New Applicability Dates included in ONC Interim Final Rule

Information Blocking and the ONC Health IT Certification Program:
Extension of Compliance Dates and Timeframes in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Interim Final Rule

Certification

- Specific Compliance Requirements Start for Several Conditions of Certification, Including Information Blocking, Assurances, APIs: 4/5/2021
- Health IT Developers Prohibited From Restricting Certain Communications: 4/5/2021
- Submit Initial Real World Testing Plans: 12/15/2021
- First Attestation to Conditions of Certification Required: 4/1/2022
- New HL7® FHIR® API Capability and Other Cures Update Criteria Must Be Made Available: 12/31/2022
- EHI Export Capability Must be Made Available: By 12/31/2023

Information Blocking

- Applicability date for Information Blocking Provisions: 4/5/2021
- EHI definition is limited to the EHI identified by the data elements represented in the USCDI: 4/5/2021 through 10/5/2022
- EHI definition is no longer limited to the EHI identified by the data elements represented in the USCDI: On and after 10/6/2022

EHI = Electronic Health Information  USCDI = United States Core Data for Interoperability