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Certification Program Update

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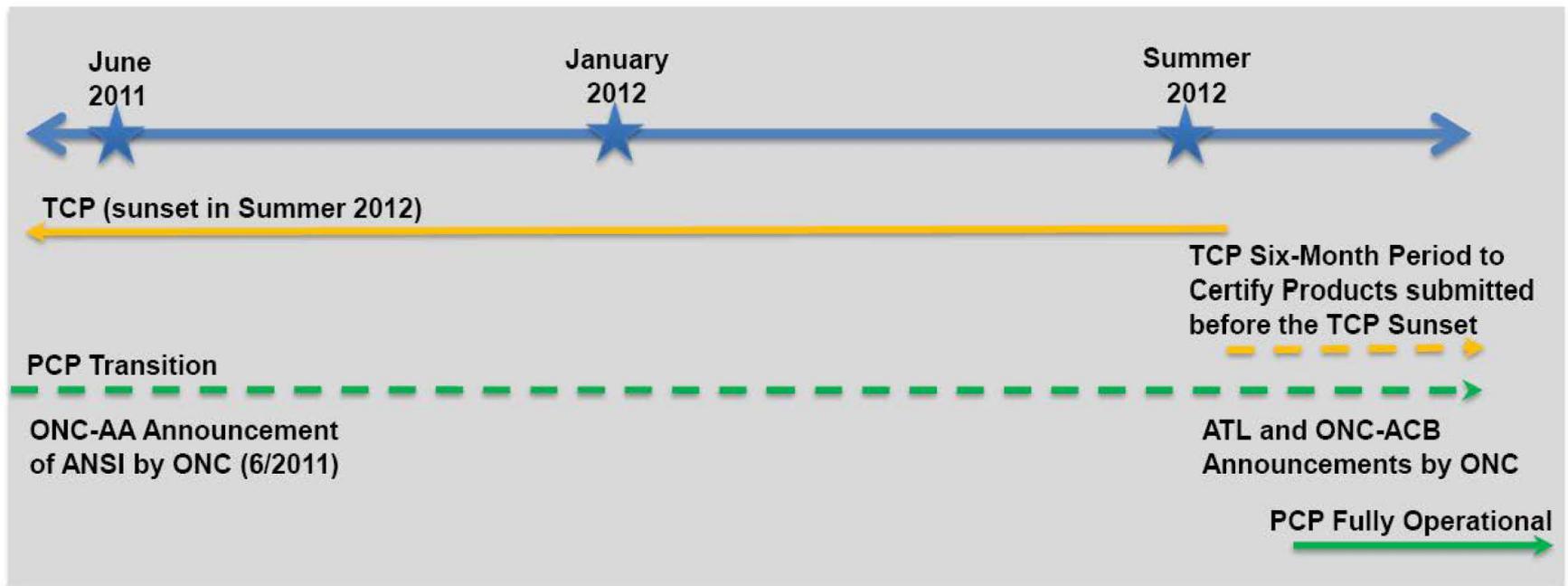


- Grant
- Program
- Division
- Office
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Transition to the Permanent Program



- ONC's approach for mandated Health IT certification programs:
 - Part One = the Temporary Certification Program (TCP)
 - Part Two = the Permanent Certification Program (PCP)



ONC-Approved Accreditor (ONC-AA) and Certification Bodies



- June 2011: ONC selects The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as the ONC-Approved Accreditor in the Permanent Certification Program.
- July 2012: ANSI accredits five Health IT Certification Bodies
 - Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT)
 - Drummond Group, Inc.
 - ICSA Laboratories, Inc.
 - InfoGard Laboratories, Inc.
 - Orion Register, Inc.

NIST-NVLAP and Test Laboratories



- The National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) approved by regulation as the Accreditation Body for Test Labs in the Permanent Certification Program
- July 2012: NVLAP accredits five Health IT Test Labs
 - Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT)
 - Drummond Group, Inc.
 - ICSA Laboratories, Inc.
 - InfoGard Laboratories, Inc.
 - SLI Global Solutions

Temporary Certification Program Sunset



The Temporary Certification Program will sunset when the Permanent Certification Program is determined to be fully constituted by the National Coordinator and is operational.



