

USCDI Cadence

Publications

USCDI Reference Edition (“USCDI REd”)

What is it?

- USCDI REd is the full document including all data classes at all stages
- Relevant info included for each data class at each stage:
 - Proposed: data element, summary definition
 - Preparation: stakeholders, use cases
 - Emerging: technical issues resolved and outstanding
 - Candidate: testing status, technical issues resolved and outstanding, scope and requirements for beta implementation (or reference to where to find implementation materials)
 - USCDI: scope and requirements for production implementation (or reference to where to find implementation materials)

When is it published?

- Annually, end of year (December 30)

USCDI Quarterly Bulletins

What is it?

- Quarterly Bulletins include only new information and changes, with more detail provided for those data classes that are further along in process
- Purpose is more for awareness than new granular details – readers can go to the collaboration tool to dig into details
 - Listing of any data elements/classes that have moved to a new stage
 - Proposed: new data elements/classes with summary definitions
 - Preparation: newly added stakeholders, use cases
 - Emerging: updates to technical issues
 - Candidates: updates to testing status, significant technical issues resolved and outstanding, scope and requirements for beta implementation
 - USCDI: updates to scope and requirements for production implementation (or reference to where to find implementation materials)
- Community-driven:
 - People working on data classes submit updates covering specified fields 1 month in advance of publish date of Bulletin
 - During that month between update submission and bulletin publication, ONC vets updates

When is it published?

- Quarterly, except when USCDI REd is published instead
- End of March, end of June, end of September

Online USCDI Collaboration Tool

What is it?

- Wiki or ticket management (e.g. JIRA, Confluence) type of tool that enables cross-collaboration and information sharing
- Main repository of information pertaining to data classes under development

- Community-driven:
 - People's everyday place to interact, debate, and publish their findings and results pursuant to data class development

When is it published?

- Lives online persistently

*Formal Comment Period

What is it?

- Period for comments pertaining to the USCDI REd
 - People who want to get hands dirty with data class development do so on Collaboration Tool
- Same as standard ONC comment process – submit on HealthIT.gov

When does it happen?

- Begins immediately after USCDI REd publication at end of previous calendar year
- Two-month comment period (January and February)

Timeline

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Collaborative work on online tool

December 30

USCDI REd published

January 1

Public comment period begins

February 28

Public comment period ends

Deadline to submit updates for Spring Quarterly Bulletin

Month of March

ONC vets submitted updates for Spring Quarterly Bulletin

March 31

Spring Quarterly Bulletin publishes

May 31

Deadline to submit updates for Summer Quarterly Bulletin

Month of June

ONC vets submitted updates for Summer Quarterly Bulletin

June 30

Summer Quarterly Bulletin publishes

August 31

Deadline to submit updates for Fall Quarterly Bulletin

Month of September

ONC vets submitted updates for Fall Quarterly Bulletin

September 30

Fall Quarterly Bulletin publishes

November 30

Deadline to submit updates for USCDI REd

Month of December

ONC vets submitted updates for USCDI REd

ONC prepares full USCDI REd

December 30

USCDI REd published