

An Introduction to TEFCA

The Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement™ (TEFCA™) operates in the U.S. as a nationwide framework for health information sharing.

TEFCA is designed to remove barriers for sharing health records electronically among:

Healthcare providers

Patients

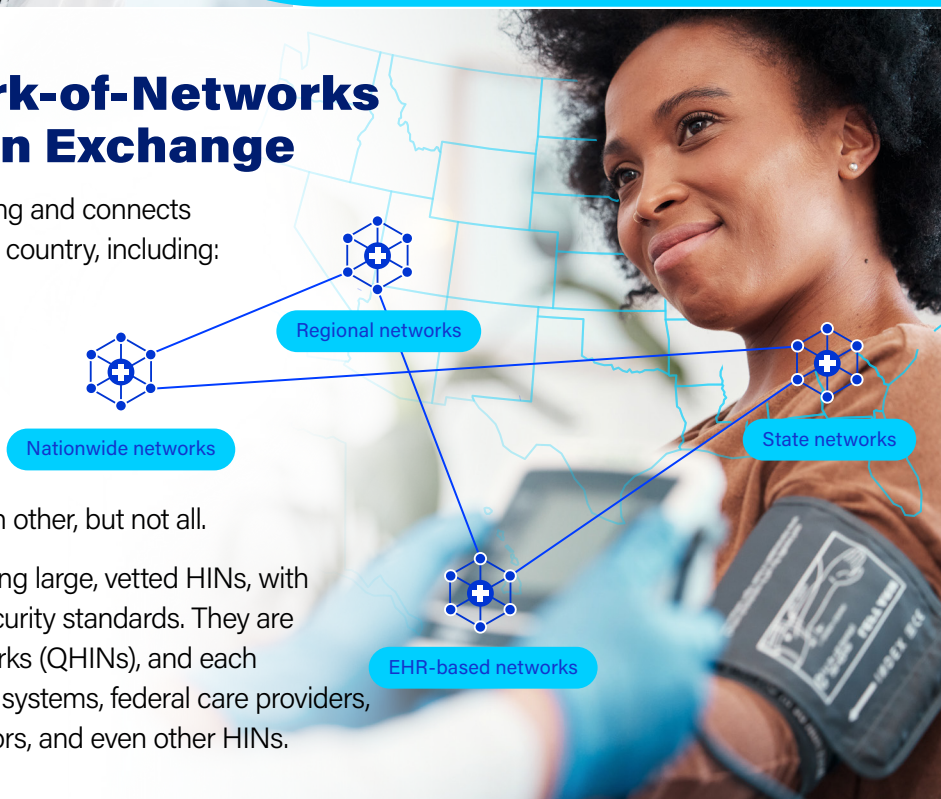
Public health agencies

Payers

A Nationwide Network-of-Networks for Health Information Exchange

TEFCA supports nationwide health data sharing and connects health information networks (HINs) across the country, including:

- Regional networks
- State networks
- Nationwide networks
- EHR-based networks



Some networks are already connected to each other, but not all.

TEFCA aims to bridge those gaps by connecting large, vetted HINs, with common rules and shared technology and security standards. They are known as Qualified Health Information Networks (QHINs), and each represents dozens or even hundreds of health systems, federal care providers, public health agencies, payers, health IT vendors, and even other HINs.

Benefits to Organizations and Individuals Across Health Care



Providers

- Improved patient care coordination
- Improved health outcomes
- Easier public health case reporting



Patients/Caregivers

- More complete health records available in consumer apps
- Ability to electronically share information with doctors and caregivers
- Easier coordination with insurance companies



Public Health

- Faster access to information about new cases
- Efficient reporting and validation of cases
- Improved access to population health data



Payers

- Streamlined prior authorization process
- Ability to make determinations in real-time
- Fewer duplicate tests
- Faster completion of medical reviews