Partnerships to Support Health IT Certification

Presentation and Panel Colloquy

ONC Office of Technology
Agenda

Introduction

Program Partner Branding

Panel of Program Partners
• Since 2011, any person or entity may submit a test method to the National Coordinator to be considered for use.

• In 2017, ONC announced **A 5-year Goal to Transition the ONC Health IT Certification Program’s Testing Portfolio**.

• Three types of Program Partners:
  » ONC-Authorized Testing Laboratories
  » ONC-Authorized Certification Bodies
  » ONC Approved Testing Partners
Program Partner Branding

Specialized logos for Participants in the ONC Health IT Certification Program

John Snyder | Senior Technical Advisor, ONC Office of Technology
• The ONC Certified Health IT Mark is the symbol that Certified Health IT can display to demonstrate reassurance and technical expertise for consumers and the healthcare industry.

• Until now, there has not been a respective Mark for those who provide testing, certification, and surveillance services for the ONC Health IT Certification Program.
Introducing: the ONC Program Partner Branding

- The ONC Program Partner branding allows the use of graphics provided by ONC for any person or entity providing testing, certification, and surveillance services for the Program.

- Three Marks corresponding to the role in the Program:

The ONC Rainbow & Star Design Mark is a Registered Mark of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). ONC TESTING PARTNER, ONC AUTHORIZED TESTING LABORATORY, and ONC AUTHORIZED CERTIFICATION BODY are service marks of HHS.
Use of the Service Marks

• Demonstrates confidence, reassurance, technical expertise for consumers and the health care industry

• Represents technical excellence

• Indicates that standards have been met

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The respective Marks may be used only by:

- **ONC Authorized Testing Laboratories,**
- **ONC Authorized Certification Bodies,**
- **ONC Approved Testing Partners, that are:**
  - Any person or entity that has been approved by the National Coordinator to participate in the Program as a testing method
  - Test method: tool, data, methodology or any combination
Examples

The following Marks for use by ONC Approved Testing Partners:

- ONC Approved Testing Partner
- NCPDP

- ONC Approved Testing Partner
- HIMSS

- ONC Approved Testing Partner
- NCQA
Panel of Program Partners

Carmen Smiley | IT Specialist, ONC Office of Technology
Program Partner Panelist

- **NCPDP**
  - John Klimek R.Ph., SVP Standards & IT
  - Electronic prescribing

- **Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society**
  - Thomas M. Leary, MA, CAE, FHIMSS, VP Government Relations
  - Transmission to immunization registries

- **National Committee for Quality Assurance**
  - Anne Marie Smith, Director, Measure Validation
  - Clinical quality measures, ONC Authorized Testing Laboratory
NCPDP

• Multi-stakeholder, Problem-solving Forum for Healthcare
• Approximately 1500+ Members
• Multiple NCPDP standards used in industry:
  • Telecommunication Standard
  • Rebate Standard
  • SCRIPT (eprescribing) Standard
• Initial SCRIPT (eprescribing) standard published in 1997. Currently industry is using SCRIPT v10.6
• The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued final rule with updates to Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D. The final rule announced CMS’ intent to adopt NCPDP SCRIPT Standard, Version 2017071 beginning on January 1, 2020
• August 20, 2018 – NCPDP announced that it has formally taken ownership of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) eRx Validation Suite, the electronic prescribing testing tool approved for use under the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Health IT Certification Program (Certification Program).
• Currently NCPDP looking at developing testing tool for Telecom Standard
The Immunization Integration Program (IIP) takes immunization workflow mainstream, streamlining and improving the vaccine process.

The IIP allows healthcare providers to improve better patient care by:

- Improving workflow and usability to reduce provider burden and support clinicians with immunization management
- Improving immunization information sharing between clinicians (through their EHRs) and immunization information systems to provide more timely access to immunization histories and forecasts and improve tracking of immunization rates
- Providing vaccination histories and information to patients more efficiently

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Ensure that the measure-specific software code extracts the correct electronic clinical data and calculates the measure logic correctly as defined in the eCQM specifications.

Ability to report the extracted clinical information in the standard document format called Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA).
Panel Discussion
Thank You

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