The Office of the National Coordinator for
Health Information Technology

Office of the National Coordinator for HIT

ONC Updates to NCVHS
February 24, 2015

Jodi G. Daniel, JD, MPH
Director, Office of Policy
Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT
Department of Health & Human Services
Washington DC

Putting the **I** in Health**IT** ℠
www.HealthIT.gov

Health IT Policy Committee
A Public Advisory Body on Health Information Technology
to the National Coordinator for Health IT

ONC Rule Making Update

2014 Edition Release 2 (Final Rule)
- Proposed rule issued in February 2014
- Final Rule published in September 2014

CMS/ONC Joint 2014 Flexibility Rule (Final Rule)
- MU Stage 2 Extension/Use of 2011 Edition in 2014
- Proposed rule issued in May 2014
- Published in August 2014

Upcoming Regulations (Expected)
- 2015 Edition of Standards and Certification Criteria (ONC)
- Stage 3 of the EHR Incentive Programs (CMS)

Health IT Policy Committee
A Public Advisory Body on Health Information Technology
to the National Coordinator for Health IT

ONC HIT Federal Advisory Committees

FACA Milestones

2014 Q4	2015 Q1			2015 Q2			2015 Q3		
Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep

⭐ **HITPC Interoperability Roadmap Recommendations**

⭐ **Federal HIT Strategic Plan Posted for Comment**

⭐ **Interoperability Roadmap V1 Posted for Comment**

⭐ **FACA HIT Strategic Plan Comments**

⭐ **FACA Interoperability Roadmap Comments**

(estimate)

HITPC comments on MU3 NPRM
HITSC comments on Certification NPRM

△ **Kick-off**   ⭐ **Federal Milestone**   ⭐ **FACA Milestone**

Committee Updates

- **[Data Provenance recommendations](#) were recently approved by the HITSC and transmitted to the National Coordinator**

- **[HITSC S&I Task Force](#) was formed at the end of January to provide recommendations on the role of S&I going forward**
  - Holding a virtual hearing on Friday, February 27 to hear from a diverse set of stakeholders
  - Working towards making recommendations at the March 18 HITSC meeting

- **Many workgroups working to provide feedback on the Interoperability Roadmap and will report out at their respective April Committee meetings**
  - HITPC – April 7
  - HITSC – April 22

- **Once released, most workgroups will provide comment on the Stage 3 Meaningful Use NPRM and the 2015 Certification NPRM**
  - Dependent upon the release, but aiming to report out at the May Committee meetings
    - HITPC - May 12
    - HITSC – May 20

- **Want to make a difference in health IT?**
  - The Government Accountability Office (GAO) is still accepting [nominations to the Health IT Policy Committee](#) until February 27
  - ONC is accepting [nominations to the Health IT Standards Committee](#) through March 6

2015 Interoperability Standards Advisory

- **Why?**
  - To keep it simple and to create common ground
  - To get specific
  - To provide a single, public list of the standards and implementation specifications for specific clinical health information technology interoperability purposes
  - To prompt dialogue, debate, and consensus
- **What (is it)?**
  - Non-regulatory, straight-forward approach with an interactive, predictable process for updates
  - Reflects "best available" standards and implementation specifications as of December 2014
- **How is it supposed to be used?**
  - A widely vetted resource – in one place, done right (before/without regulation)
  - Enable a "look first" philosophy for government programs, procurements, testing or certification programs, standards development, etc.
  - **2015 Interoperability Standards Advisory: http://www.healthit.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/2015-interoperability-standards-advisory**
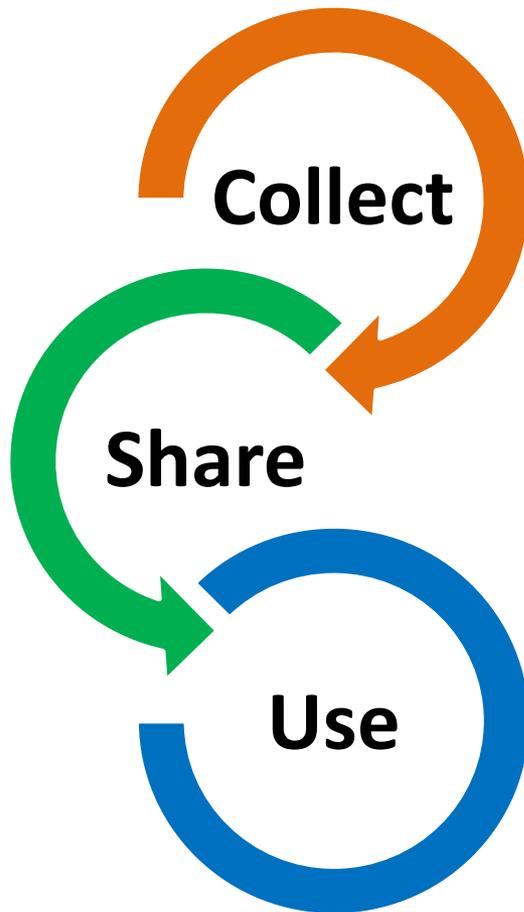
Strategic Plan

