

# All Participant Call

August 2025



## Housekeeping Items



All lines have been muted to avoid background noise.



Type questions in Q&A section at any time.  
We'll open for questions after each agenda topic.



This meeting is being recorded and will be shared via email.

# Today's Topics

New Participants	Jayme Piña
CMS Interoperability Framework	Dennis Sherba
QTF v2.1 Update	Jay Johnstone
Carequality Delegation of Authority	Jay Johnstone
FHIR Hub Upgrade	Padma Nippani
DaVinci Trebuchet Announcement	Tiffanie Hickman
Coordinating Committee Elections	Jayme Piña
Marketing Update	Tina Feldmann
Information & Resources	Tina Feldmann
Q&A	Anyone

# New Participants

# Congratulations to our newest Participants!



Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services (MiHIN) is a public and private non-profit collaboration dedicated to improving the healthcare experience, improving quality and decreasing cost for Michigan's people by supporting the statewide exchange of health information and making valuable data available at the point of care.

MIHIN is Michigan's non-profit statewide entity legally, technically, and privately providing critical and comprehensive patient information to doctors, clinics, federally qualified health centers, hospitals, pharmacies, health insurance providers, and public health.

To learn more, visit: <https://mihin.org/who-we-are-v22/>

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# CMS Interoperability Framework



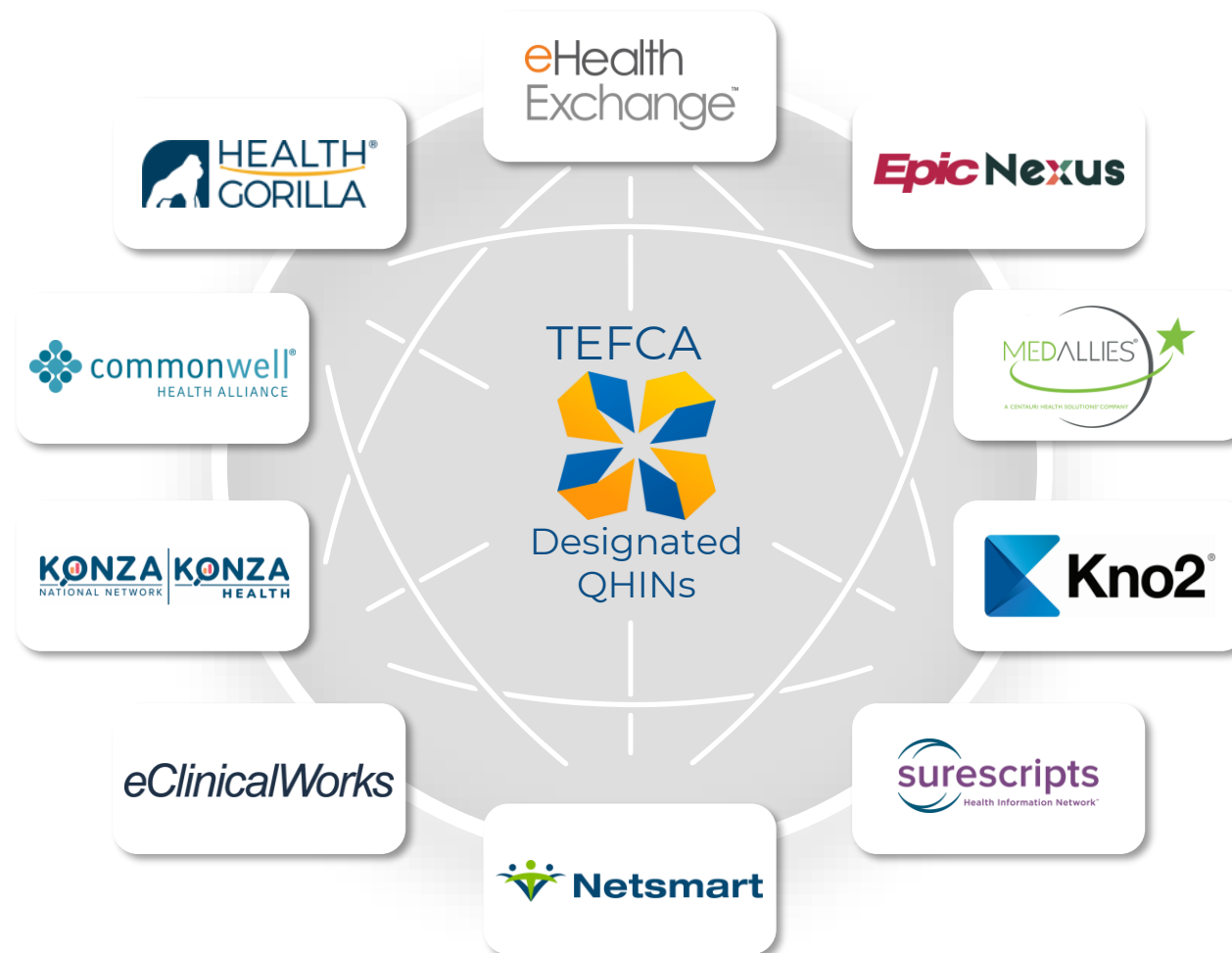
# CMS Make Health Tech Great Again Event

