



National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics
Advising the HHS Secretary on National Health Information Policy



Update from Standards Subcommittee to the Full Committee

March 31, 2021

Agenda



- Subcommittee Charge and Scope
- 2020 Accomplishments
- Brief review of ICAD Task Force recommendations
- 2021 work plan
- Conversation with ONC National Coordinator

Standards Subcommittee Charge



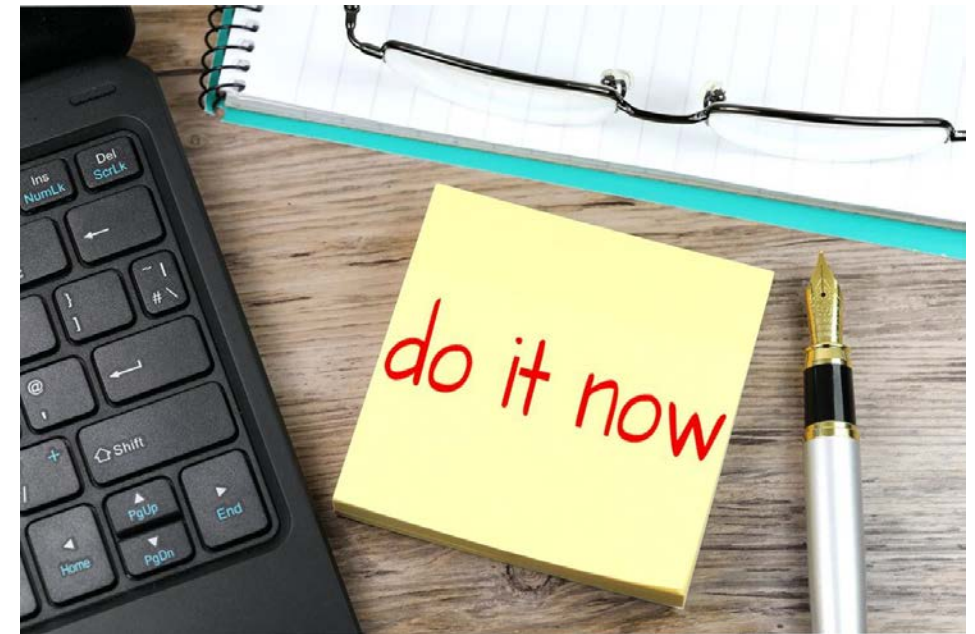
Monitors and makes recommendations to the Full Committee on health data standards, including implementation of the Administrative Simplification provisions of HIPAA, MMA, ACA and associated areas of focus such as interoperability.

- Identify opportunities and issues in health data standards for full Committee attention
- Provide outreach, liaison, and consultation with, and serve as a public forum on health information technology standards for, the following stakeholders: Health care industry, Federal, state and local governments, Standards development organizations, Health information technology companies, Public health, Consumer groups, Research community
- Make recommendations to the Full Committee related to electronic transactions, health terminologies and vocabularies, clinical documentation, security measures, identifiers for employers, health plans, health care providers and patients, and operating rules to support adopted HIPAA standards
- Make recommendations to the Full Committee on strategies to promote a continuing process of developing, coordinating, adopting, implementing and maintaining standards. These strategies may include public information and educational efforts as well as research and development efforts.
- Produce recommendations for the Full Committee's Report to Congress on HIPAA Administrative Simplification
- Collaborate with the other NCVHS subcommittees on cross-cutting issues
- Collaborate with other Federal Advisory Committees on cross-cutting issues as appropriate and when delegated by the Full Committee

Predictability Roadmap Priorities



- Industry identified urgent and ongoing needs for which NCVHS could make recommendations to address business and technology changes in health care ecosystem:
- Support move to interoperability
 - Improve availability and/or access to updated versions of standards
 - Improve standards update and adoption processes
 - Improve regulatory processes to enable access to updated or new standards
 - Reduce administrative burdens
 - Address clinical and administrative data intersections



Accomplishments 2020



- Hearing and recommendations to HHS on adopting updated pharmacy standards to be adopted under HIPAA - March 2020
- Hearing on adopting new operating rules for prior authorization and connectivity to support HIPAA standards - August 2020
 - *Recommendation to pilot operating rules for prior authorization*
 - *Recommendation to update connectivity rule*
- ONC Health IT Advisory Committee Collaboration: Intersection of Clinical and Administrative Data (ICAD) Task Force
 - *NCVHS Subcommittee Co-chair served as co-chair of Task Force*
 - *Development of recommendations, publication of report and presentation to HITAC*
- Follow up letter on recommendations to HHS re: predictability roadmap
 - *Promote opportunity to apply for testing exceptions*
 - *Adopt standard for attachments*
 - *Publicize enforcement activities*

ICAD: Framework for Recommendations



Task force created guiding principles for the ideal state for prior authorization – and thus for the resulting set of recommendations



- Enhance the patient experience, safety and health outcomes
- Ensure patient consent, privacy and security
- Use digital capabilities for automation
- Improve transparency and timeliness
- Build and extend current standards
- Harmonize national health care policies, vocabularies and transport standards

ICAD Recommendations



1. Prioritize administrative efficiency in relevant federal programs
2. Establish a government-wide common standards advancement process
3. Converge healthcare standards
4. Provide a clear roadmap and timeline for harmonized standards
5. Harmonize code and value sets
6. Make standards (code sets, content, services) open to implement without licensing costs
7. Develop patient-centered workflows and standards
8. Adopt a Member ID Card Standard
9. Name an attachment standard
10. Establish regular review of prior authorization rules
11. Establish standards for prior authorization workflows
12. Create extension and renewal mechanism for authorizations
13. Include the patient in prior authorization
14. Establish patient authentication and authorization to support consent
15. Establish Test Data to Support Interoperability

Next steps: Identify federal authorities for each recommendation; match with NCVHS priorities and determine fit with 2021 workplan

2021 Subcommittee Workplan



- Participate in possible “ICAD 2” if convened by HITAC
- Initiate work in new project scoping document:
 - Standardization of Information for Burden Reduction and Post-Pandemic America (Convergence 2.0 Project)
 - Seek and obtain Full Committee approval of 2021 project scope
 - Project includes data requirements for HIPAA administrative transactions, clinical data, public health, privacy, and social services use cases.

Standardization of Information for Burden Reduction and Post-Pandemic America



Purpose: Continue work from the predictability road map:

1. Solutions to convergence of administrative and clinical data (prior authorization, standard for attachments, consideration of new standards under HIPAA)
2. Monitor HHS activity on NCVHS recommendations to HHS (NCPDP, attachments, pilots, other opportunities for enhancements)

Pursue New Opportunities for Standards:

1. FHIR and APIs
2. Modernization of administrative and clinical data exchange standards
3. All Payer Claims Databases (APCD) Common Data Layout (CDL) – pending HHS rulemaking
4. Integration of social determinants of health data into EHRs/standards
5. Meet with CMS National Standards Group

Quick wins (examples):

1. SDoH initiative
2. Industry listening session around opportunities and challenges for integrating APIs into HIPAA transaction standards

What Else is On the Subcommittee Dance Card for 2021?



- ICD-11 continuation
- Terminologies/vocabularies:
semantic harmonization and classifications
- Address requests to update HIPAA standards
(if any)





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A Conversation with **Micky Tripathi, PhD, MPP**

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