

HIT Standards Committee Schedule for the Assessment of HIT Policy  
Committee Recommendations:

The National Coordinator will establish priority areas based in part of recommendations received from the HIT Policy Committee regarding health information technology standards, implementation specifications, and/or certification criteria. Once the HIT Standards Committee is informed of those priority areas, it will:

- A) Direct the appropriate subcommittee to develop a report for the HIT Standards Committee, to the extent possible, within 90 days, which will include among other items the following:
  - 1) an assessment of what standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria are currently available to meet the priority area;
  - 2) an assessment of where gaps exist (i.e., no standard is available or harmonization is required because more than one standards exists) and identify potential organizations that have the capability to address those gaps; and
  - 3) a timeline, which will also account for NIST testing where appropriate, for the HIT Standards Committee to issue recommendation(s) to the National Coordinator.
  
- B) Upon receipt of a subcommittee report, the HIT Standards Committee will:
  - 1) accept the timeline provided by the subcommittee, and if necessary, revise it; and
  - 2) assign subcommittee(s) to conduct research and solicit testimony, where appropriate, and issue recommendations to the full committee, in a timely manner.
  
- C) Advise the National Coordinator, consistent with the accepted timeline in (B)(1) and after NIST testing, where appropriate, on standards, implementation specifications, and/or certification criteria, for the National Coordinator's review and possible endorsement to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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