- [White House, Tech Leaders Commit to Create Patient-Centric Healthcare Ecosystem | CMS](#)
- 60 companies pledge to work collaboratively
- 21 networks pledge to meet CMS Interoperability Framework criteria to become a CMS Aligned Network
- Others are joining in and taking the pledge
- [List of early adopters](#)



# QTF v2.1 Update and eHealth Exchange Feedback

# Designated Qualified Health Information Networks



**Candidate  
QHINs**

**Oracle Health Information Network**  
*logo to be provided when available*



# eHealth Exchange QHIN Participant Stages

## Live



1 Federal Agency,  
2 HIEs, and  
Nationwide Public Health

## Testing



5 HIEs

## Intent to Participate




9 HIEs  
+2 becoming new participants:  
Cozeva and Delaware HIN

# Draft QHIN™ Technical Framework Version 2.1

<https://rce.sequoiaproject.org/>

**FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENT**



Trusted Exchange Framework and  
Common Agreement

Qualified Health Information Network  
(QHIN) Technical Framework (QTF)

**JUNE 27, 2025**

**Draft QHIN™ Technical Framework Version 2.1 Released for Public Feedback**

The RCE is seeking stakeholder input online through July 28 at 11:59pm ET, and hosting a public review webinar on July 7th.

[Learn More](#)

**UPCOMING INFORMATIONAL CALL**

**August 19, 2025**

12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M. ET

[Register Now](#)

**PREVIOUS INFORMATIONAL CALL**

**July 15, 2025**

**AGENDA**

- Welcome
- TEFCA Exchange Basics
- Governing Council Announcement
- QTF Version 2.1 Review for Public Feedback
- QTF Questions & Answers
- Educational Resources & Open Questions & Answers

