Health Information Technology Advisory Committee

HTI-1 Proposed Rule Task Force 2023 Virtual Meeting

Full Task Force Meeting

Meeting Notes | June 8, 2023, 10:30 AM – 12 PM ET

Executive Summary
The focus of the Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Certification Program Updates, Algorithm Transparency, and Information Sharing (HTI-1) Proposed Rule Full Task Force meeting on June 8 was to update and revise the HTI-1 Proposed Rule Draft Recommendations.

Agenda
10:30 AM	Call to Order/Roll Call
10:35 AM	HTI-1 Proposed Rule Task Force Charge
10:40 AM	Update and Revise Draft Recommendations
11:50 AM	Public Comment
12:00 PM	Adjourn

Call to Order
Mike Berry, Designated Federal Officer, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC), called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM.

Roll Call
Members in Attendance
Steven Eichner, Texas Department of State Health Services, Co-Chair
Steven Lane, Health Gorilla, Co-Chair
Hung Luu, Children's Health, Group 3 Lead
Hans Buitendijk, Oracle Health
Hannah Galvin, Cambridge Health Alliance
Clem McDonald, National Library of Medicine
Deven McGraw, Invitae Corporation
Eliel Oliveira, Dell Medical School, University of Texas at Austin
Naresh Sundar Rajan, CyncHealth
Filipe (Fil) Southerland, Yardi Systems, Inc.

Members Not in Attendance
Medell Briggs-Malonson, UCLA Health
Adi Gundlapalli, CDC

Jim Jirjis, HCA Healthcare
Anna McCollister, Individual
Aaron Miri, Baptist Health
Kikelomo Oshunkentan, Pegasystems
Sheryl Turney, Elevance Health

ONC Staff
Mike Berry, Designated Federal Officer, ONC
Dustin Charles, ONC
Sara McGhee, ONC
Michael Wittie, ONC
Maggie Zeng, ONC

Key Points of Discussion

HTI-1 Proposed Rule Task Force Charge
HTI-1 Proposed Rule Task Force (Task Force) Co-Chairs, Steven Eichner and Steven Lane, welcomed attendees. Hung Luu, Group 3 Task Force Lead, reviewed the meeting agenda and recapped the charge detailed in the June 8 meeting presentation materials.

Update and Revise Draft Recommendations
Hung Luu walked through the Proposed Rule Draft Recommendations document. The Task Force reviewed each recommendation.

Discussion:
- Hung Luu reviewed Recommendations 1 and 2 in Row 2.
  - The Task Force approved of the recommendations.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 3 in Row 2.
  - The Task Force approved the recommendation.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 4 in Row 2.
  - The Task Force approved the recommendation.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 5 in Row 2.
  - Steven Lane asked if Recommendations 4 and 5 could be combined since they touch on the same issue.
  - Hans Buitendijk agreed they could be combined.
  - The Task Force approved.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 6 in Row 2.
  - The Task Force approved the recommendation.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 7 in Row 2.
  - The Task Force approved the recommendation.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 8 in Row 2.
  - The Task Force approved the recommendation.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 9 in Row 2.
  - Fil Southerland noted he added a comment in the document. He suggested amending the recommendation to indicate that not all certification criteria may be applicable to specialty

electronic health record (EHR) systems.
- o The Task Force approved the recommendation.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 1 in Row 3.
  - o Hannah said there is misunderstanding throughout the industry that once a new United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) version is published, the exchange of those new data elements is required in every situation. It would be helpful to indicate some of the data elements are pending some other pieces of the rule in the recommendation. She suggested amending the language to include flexibility with USCDI versions.
  - o Hans said it would be helpful to have clarity on expectations when new USCDI versions are released. He agreed with Hannah's comment.
  - o Deven McGraw said she does agree with Hannah and Hans' sentiment but is not sure it fits in the recommendation.
  - o The Task Force approved a recommendation crafted by Hannah pertaining to the need for industry education and clarification that exchange of USCDI data elements are not required in all circumstances, especially where deemed sensitive.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 1 in Row 5. Row 4 was completed at the June 1 Task Force meeting.
  - o The Task Force approved the recommendation.
- Hung reviewed all Recommendations in Row 7.
  - o The Task Force agreed on the recommendations.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 1 in Row 8.
  - o The Task Force agreed on the recommendation.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 2 in Row 8.
  - o The Task Force agreed on the recommendation.
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  - o The Task Force agreed on the recommendation.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 5 in Row 8.
  - o The Task Force agreed on the recommendation.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 1 in Row 9.
  - o Steven Lane asked if prior authorization could be added to the list of examples in the recommendation.
    - Hung said yes.
  - o The Task Force agreed on the recommendation.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 1 in Row 10.
  - o The Task Force agreed on the recommendation.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 1 in Row 11.
  - o Hans tweaked the language to include that "this single approach to certification would not be beneficial, as using different Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR)-based queries for appointment slots are valid alternatives."
  - o The Task Force agreed on the recommendation.
- Hung reviewed Recommendation 1 in Row 12.
  - o The Task Force agreed on the recommendation.
- Steven Eichner asked to clarify the recommendation on page 5 in the HTI-1 Proposed Rule Task Force Recommendations Report. Previously, certification has meant the entire system needs to be compliant. This creates a challenge for health IT that does not meet all certification requirements. There should be consistency across ONC and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) certification requirements for health IT.
  - o Fil agreed. Some health IT could be excluded from certification because CMS is looking at ONC's certification requirements. He suggested adding an example of nonpublic health

agencies, such as community-based organizations, to the recommendation.
  - o The Task Force agreed on the updates to the recommendation on page 5 in the Recommendations Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Mike Berry opened the meeting for public comments.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED VERBALLY
No questions or comments were received verbally.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED VIA ZOOM WEBINAR CHAT
Mike Berry (ONC): Welcome to the HTI-1 Proposed Rule Task Force. Please remember to tag "Everyone" when using Zoom chat. Thank you!

Steven Lane: Would also recommend industry education that exchange of all USCDI v3 elements should not be required in all circumstances, especially where deemed sensitive, until or unless mature standards to support granular segmentation are available.

Deven McGraw: Persistence for the win! ☺

Hans Buitendijk: Small typo in "implementation".

Mark Savage: The reference to FASH Shared Care Planning Use Case looks good to me.

Mark Savage: *FAST

Mark Savage: Honorary approval. Thank you!

Julie Maas: QRS in line 2 should probably be just QR

Julie Maas: LOL

Deven McGraw: 👏

Deven McGraw: I missed yesterday - but planned to go back to the Group 2 work prior to tomorrow's meeting

Deven McGraw: Best to use the spreadsheet still or go to the recommendations doc?

Fil Southerland: Use cases that may benefit from modular ONC certification vs. CMS' CEHRT definition include Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), specialty and non-EHRs, and public health.

Julie Maas: Perhaps modify the final sentence to instead be something like: "Since Health IT certification helps a vendor signal conformance to standards, the health care community would benefit from availability of more fine-grained certification options, when possible, particularly for interoperability-related criteria, to best support interoperability throughout the industry."

Julie Maas: I'm not the Julie that's on your team sorry :)

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED VIA EMAIL
No comments were received via email.

Resources

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.