



Tentative Agenda – June 9, 2022
National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics
Subcommittee on Standards Listening Session
Standardization of Information for Burden Reduction and Post-Pandemic America
“Convergence 2.0”
For info and to register: [Subcommittee on Standards Listening Session](#)

Meeting Background & Purpose:

NCVHS' Subcommittee on Standards is seeking industry reaction to draft Considerations developed based on input and information gathered at the Subcommittee Listening Session held [August 25, 2021](#), and in response to its [request for information](#) to support its current project, “Standardization of Information for Burden Reduction and Post-Pandemic America” ([Convergence 2.0](#)).

HIPAA¹, HITECH², ACA³, 21st Century Cures⁴ and other federal legislation has positioned the industry well to begin conceptualizing a strategic vision for health information technology standards to support more broadly integrated health data flows. The Subcommittee’s Convergence 2.0 work also assesses the strengths and weaknesses of the current standards development and federal rulemaking processes to support this emerging landscape.

The Committee is seeking reaction to the draft Considerations from potentially impacted end-users of national standards and their IT systems vendors, including (but not limited to), standards development organizations, payer and provider trade and professional organizations and other members of the public.

Should the June 9 Listening Session reveal significant consensus on the draft Considerations, the Subcommittee will use the feedback to frame recommendations for consideration by the full Committee. If industry feedback indicates little or no consensus, then the Subcommittee will reconsider its approach as it continues in the second phase of the Convergence 2.0 project.

The draft Considerations document is available here: <https://ncvhs.hhs.gov/Draft-Convergence-2-dot-0>.

For further background on the Subcommittee’s process for developing these Considerations, please refer to the Subcommittee [report to the full NCVHS on January 24, 2022](#).

¹ Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Public Law 104–191, 110 Stat. 1936 (Aug 21, 1996), available at: <https://www.congress.gov/104/plaws/publ191/PLAW-104publ191.pdf>

² Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health, part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, available at: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/1/text>

³ Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, available at: <https://www.congress.gov/111/plaws/publ148/PLAW-111publ148.pdf>

⁴ 21st Century Cures Act, available at: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/34>

Time	Panel	Participants
10:00 a.m.	Welcome, Call to Order, Roll Call	Rebecca Hines NCVHS Executive Secretary/Designated Federal Officer
10:05 a.m.	Agenda Overview & Review of Proceedings	Rich Landen and Denise Love Co-chairs, Subcommittee on Standards
10:10 a.m.	CMS Standards Update	Mary Greene, Director Office of Burden Reduction and Health Informatics, CMS
10:30 a.m.	Planning for Tomorrow's Administrative Interoperability Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convergence 2.0 Workplan Update & Timeline 	Rich Landen, Standards Subcommittee Co-chair
11:00 a.m.	Panel 1: Advance HIPAA Standards Adoption or Administrative Transactions	Moderator: Rich Landen Reactor Panel 1
	Action Item for Consideration #1: Update relevant HIPAA policies to allow the adoption and use of more than one standard per business function.	
	Action Item for Consideration #2: Enable HIPAA covered entities to support multiple versions of adopted standards for business functions.	
	Action Item for Consideration #3: Revise the standards exception process for HIPAA covered entities who submit an application with the required justification and business case to automatically authorize them without waiting for review.	
12:30 p.m.	Public Comment for Panel 1	Rebecca Hines NCVHS Executive Secretary/DFO
1:00 p.m.	Break	
1:30 p.m.	Panel 2: Address Standards Integration and Collaboration	Moderator: Denise Love Reactor Panel 2
	Action Item for Consideration #4: Identify options for improved integration of health information standards, including base standards plus standard development organization (SDO) implementation guides, <u>more broadly than at</u>	

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	<u>present</u> , and fostering relevant collaboration across HHS Agencies and Offices (e.g., CMS, ONC, CDC, NIH, IHS) including State, Local, Tribal & Territorial Governments.	
2:20 p.m.	Public Comment for Panel 2	Rebecca Hines NCVHS Executive Secretary/DFO
2:30 p.m.	Panel 3: Measure the Value of Standards Action Item for Consideration #5: Develop and publish a guidance framework with recommended definitions, metrics, templates, and pilot test procedures, including methods for reporting on standards readiness, standards costs, results of real-world testing and metrics essential for evaluation of standards, to enable better measurement, management, and understanding of standards maturity, standards implementation success, and the net value of standards.	Moderator: Tammy Banks Reactor Panel 3
3:30 p.m.	Public Comment for Panel 3	Rebecca Hines NCVHS Executive Secretary/DFO
3:45 p.m.	Break	
4:00 p.m.	Discussion	NCVHS Members
5:00 p.m.	Public Comment	Rebecca Hines NCVHS Executive Secretary/DFO
5:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks and Adjournment	Denise Love, Co-chair Subcommittee on Standards