



The Office of the National Coordinator for
Health Information Technology
Health IT Advisory Committee

Information Blocking Task Force Kick-off Meeting

Andrew Truscott, co-chair
Michael Adcock, co-chair

March 1, 2019



Task Force Roster

Name	Organization	Role
Andrew Truscott	Accenture	Co-Chair
Michael Adcock	University of Mississippi Medical Center	Co-Chair
Steven Lane	Sutter Health	Member
Sheryl Turney	Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield	Member
Denise Webb	Individual	Member
Sasha TerMaat	Epic	Member
Aaron Miri	The University of Texas at Austin	Member
Arien Malec	Change Healthcare	Member
Valerie Grey	New York eHealth Collaborative	Member
Anil Jain	IBM Watson Health	Member
Cynthia Fisher	WaterRev	Member
John Kansky	Indiana Health Information Exchange	Member
Lauren Thompson	DoD/VA Interagency Program Office	Member (Federal Rep)
Denni McColm	Citizens Memorial Healthcare	Member

ONC Support Staff

Name	Role
Lauren Richie	Designated Federal Officer
Cassandra Hadley	HITAC Back-up/Support
Mike Lipinski	Staff Lead
Mark Knee	Staff Lead
Penelope Hughes	Staff Lead
Morris Landau	Back-up/Support
Lauren Wu	SME

Information Blocking Task Force Charge

- **Overarching Charge:** Provide recommendations on policies related to information blocking; the “information blocking,” “assurances,” and “communications” conditions and maintenance of certification requirements; and the enforcement of all the conditions and maintenance of certification requirements.
- **Specific Charges:** Provide recommendations on the following topics:
 - Information Blocking:
 - ONC definitions/interpretations of certain statutory terms and provisions, including the price information request for information
 - Seven exceptions to the information blocking definition, and any additional exceptions (request for information)
 - Complaint process
 - Disincentives for health care providers (request for information)
 - “Information blocking,” “assurances,” and “communications” conditions and maintenance of certification requirements
 - Enforcement of all the conditions and maintenance of certification requirements

Draft Timeline

Meeting Date	Draft Agenda Items
<u>Week 1</u> Feb 18 – Feb 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and HITAC Charge • Overall process and timing for providing recommendations
<u>Week 2</u> Feb 25 – March 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule TF Kick-off Meetings • Review Charge/Work Plan
<u>Week 3</u> March 4 – March 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each TF meets • Discussion/early draft recommendations
<u>Week 4</u> March 11 – March 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each TF meets • Finalize draft recommendations for HITAC review
<u>Week 5</u> March 18 – March 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present draft recommendations to HITAC
<u>Week 6</u> March 25 – March 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update and revise recommendations
<u>Week 7</u> April 1 – April 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update and revise recommendations
<u>Week 8</u> April 8 – April 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present progress on draft recommendations to HITAC
<u>Week 9</u> April 15 – April 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update and revise recommendations
<u>Week 10</u> April 22 – April 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TF presents final recommendations to HITAC (if not finalized sooner)
<u>Week 11</u> April 29 – May 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final transmittal letter from HITAC
<u>NLT May 3, 2019</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HITAC recommendations are submitted to National Coordinator

Work Group Structure

Group 1 - Relevant Statutory Terms and Provisions

- Health information networks/exchanges
- EHI, including the price information request for information
- Practices that may implicate the information blocking provision
- Parties affected by the information blocking provision and exceptions

***Note:** The full task force meetings will be public; the work group meetings will not be public.

Work Group Structure cont'd

Group 2 - Exceptions

- Preventing Harm
- Promoting the Privacy of EHI
- Promoting the Security of EHI
- Recovering Costs Reasonable Incurred
- Responding to Requests that are Infeasible
- Licensing of Interoperability Elements on RAND Terms
- Maintaining and Improving Health IT Performance
- Additional exceptions (request for information)
- Complaint process
- Disincentives for health care providers (request for information)

Work Group Structure cont'd

Group 3 - Conditions and Maintenance of Certification

- Information blocking
- Assurances
- Communications
- Enforcement of all the conditions and maintenance of certification requirements

Work Group Membership

Group 1 - Relevant Statutory Terms and Provisions

- Sheryl Turney
- Aaron Miri
- Arien Malec
- Denni McColm

Group 2 - Exceptions

- Valerie Grey
- Anil Jain
- Cynthia Fisher
- John Kansky

Group 3 - Conditions and Maintenance of Certification

- Steven Lane
- Denise Webb
- Sasha TerMaat
- Lauren Thompson

***Note:** Andrew Truscott and Michael Adcock will attend meetings in all three work groups when available.

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Week 3: March 4-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting 1: Health information networks/exchanges• Meeting 2: EHI, including the price information request for information
Week 4: March 11-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting 1:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practices that may implicate the information blocking provision• Parties affected by the information blocking provision and exceptions• Meeting 2: Wrap-up and summary of work group draft recommendations
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