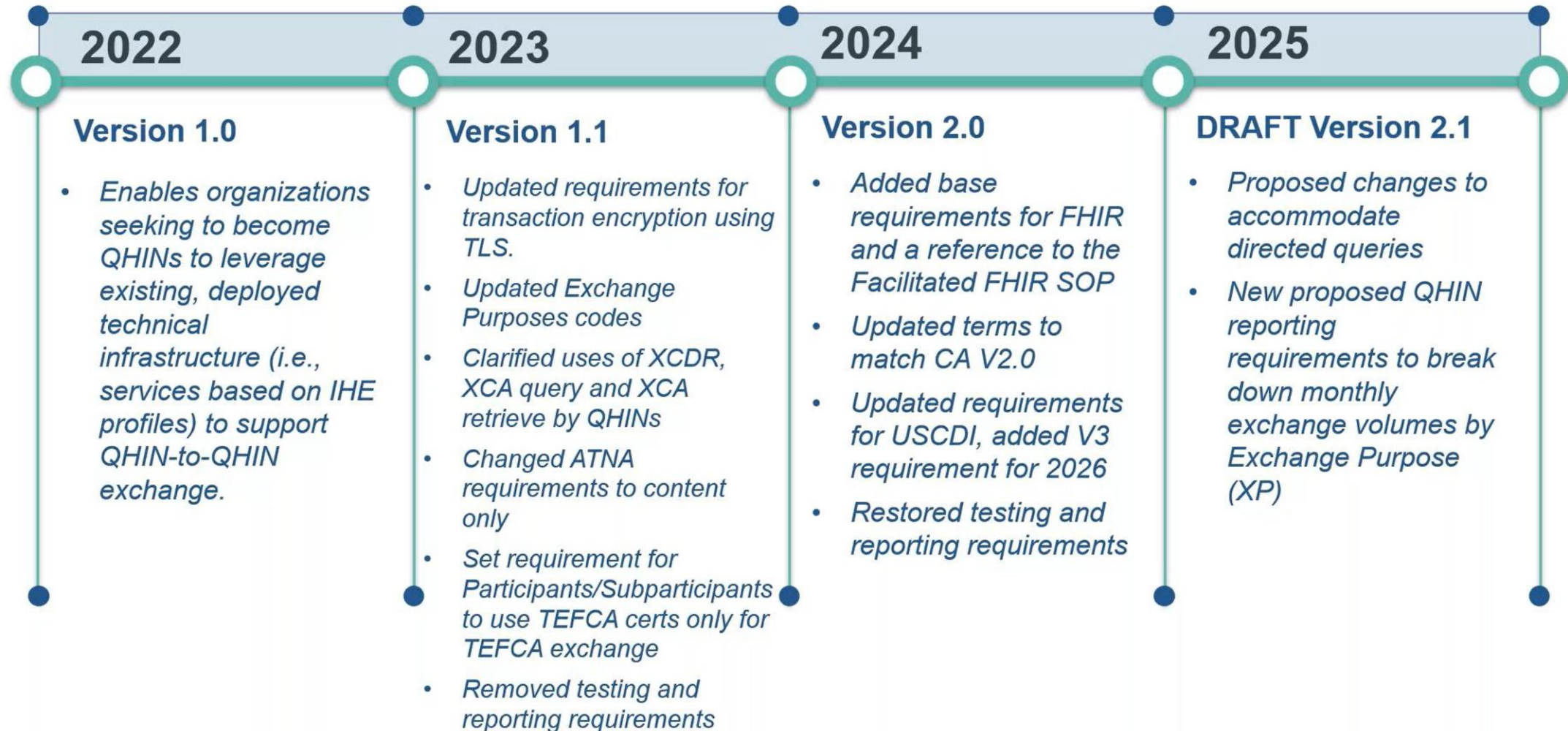
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# QHIN Technical Framework (QTF)

- What is the QTF?
  - The QHIN™ Technical Framework (QTF) describes the functional and technical requirements that a Health Information Network (HIN) must fulfill to serve as a QHIN under the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement™ (TEFCA™)
  - The QTF specifies the technical underpinnings for TEFCA Exchange, QHIN technical capabilities and services, and certain other responsibilities, some of which extend to Participants and Subparticipants
  - The TEFCA Common Agreement requires compliance with the QTF
  - The QTF focuses on technical and functional requirements for three information exchange modalities for QHINs: QHIN Query, QHIN Message Delivery, and Facilitated FHIR

# QTF Version History



## QTF v2.1 Updates

- [QTF-19]
  - Explicitly identifies the SAML attribute to be used to identify the ultimate initiator of a request (Subject Organization Id)

“The eHealth Exchange is pleased to see the refined conformance definition that now explicitly identifies the SAML attribute to use to identify the initiating organization at the most granular level.”

# QTF v2.1 Updates

- [QTF-38 thru QTF-40] (added support for **directed queries**)
  - QHIN IGs **MAY** direct a query to another QHIN organization by setting the HCID of the receiver element to the targeted organization (receiver/device/asAgent/representedOrganization/id/@root)
  - QHIN RGs **SHOULD** only respond with information from the Responding Node corresponding to that HomeCommunityId

- Identified a potential ambiguity between 'Alternate Flow 1'—the directed query flow—and QTF-39
- Highlighted the optionality of the receiver element, and fact that XCA does not support this element
- Requested explicit reference to ITI-55 for directed queries
- Recommended an RCE-prescribed test plan for all QHINs to use

- Recommended enhancement to RCE directory to identify those organizations who do NOT support directed queries
- Requested an “expected behavior” matrix for responding QHINs based on value of receiver element (see matrix below)

Receiver HCID Element Value	Expected QHIN RG Behavior
<not present>	Return all known patient matches
HCID of QHIN	Return all known patient matches
HCID of QHIN Participant/SubP	Return ONLY matches from the Participant/SubP
HCID not served by QHIN	Per QTF-40, return an error

