



The Office of the National Coordinator for
Health Information Technology

ONC Update: Cures Act

Meeting of the National Committee on Vital & Health Statistics

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- **Title IV – Delivery:**
 - » Section 4001: Assisting Doctors and Hospitals in Improving Quality of Care for Patients (*Burden Reduction strategy, Specialty certification*)
 - » Section 4002: Transparent Reporting on EHR Transparency, Usability, Security, and Functionality (*EHR Significant Hardship, Conditions of Certification, EHR Reporting Program*)
 - » Section 4003: Transparent Reporting on EHR Transparency, Usability, Security, and Functionality - Interoperability (Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement, Health IT Advisory Committee, Provider digital contact information index)
 - » Section 4004: Information Blocking
 - » Section 4005: Leveraging EHRs to Improve Patient Care (*registry/EHR information*)
 - » Section 4006: Empowering Patients and Improving Patient Access to Electronic Health Information
 - » Sections 4007, 4008: GAO Studies on Patient Matching, Patient Access to Health Information

Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement

“Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment...the National Coordinator shall convene appropriate public and private stakeholders to develop or support a trusted exchange framework for trust policies and practices and for a common agreement for exchange between health information networks. The common agreement may include –

“(I) a common method for authenticating trusted health information network participants;

“(II) a common set of rules for trusted exchange;

“(III) organizational and operational policies to enable the exchange of health information among networks, including minimum conditions for such exchange to occur; and

“(IV) a process for filing and adjudicating noncompliance with the terms of the common agreement.

21st Century Cures Act - Section 4003(b)

Kick-Off Meeting Overview – June 24, 2017

- National Trust Frameworks and Network-to-Network Connectivity
 - » Carequality – Dave Cassell
 - » CARIN Alliance – Ryan Howells
 - » CommonWell – Jitin Asnaani
 - » Digital Bridge – Walter Suarez
 - » DirectTrust – David Kibbe
 - » eHealth Exchange – Mariann Yeager
 - » NATE – Aaron Seib
 - » SHIEC – David Kendrick, Richard Thompson
- Panel Discussion and Audience Questions and Answers
- Alignment and Gaps Among Current Trust Agreements
- Public Comment
- [Click Here](#) for recorded presentations and the agenda from the Kick-Off Meeting

Public Comment Areas (Option for Supplying Comments to ONC)

- **Standardization:** *Adhere to industry and federally recognized standards, policies, best practices, and procedures.*
- **Transparency:** *Conduct all exchange openly and transparently.*
- **Cooperation and Non-Discrimination:** *Collaborate with stakeholders across the continuum of care to exchange electronic health information, even when a stakeholder may be a business competitor.*
- **Security and Patient Safety:** *Exchange electronic health information securely and in a manner that promotes patient safety and ensures data integrity.*
- **Access:** *Ensure that patients and their caregivers have easy access to their electronic health information.*
- **Data-Driven Choice:** *Exchange multiple records at one time to enable identification and trending of data to lower the cost of care and improve the health of the population, and enable consumer choice.*
- **General Comments Category**

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On July 24, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) kicked off a new, inclusive and ongoing effort in support of the trusted exchange framework and common agreement provisions in [section 4003 of the 21st Century Cures Act](#) (Cures).

On behalf of ONC, thank you to all those who participated in the kick-off meeting and joined to learn more about the current landscape, we truly



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Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement Timeline (Preliminary Targets)

Date	Activity
July 24, 2017	First Stakeholder Engagement Kick-Off Meeting / 30 Day Public Comment Period Opens for Stakeholders to Share Thoughts Related to the Trusted Framework and Common Agreement
September 29, 2017	Public Webinar - Trusted Exchange Framework Common Agreement Meeting 2 - Webinar Only
Late 2017-Early 2018	Release of Draft Trust Framework/Common Agreement and Public Comment Period
2018	Release of Final Version of the Trust Framework/Common Agreement

21st Century Cures Act Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement Meeting #2 – Webinar

- As part of the September 29, 2017 webinar, ONC will share the results of a recent analysis of existing frameworks that support the interoperable flow of health information across disparate networks.
- The webinar will also provide an opportunity to hear more about the public comments ONC has received, as well as the status of the efforts to date to fulfill the requirement as outlined in the Cures Act.
- Please register for the webinar [here](#).



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Thank you!

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