

Priority Uses of Health Information Technology: Annual Standards Process & Overview

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Priority Uses of Health IT

21st Century Cures Act

"The National Coordinator shall periodically convene the HIT Advisory Committee to identify priority uses of health information technology...identify existing standards and implementation specifications that support the use and exchange of electronic health information needed to meet the priorities...publish a report summarizing the findings of the analysis...and make appropriate recommendations..."

"The HIT Advisory Committee, in collaboration with the National Institute for Standards and Technology, shall annually and through the use of public input, review and publish priorities for the use of health information technology, standards, and implementation specifications to support those priorities."







Health IT Advisory Committee (HITAC): Interoperability

Charge – Identify opportunities to update the ONC Interoperability Standards Advisory (ISA) to address the HITAC priority uses of health IT, including related standards and implementation specifications

The ISP Task Force shall:

- 1. Identify opportunities to update the ISA "Interoperability Needs" sections to address the HITAC priority uses of health IT (including new priority uses of health IT if necessary)
- 2. Recommend additional or modified "Interoperability Needs" sections for consideration in updates to the ISA, including related standards and implementation specifications



HITAC Priority Uses of Health IT (from 2019 HITAC Report)

1. Cross Domain

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- 2. Orders & Results
- 3. Closed Loop Referrals & Care Coordination
- 4. Medication & Pharmacy Data



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	February	March	April	Мау	June
HITAC	ONC charges HITAC to	HITAC reviews ISP Task Force		HITAC reviews and approves	
	convene ISP Task Force	progress		recommendations	
ISP	ISP Task Force launches and	ISP Task Force	ISP Task Forc	e develops draft	ISP Task Force
Task	begins meetings	reviews ISA and	recommendations to add/modify		submits final
Force		identifies	the "Interope	the "Interoperability Needs"	
		opportunities to	sections for c	sections for considerations in	
		update the ISA	updates to the ISA, including		approval
		"Interoperability		related standards implementation	
		Needs" sections	•	specifications. ISP Task Force	
		to address	•	blic feedback in	
		HITAC priority	developing re	commendations.	
		uses of health I	Г		



ONC Interoperability Standards Advisory (ISA): Annual Reference Edition Cycle

Fall

ONC and HHS staff review public comments received and HITAC recommendations, make site updates and prepare the following year's Reference Edition for publication by early January

Late Summer/Early Fall Annual Review and Comment Period opens for sixty days - site changes are on hold so all reviewers are seeing the same content.

Winter/Spring/Summer

Changes may be made to the webversion of the ISA throughout the year (including changes considering HITAC recommendations), while the ISA Reference Edition remains static.



January

Current Year Reference Edition is published, web version of ISA is available for ongoing review and comments.

February

ONC charges HITAC to convene ISP Task Force

March

ISP Task Force reviews ISA and identifies opportunities to update the ISA "Interoperability Needs" sections to address HITAC priority uses of health IT

April/May

ISP Task Force develops draft recommendations to add/modify the "Interoperability Needs" sections for considerations in updates to the ISA, including related standards implementation specifications. ISP Task Force considers public feedback in developing recommendations.

ISP Task Force submits final recommendations to the HITAC for approval. HITAC reviews, approves, and submits recommendations to the National Coordinator.



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