# QTF v2.1 Updates

- [QTF-89]
  - QHINs must update the RCE Directory Service with new Participants or Subparticipant initiating nodes **at least two business days prior** to commencing production activity (previously was “48 hours”)
- [QTF-106]
  - As of January 1st, 2026, all information sent **MUST** conform to **USCDI V3.1** data classes, data elements, and vocabulary requirements (previously had to conform to V3 as of Jan 2026)

Version History		
Version #	Description of change	Version Date
3	First Publication	July 2022
3 (October 2022 Errata)	Corrections to Applicable Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medications – Changed National Drug Code (NDC) Directory to National Drug Code (NDC)</li></ul>	October 2022
3.1	Consistent with Executive Order 14168 the Sex, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity, data elements have been removed or updated in the Patient Demographics/Information Data Class.	June 2025

eHealth Exchange requested that the RCE confirm that this supersedes references in all other TEFCA documents to USCDI V3

## QTF v2.1 Updates

- [QTF-135]
  - Monthly transaction volume for document retrieval and submission to be broken down by Exchange Purpose (XP)

“The eHealth Exchange does not have any questions or concerns related to the additional reporting requirement to provide breakdown by Exchange Purpose for Document Retrieve and Message Delivery transactions initiated by our QHIN.”

## Additional Feedback (not related to v2.1 changes)

- [QTF-136]
  - “The following data must be submitted to the RCE for each calendar quarter by the 15th of the following month”

“The eHealth Exchange respectfully requests that the RCE extend the due date for the quarterly reports **to the end of the following month** to provide our QHIN Participants with additional time to collect the required metrics.”

## Additional Feedback (not related to v2.1 changes)

“The eHealth Exchange would like to know when organizations will be expected to begin supporting the new QTF requirements. If the different requirements have different timelines, please provide those details.”

“The eHealth Exchange respectfully requests that the RCE revisit how conformance statements are assigned identifiers and adopt a technique that retains unique identifiers for conformance statements across versions of the QTF. The current approach of renumbering QTF conformance statements is arduous.”

# QTF v2.1 Updates

- Next Steps
  - Continued participation in TEFCA workgroups and governance activities

# Carequality Delegation of Authority

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# Carequality Delegation of Authority Testing Updates

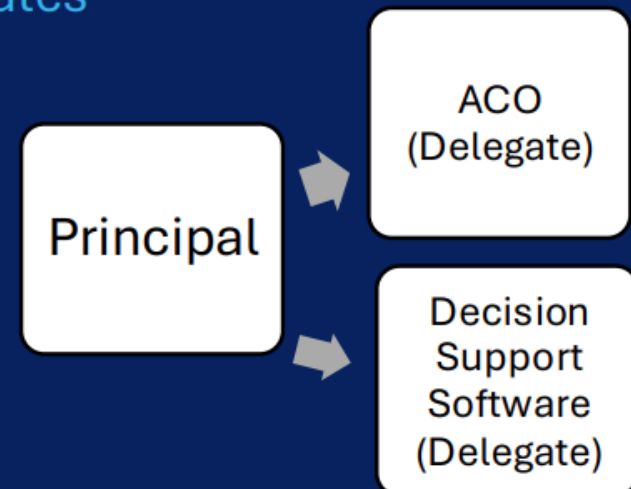
## ----- Applicable to Carequality Subscribers Only -----

- Carequality has adopted a Delegation of Authority (DOA) policy similar to TEFCA. The biggest difference is that Carequality limits the number of downstream delegates to just one. A first tier delegate can appoint a downstream delegate, but no further delegation is allowed by the downstream delegate. Please reference two supported delegation examples below:

Pattern 1: Principal Authorizing First Tier Delegate to Engage Downstream Delegate



Pattern 2: Principal Authorizing Two First Tier Delegates



# Carequality Delegation of Authority Testing Updates

## ----- Applicable to Carequality Subscribers Only -----

- All participants that connect to Carequality through the eHealth Exchange should participate in DOA testing so they can demonstrate the ability to receive delegated requests.
- The eHealth Exchange has been assigned to a testing cohort by Carequality in which ad-hoc testing will be performed with assigned Carequality implementers. Cohort testing will take place from August 22<sup>nd</sup> until September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a Carequality-sponsored DOA Connectathon on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 5 PM ET (10 AM – 2 PM PT). Participants do not need to attend, but please indicate who can be contacted at your organization during the DOA Connectathon time period.

