

TEFCA *and* Healthcare Providers

The Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement™ (TEFCA™) is a framework for health information sharing across the U.S.

TEFCA enables simplified connectivity for **accessing patient health records**, making it easier for **clinicians** to get the information they need, when they need it, to effectively treat their patients.

TEFCA Benefits

Improves Care Coordination

Access more complete patient information from other hospitals/health systems, doctors' offices, labs, and others.

Increases Data Confidence

TEFCA provides consistent electronic formats, making it easier for information to be reviewed and included in your longitudinal patient records.

Eases Public Health Reporting

Electronically submit case reports to public health agencies through your EHR.

Helps Meet Federal Requirements

Satisfy Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) data sharing requirements under the Promoting Interoperability Program.

Provides Governance

TEFCA provides the governance needed to ensure that all TEFCA-connected organizations protect patient data and act according to established requirements.

Reduces Network Connections

You only need one connection into a QHIN or a QHIN Participant to share health information securely with any other TEFCA-connected organization.



Become a part of the future of health data sharing across the United States!

Large health information networks called **Qualified Health Information Networks™ (QHINs™)** serve as the backbone for connectivity across the country. TEFCA connects QHINs by creating a common set of technology standards and legal agreements that allow them to interoperate.

To Participate in TEFCA:

STEP 1

Find out if your organization participates in a health information network by asking your technology staff or office manager.

STEP 2

Ask your technology lead to inquire if the network is a TEFCA QHIN or a QHIN member. Check out the current list of QHINs:

rce.sequoiaproject.org/designated-qhins/

- If your network is connected, ask them how you can opt in to TEFCA.
- If your network is not connected, ask them about their plans for connecting.

