

Standards and Certification Criteria

- ▶ Adopts United States Core Data for Interoperability Version 3 (USCDI v3) as the new data set baseline across applicable certification criteria.
- ▶ Adopts the proposed versions of “minimum standards” code sets that serve as the baseline for Program certification.
- ▶ Revises the “electronic case reporting” certification criterion to be based on consensus-based, industry developed electronic standards and implementation guides by HL7.
- ▶ Adopts a “decision support interventions” (DSI) certification criterion as a revised version of the “clinical decision support” (CDS) certification criterion. The DSI certification criterion includes, among other changes, new transparency requirements.
- ▶ Adds new requirements for the “standardized API for patient and population services” certification criterion, including requirements for issuing refresh tokens and revoking access privileges.
- ▶ Adds new data elements and renames the demographics certification criterion.
- ▶ Revises the “view, download, and transmit to a 3rd party” certification criterion to support an internet-based method for a patient to request a privacy restriction.

Certification Program

- ▶ Discontinues the use of “year themed editions” of certification criteria.
- ▶ Requires developers of certified health IT to update their certified Health IT Modules to the most recently adopted certification criterion and provide that updated certified Health IT Module to its customers in accordance with the dates identified for each revised certification criterion and each applicable standard.
- ▶ Updates the Assurances Condition and Maintenance of Certification requirements.
- ▶ Revises and standardizes the service base URL publication Application Programming Interfaces Maintenance of Certification requirement.
- ▶ Establishes the Insights Condition and Maintenance of Certification.

Information Blocking Updates

- ▶ Adds new definition for “offer health IT” that generally includes holding out for sale, selling, or otherwise supplying certified health IT to others on commercial or other terms and explicitly excludes certain activities and arrangements.
- ▶ Finalizes a new exception for actors who fulfill requests for EHI through the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) when the requestor is connected through TEFCA for the EHI sought.
- ▶ Revises the Infeasibility Exception and adds two new conditions that apply for certain situations when an actor is asked to allow a third party to modify EHI and when an actor does not fulfill requests for EHI after offering alternative, interoperable manners.



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