# Carequality Delegation of Authority Testing Updates

## ----- Applicable to Carequality Subscribers Only -----

### Timeline:

Milestone	Date
Cohort Testing Begins	August 22
Carequality-sponsored DOA Connectathon (optional)	August 26 from 1 PM to 5 PM ET
Cohort Testing Ends; Finalize production directory entries for DOA	September 26
Technical Production - exchange of DOA messages	October 3
No More Delegated Queries without Delegation Notices	Feb 1, 2026

# Carequality Delegation of Authority Testing Updates

## ----- Applicable to Carequality Subscribers Only -----

### Technical Details:

When your organization receives a delegated request, you will be expected to accept a new DOA SAML attribute. The new DOA SAML attribute is described by the May 2025 version of the [Carequality Framework Policies](#) document.

To list the Principal for whom the Delegate is initiating the Delegated Request, the Delegate and its Implementer will append the following within the SAML for each Delegated Request. This element MUST have the Name set to “QueryAuthGrantor”. The value MUST be the FHIR Organization Resource ID from the Carequality Directory listing assigned to the Principal for whom the Delegate is initiating the Delegated Request.

```
<saml:Attribute Name="QueryAuthGrantor">  
  <saml:AttributeValue>Organization/2.16.840.1.113883.3.7204.1</saml:Attribute Value>  
</saml:Attribute>
```

The Carequality directory's entry for a Principal will be updated with a “doa” element that specifies the delegate(s) that the Principal is authorizing for delegated requests.

# FHIR Hub Environment Upgrade

## What is the “FHIR Hub” ?

The FHIR Hub is the eHealth Exchange environment that supports FHIR-based interactions. This is separate from the Hub environment that is used for SOAP-based IHE exchange.

The following services have been available and are actively in use:

### **FHIRProxy**

Foundational service that provides connectivity to participants who are engaged in FHIR exchange on the eHealth Exchange network.

### **Task Based Exchange**

Layered service that leverages FHIRProxy to support an asynchronous FHIR workflow modelled after the HL7 Da Vinci Project CDEX Task-based Approach specification.

### **SMART on FHIR Proxy**

Intermediary service that leverages the SMART on FHIR standard to facilitate a many-to-many connectivity model between Provider and Payer organizations. This service also leverages the FHIRProxy service for secure connectivity to FHIR servers.

# FHIR Hub Upgrade

## What?

A version upgrade of the technology platform to the latest version of InterSystems IRIS for Health.

## Why?

New features, performance and stability improvements, and preparation for new use cases and workflows.

## When?

The upgrade project kicked off in June 2025. A cloned environment is currently being used to test/validate the upgrade to ensure services will continue to function as expected.

## Impacts?

Services remain up and available.

A code freeze will be in place until ~mid-September. During this time no new customizations will be developed nor deployed.

Configuration updates can be performed, as needed.

# DaVinci Trebuchet Announcement

# Da Vinci Trebuchet Call:

## TEFCA, CMS-Aligned Networks, and 0057f Compliance Overview

- Join Project Trebuchet for an overview on TEFCA and CMS-Aligned Networks, and how payers, providers, and software applications might leverage networked connectivity to achieve scalable data exchange for CMS-0057F requirements.
- During the session we'll discuss:
  - to-date what a CMS-Aligned Network will be
  - How TEFCA and QHINS will align and differ
  - Specifics on how an organization might use either TEFCA or a CMS-Aligned network to get the networked connectivity required for the integrations mandated by CMS-0057F.
- Link to call in information: [Da Vinci Trebuchet FHIR Pilots - Da Vinci - Confluence](#)

# Coordinating Committee Elections

## Background

- The Coordinating Committee manages the Network, not to be confused with the eHealth Exchange Board that manages the Company running the network. The Coordinating Committee is granted formal authority under the DURSA to oversee and facilitate continued development, implementation, and operation of the eHealth Exchange Network. The Coordinating Committee does have 3 members on the Board at the same time.

