# **TEFCA** *and* **Healthcare Providers**

The Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement<sup>™</sup> (TEFCA<sup>™</sup>) 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<sup>TM</sup> (QHINs<sup>TM</sup>)** 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:

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

STEP 1

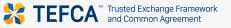


Ask your technology lead to inquire if the network is a TEFCA QHIN or a QHIN member. Check out the current list of QHINs:

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.





To learn more, visit: www.HealthIT.gov/TEFCA