Federal Health IT Strategic Direction

The Federal Health IT Strategic Plan aims to:

- Move beyond health care to improve health

- Advance health IT beyond EHRs

- Use and coordinate policy & incentive levers beyond Meaningful Use

- Serve as an operational tool to manage federal activity and collaboration through Plan implementation and continual assessments

Federal Health IT Strategic Direction & Goals

Collect

Share

Use

- **Expand Adoption of Health IT**

- **Advance Secure and Interoperable Health Information**

- **Strengthen Health Care Delivery**

- **Advance the Health and Well-Being of Individuals and Communities**

- **Advance Research, Scientific Knowledge, and Innovation**

Public Comment Period

- 60-Day public comment period ended February 6, 2015

- HIT Policy Committee provides feedback to ONC: February/March 2015

- Final Plan will be published in late Spring 2015

Implementation Planning

- Federal Partners will convene for Plan Implementation, review public comments, and determine specific outcome metrics in Winter 2015

- **The 2015-2020 Federal HealthIT Strategic Plan:** www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/federal-healthIT-strategic-plan-2014.pdf

Interoperability Roadmap

Why does interoperability matter?

- Individuals and providers need access to the right information at the right time in a manner they can use to make decisions that impact their health regardless of geographic or organizational boundaries

- Typical Medicare beneficiary receives care from 2 primary care providers and 5 specialists each year

- Only 10-20% of health outcomes are attributable to health care

- Information needs to flow inside and outside the care delivery system to support health

DRAFT Shared Nationwide Interoperability Roadmap
The Vision

Putting the **I** in Health **IT**
www.HealthIT.gov

2015 - 2017

Nationwide ability to send, receive, find, use a common clinical data set

2018 - 2020

Expand interoperable data, users, sophistication, scale

2021 - 2024

Broad-scale learning health system

Core technical standards and functions

Certification to support adoption and optimization of health IT products & services

Privacy and security protections for health information

Supportive business, clinical, cultural, and regulatory environments

Rules of engagement and governance

Critical Near Term Actions by Building Block

Putting the **I** in Health**IT**
www.HealthIT.gov

Core technical standards and functions
- Direct the field on best available standards and implementation guidance
- Refine standards for common clinical data set, implementation of CCDA, data provenance, APIs

Certification to support adoption and optimization of health IT products and services
- Improve rigor of ONC's certification program
- Work with industry on suite of ongoing testing tools

Privacy and security protections for health information
- Educate stakeholders on current federal laws
- Work with states and organizations to align laws that provide additional protections, without undermining privacy

Supportive business, clinical, cultural, and regulatory environments
- Evolve and align policy and funding levers to focus on outcomes and incentivize adoption of certified health IT and electronic information sharing according to national standards

Rules of engagement and governance
- Establish governance framework with principles, rules of the roadmap, and process for recognizing orgs that align
- Call to action for industry to create single coordinated process

15

Public Comment on the Roadmap

- **January 30, 2015 through April 3, 2015**

- **Public comments can be submitted at http://www.healthit.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/interoperability-roadmap-public-comments**

- **ONC FACA workgroups will be reviewing key sections of the Roadmap**

- **The Nationwide Interoperability Roadmap:** www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/nationwide-interoperability-roadmap-draft-version-1.0.pdf