## Expectations of Coordinating Committee Members

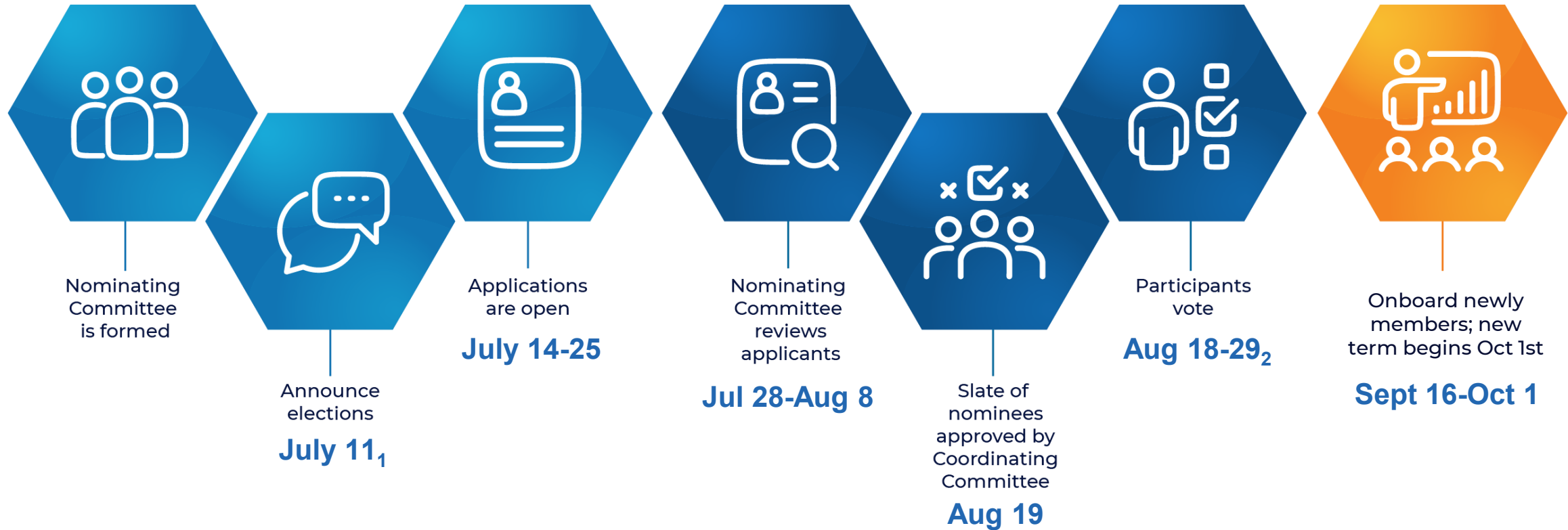
- The primary purpose of the Coordinating Committee is to govern the eHealth Exchange and provide strategic direction to assure continued growth and innovation.

# 2025 Coordinating Committee Election Timeline

July

August

September/October



1. Announce during All Participant Call – May, June, July
2. September 2-8: Time for a runoff if needed

## 2025 Coordinating Committee (CC) Election Nominees

3 Seats (Two are 3-year seats and one is a 2-year replacing Sheryl Turney)

Gisela Bartolome – SYNCRONYS (NM HIE)

Raymond Duncan – Cedars-Sinai Health System

Matthew Eisenberg – Stanford Health Care\*

Paul Matthews – OCHIN, Inc.\*

Ryan McLelland – Utah HIN

Gary Parker – Alabama Medicaid Agency/ Alabama One Health Record\*\*

Mike Plesh – University North Carolina Health

\* Indicates Current CC member

\*\* Current Chair of eHealth Exchange QHIN Governing Committee (QGC)

