

CMS Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule

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A LACK OF SEAMLESS DATA EXCHANGE IN HEALTH CARE...



leads to disconnected care, worse health outcomes, and higher costs.

INTEROPERABLE HEALTH CARE DATA EXCHANGE...



enables coordinated care, improved health outcomes, and reduced cost.

CMS INTEROPERABILITY & PATIENT ACCESS FINAL RULE

my
health
data

CMS
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

2019

- Draft 2 TEFCA released
- CMS publishes **Interoperability and Patient Access Proposed Rule**
- ONC publishes 21st Century Cures Act Proposed Rule

2018

- Draft TEFCA released
- White House Executive Forum on Interoperability
- CMS made data available to researchers through the Virtual Research Data Center

JAN 2019

Providers are required to use 2015 Edition Certified EHR Technology

Promoting Interoperability program requirements take effect for all providers

FALL 2020

Hospitals send **event notifications** regarding admission, discharge, and transfer to other providers

LATE 2020

Public reporting of clinician or hospital data blocking and providers without digital contact info in NPPES

JAN 1 2021

Patient Access API
Patient health care claims and clinical info made available through standards-based APIs for Medicare Advantage, Medicaid and CHIP FFS, Medicaid and CHIP managed care, and QHPs on the FFEs

Provider Directory API
Payer Provider Directories made available through standards-based APIs

JAN 1 2022

Payer-to-Payer data exchange
Payers required to exchange patient USCDI data upon request

APRIL 2022

Improved benefits coordination for dually eligible individuals

March 2018

MyHealthEDdata and Blue Button 2.0 launched

2020

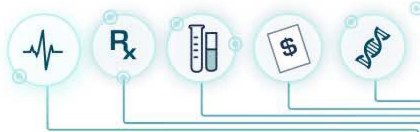
2021

2022

HOW WILL THESE REQUIREMENTS IMPACT ME?

1

I can **easily access my clinical and claims data**, including information about my treatment history and prescriptions.



2

I can easily find an **up-to-date list of providers** in my network.



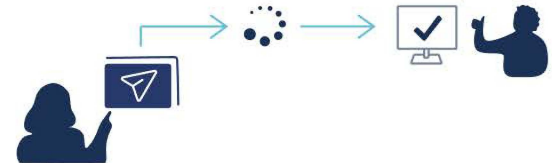
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Better communication between my providers means I don't fall through the cracks.



3

I can **bring my data with me** when I switch plans or providers.



5

I know which providers are sharing data, and **reports about data blocking** help me choose where to get care.



4

I know my coverage benefits are being **coordinated** as a dually eligible individual.



PATIENTS

These policies will help me make informed decisions about my health care.

HOW WILL THESE REQUIREMENTS IMPACT ME?

1

With **better access to patient data**, I can provide more informed treatment recommendations and help my patients make better care decisions.



2

I know how to **contact other providers** my patient is seeing so we can share information and provide coordinated care.



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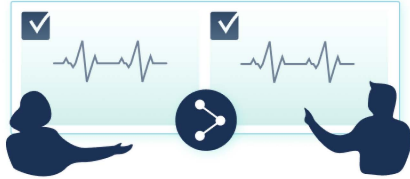
Event notifications that my patients are admitted, discharged, or transferred keep me in the loop.



These policies will help me confidently provide better care to patients.

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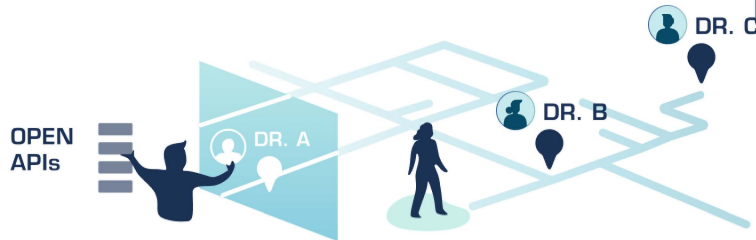
- 1** **Sharing health information** with patients better engages them and strengthens our relationship.



- 2** **Historical claims data** helps patients understand their health care and expenses.



- 4** **Offering a provider directory through an API** helps my patients find the doctors they need.



- 3** **Care Coordination** in a payer-to-payer data exchange helps me provide coverage to get my patients the best outcomes.



These policies will increase my ability to provide more efficient and coordinated coverage.

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Interoperability/index>



Questions

