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Involving Stakeholders Early Improves the Standards Harmonization Process

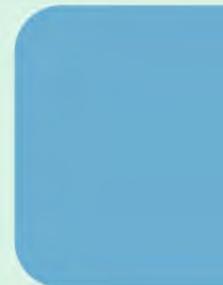
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**Patients
Empowered &
Engaged**

**Information Available
Instantly & Securely
When Needed**



**Data Analysis
& Quality
Improvement**



**Evidence-based
Decision Support**



**Better Care
Coordination**

**Improved
Safety**



The Importance of a Joint Path Forward

- Office of the National Coordinator within U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (ONC/HHS)
- National eHealth Collaborative (NeHC)
- Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP)
- Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT)
- Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN) Collaborative

Accelerating Interoperable Health IT Requires Participation By All Stakeholders



National Prioritization Process: The Value Case

Prioritization Process Value Cases

The “Value Case” concept encompasses the concepts of healthcare communities (public and private) uniting to identify breakthrough opportunities to accelerate the adoption and effective use of interoperable health information technology. They are intended to facilitate information exchange, decrease systems integration costs, increase quality and/or reduce costs of care for patients, generate meaningful value propositions to healthcare stakeholders, and drive health IT adoption.

- Builds on the AHIC Use Case by increasing stakeholder participation and effectiveness
- Priorities developed in light of the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan
- Engages the private sector in its own success

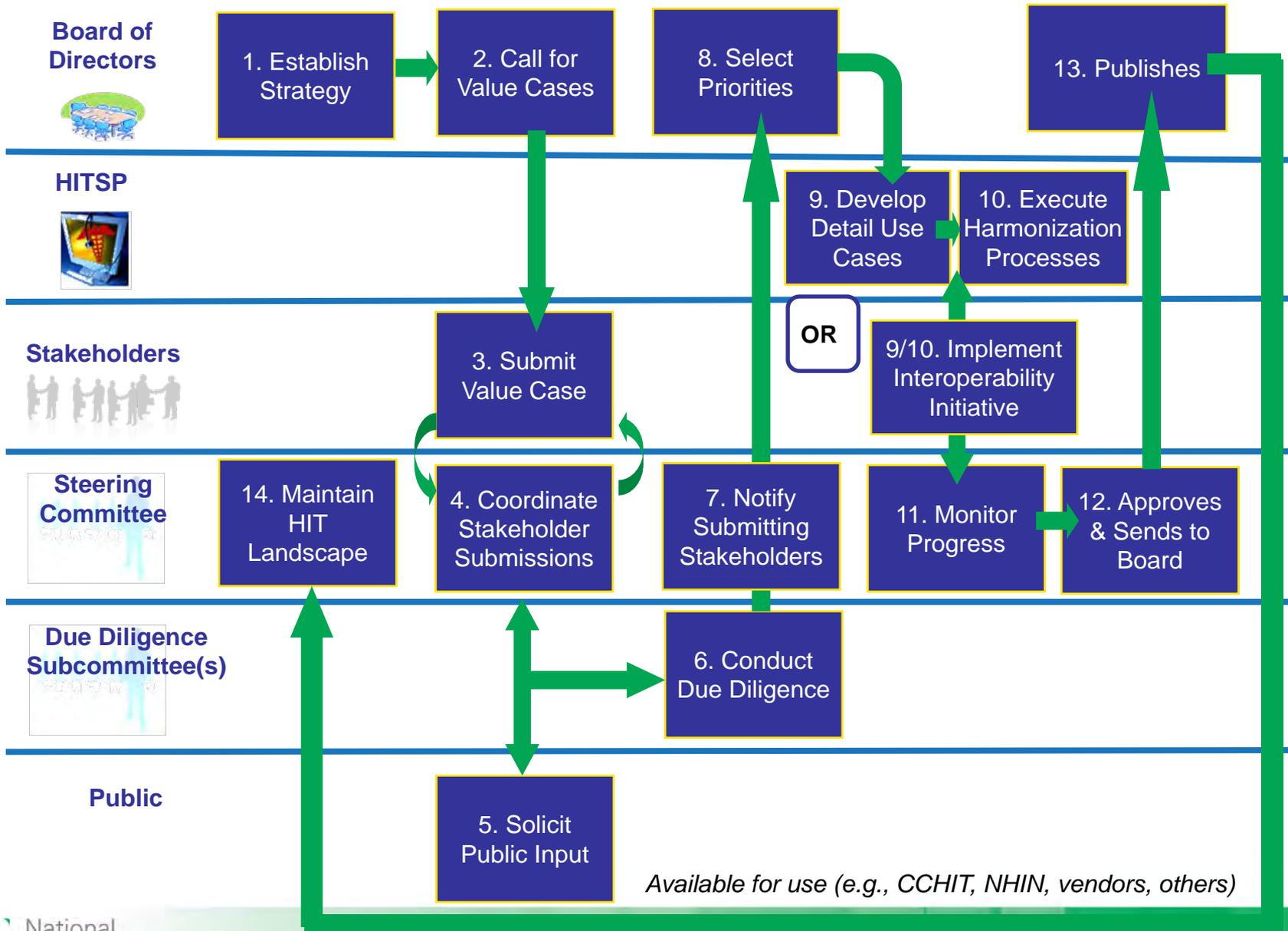
Value Case Goals

- Provide **broad stakeholder input** into which value cases and interoperability initiatives are pursued
- Identify **breakthrough strategies** to increase interoperability by prioritizing stakeholder-initiated value cases for national action
- **Emphasize the value proposition** of each proposed set of interoperability initiatives

Value Case Types

- **Standards harmonization**, e.g., the focus of AHIC and the NCVHS Subcommittee on Standards
 - *Example:* Harmonize standards for clinical research
- **Model Processes**, e.g., a model of the “ideal” care coordination process
 - *Example:* Establish a process for how clinical decision support could be incorporated into clinical workflow to provide care delivery
- **Best Practices**, e.g., incorporation of ePrescribing into provider workflow
 - *Example:* Define best practices for matching patient records and/or provider IDs across sites of care
- **Frameworks**, e.g., a SOA-based model of an HIE
 - *Example:* Establish a privacy and security framework that defines the principles and guidelines to be followed in the HIT environment

Value Case Prioritization Process – Full Stakeholder Participation



National Focus and Investment in HIT: Critical to the Evolution of Patient Care

GOAL: Electronic Health Records for all Americans by 2014

- \$19 billion in HIT incentives
 - \$17 billion via Medicare and Medicaid
 - \$2 billion discretionary fund for grants and loans
- Official Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC)
 - Requires ONC “to take a leadership role” in developing interoperability standards by 2010
- Opportunity for National eHealth Collaborative to be recognized as a federal advisory committee
 - Section 3008 delineates 2 Federal Advisory Committees (FACAs)
 - HIT Standards Committee described in the legislation is very similar to NeHC
 - NeHC is developing options for moving forward

Realizing Our Shared Vision: Next Steps

- Build on the momentum, trust, and leadership already established; continue to strengthen relationships with ONC, HITSP, CCHIT, NHIN Collaborative
- Convene stakeholders across the healthcare community; continue to foster public-private collaboration
- Identify and set priorities related to health IT interoperability standards and initiatives
- Address standards and non-standards-based barriers to accelerate progress in the adoption and use of health IT
- Bring some cohesion to the fragmented healthcare world we live in

Secure exchange of health information is needed to realize the benefits of a new generation of medicine that is predictive, preemptive, personalized, and participatory.

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