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

6/30/2020
General Effective Date, including Cures Update Certification Criteria

4/5/2021
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

12/15/2021
Submit Initial Real World Testing Plans

12/31/2022
New HL7® FHIR® API Capability and Other Cures Update Criteria Must Be Made Available

4/1/2022
First Attestation to Conditions of Certification Required

By 12/31/2023
EHI Export Capability Must be Made Available

3/15/2023
Submit Initial Real World Testing Results

2020   2021   2022   2023

4/5/2021
Applicability date for Information Blocking Provisions

4/5/2021 through 10/5/2022
EHI definition is limited to the EHI identified by the data elements represented in the USCDI

On and after 10/6/2022
EHI definition is no longer limited to the EHI identified by the data elements represented in the USCDI

Information Blocking

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