Upon Sunset of the TCP

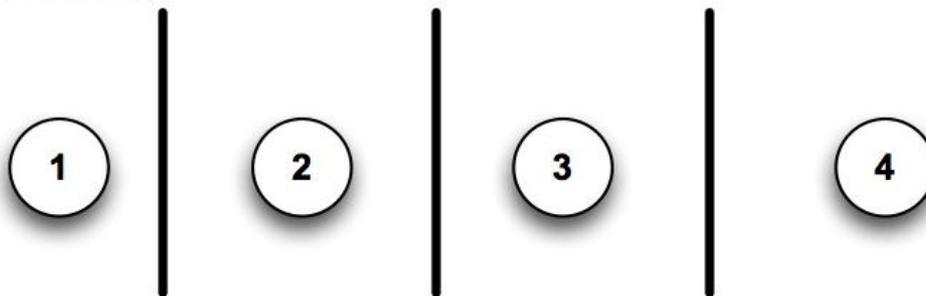
ONC-ATCBs are prohibited from accepting **new requests** to certify Complete EHRs or EHR Modules, but are permitted up to six months after the sunset date to complete all testing and certification activities associated with pending or current requests received prior to the sunset date.

Test Procedures: “Unit-Based” Testing



- 2011 Edition Test Procedures only allow for individual testing of each certification criterion
- Independent data and results
- Must keep Unit-based capability for 2014 Edition

Unit Based Testing



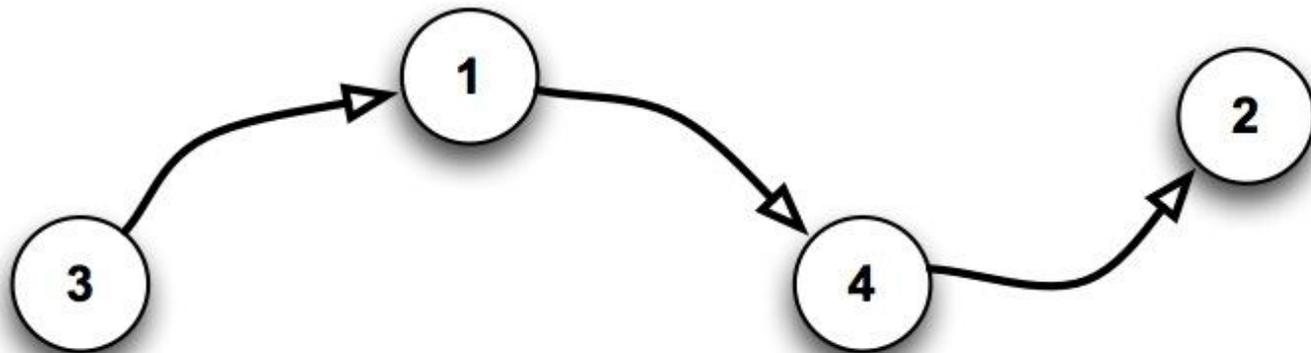
Each criterion is tested individually. Current method of testing.



Test Procedures: Scenario-Based Testing

- Proposed optional approach for 2014 Edition
- Results and data can be “threaded” forward
- Modular so individual tests can be skipped for products which don’t have/use given capability
- Implementation Work Group

Incremental Workflow Based Testing





- **1484** “Unique” Certified EHR Products

	Ambulatory	Inpatient	Total
Complete EHR	616	87	703
Modular EHR	401	380	781
Total	1017	467	1484

- **818** EHR Vendors/Developers

This table shows a unique count of products. Any additional versions of the same products are not included.



- CHPL 2.1 Dot Release
 - “Hybrid” Certification
 - Improved navigation, search, and display
- CHPL 3.0 development

Hybrid Certification



- **All products that are certified to meet the Inpatient Criteria now satisfy all of the Ambulatory criteria.**
- Eligible professionals (EPs) who practice in both outpatient and inpatient settings using a combination of EHR technology certified for both of these settings can now generate a CMS EHR Certification ID in order to participate in the CMS EHR Incentive Program.
- EPs that want to take this option should click on the “Ambulatory Practice Type” link on the front page of the CHPL and then select the combination of ambulatory and inpatient EHR technology used during an EHR reporting period to demonstrate meaningful use.
- While navigating the Ambulatory portion of the CHPL, an additional column, “Original Practice Setting,” has been added to product searches and to the product cart page. This column details the original setting the product was certified to support. This description will allow providers to locate Inpatient products while in the Ambulatory portion of the CHPL much more efficiently.



- ONC Certification website refresh
 - Create a self-service environment to empower stakeholders
 - Provide stakeholders with tailored, accurate, and timely information
 - Improve the Inquiry Management Process