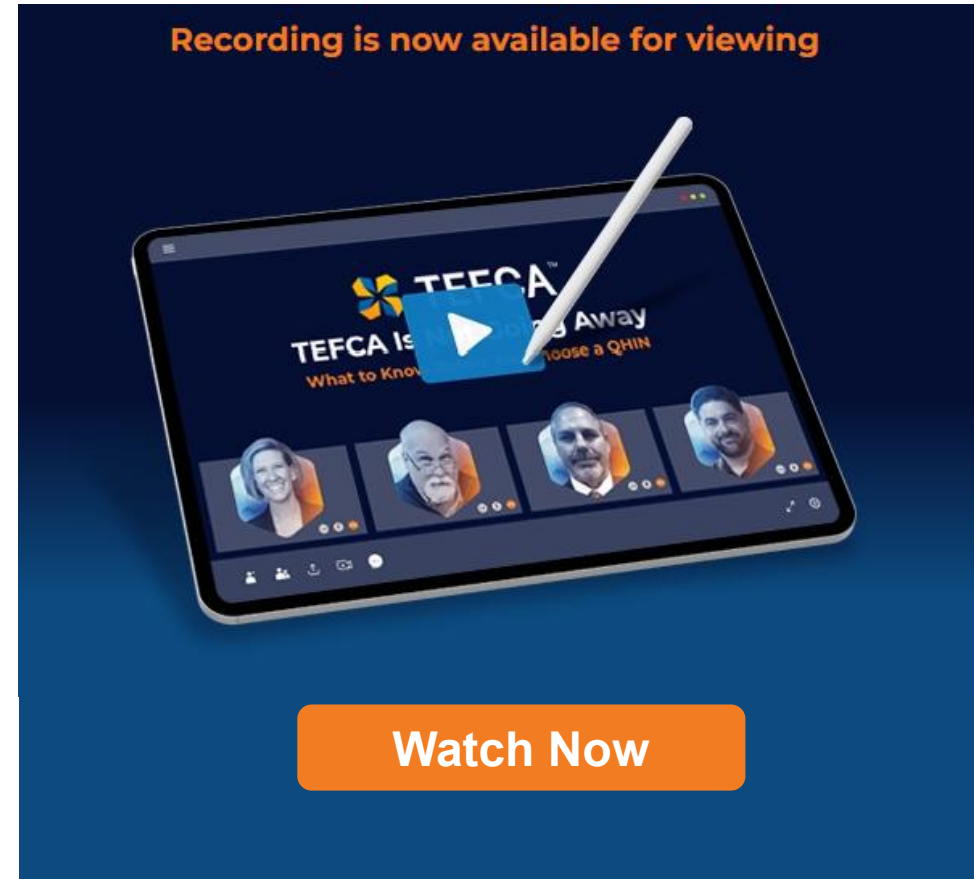
# Marketing Update

## WEBINAR

### TEFCA Is Not Going Away What to Know Before You Choose a QHIN

Whether you were able to join us live or not, we're pleased to share that the **recording is now available** for you to watch at your convenience.

A special **thank you** goes out to our panelists for sharing their insights and experiences.



Link to Recording: [TEFCA QHIN Webinar - eHealth Exchange](#)

# Speaker Applications

Thank You to all who submitted a session.

22 Received and Reviewed

9 Selected

Notifications went out last week.

Confirmations are due TODAY!



# 2025 Annual Meeting



- Back to Nashville, TN
- November 18, 2025
- Co-located again with The Sequoia Project and Carequality following November 19-20, 2025
- Embassy Suites by Hilton Downtown Nashville

NOW OPEN  
Registration and Hotel Booking  
[2025 Annual Meeting - eHealth Exchange](#)

## Upcoming Reoccurring Webinars



**eHealth Exchange Technical Workgroup**

**September 4<sup>th</sup> | 4-5:00 PM**



**eHealth Exchange All Participant Call**

**September 18<sup>th</sup> | 1-2PM ET**



**eHealth Exchange TEFCA Updates Webinar**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> | 3:30-4:30 PM ET**

# Upcoming Conferences

## August

### BCBS eSolutions Xchange

August 24-27 | Kansas City,  
MO

## September

### HL7 Connectathon

Sept 13-19 | Pittsburgh, PA

### Civitas Networks for Health Annual Conference

Sept 28-30 | Anaheim, CA

## October

### NCQA Health Innovation Summit

October 10-13 | San Diego, CA

# eHealth Exchange Monthly Newsletter

- eHealth Edition was launched January 2025
- Distributed monthly, the last week of the month
- Automatically gets sent to primary, project and operations contacts for our participants
- Available to all others by subscribing from our [News & Insights webpage](#)

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## eHealth Edition

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

### NEWS

#### eHealth Exchange Honored with KLAS Points of Light Award for Advancing Automated Prior Authorization via Networked FHIR Service



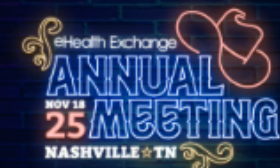
eHealth Exchange once again has been recognized by KLAS Research with a prestigious Points of Light Award for its groundbreaking work in health data interoperability. The recognition stems from a collaborative case study titled "Automating Prior Authorization via a Networked FHIR Service," which showcases a scalable solution to one of healthcare's most burdensome administrative processes.

