made part of the Public Record.

Next Steps

- Next Few ISP TF Meetings
 - » Tuesday August 14th, 2018 10-11:30 a.m. ET
 - » Friday August 31st, 2018 10-1130 a.m. ET
 - » Tuesday September 11th, 2018 10-11:30 a.m. ET
- Next Health IT Advisory Committee Meeting
 - » Wednesday September 5th 2018 9:30 a.m. ET – 2:30 p.m. ET
- More information on the HITAC calendar can be found here:
 - » <https://www.healthit.gov/topic/federal-advisory-committees/hitac-calendar>



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Meeting Adjourned



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