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

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“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 Standards Priorities (ISP) Task Force 2021

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
2. Orders & Results
3. Closed Loop Referrals & Care Coordination
4. Medication & Pharmacy Data
**HITAC ISP Task Force 2021**

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

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

**February**
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**March**
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**April/May**
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**June**
ISP Task Force submits final recommendations to the HITAC for approval. HITAC reviews, approves, and submits recommendations to the National Coordinator.

**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 web-version of the ISA throughout the year (including changes considering HITAC recommendations), while the ISA Reference Edition remains static.
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