[Read Press Release](#)

### 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

#### Hotel Block Open

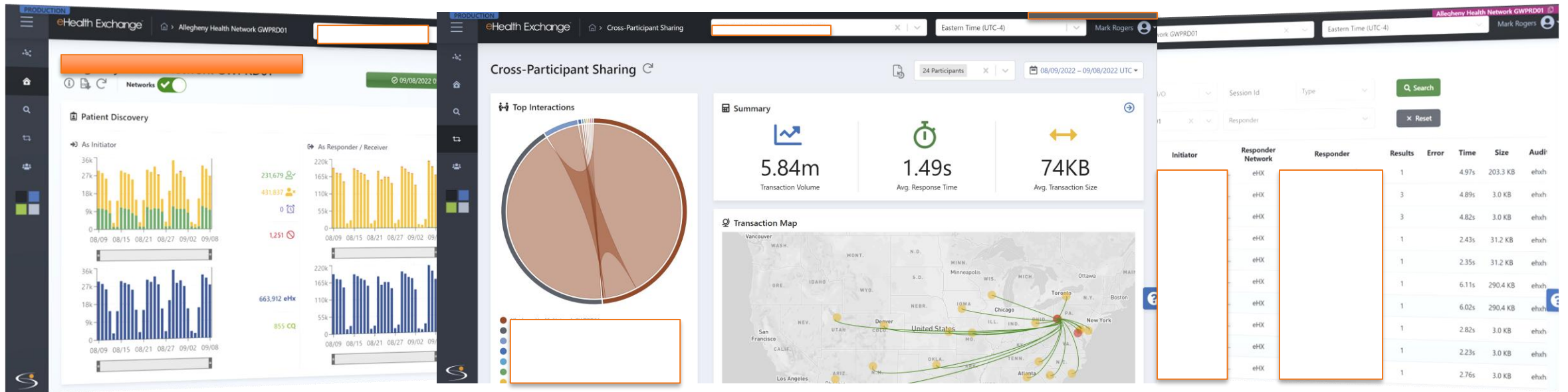
We will be back in Tennessee at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Downtown Nashville for the eHealth Exchange Annual Meeting November 18, 2025.



# Information & Resources



# Your Hub Dashboard – Your web portal providing interoperability insights.



- Identify transaction volume, response times, drill-down, & download.
- Who is querying your organization?
- Where are your clinicians searching?
- How much care occurs outside your organization?

Access Hub Dashboard: <https://insightsprod.ehealthexchange.org/#/hub>

# Monthly Technical Work Group

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 4-5pm Eastern:**

**Typical Topics:**

1. Technical Specifications
2. Testing
3. Hub Updates
4. Capacity planning [Final Thursday each month]

Request an invite: <https://ehealthexchange.org/technical-workgroup-form/>

# Contacts for Your Organization

We want to ensure that we are reaching the right people at your organization with our communications.

- If you have had recent or past changes and are unsure if we have an updated list: email [administrator@ehealthexchange.org](mailto:administrator@ehealthexchange.org) requesting the Contact List Template to complete and return.
- The template asks name, title, phone number, email address, and what type of emails the resource should receive.
- This will assist eHealth Exchange and each Participant in knowing that the communication we send is received appropriately.

# How might I obtain assistance?

What	Who	How
Certificates	DirectTrust Support	<a href="mailto:support@directtrust.zohodesk.com">support@directtrust.zohodesk.com</a>
Technical Support	Technical Support	<a href="mailto:servicedesk@hub.ehealthexchange.org">servicedesk@hub.ehealthexchange.org</a>
Testing Questions	Testing Team	<a href="mailto:testing@ehealthexchange.org">testing@ehealthexchange.org</a>
Questions about the DURSA, policy, or anything else!	Administrator	<a href="mailto:administrator@ehealthexchange.org">administrator@ehealthexchange.org</a>

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