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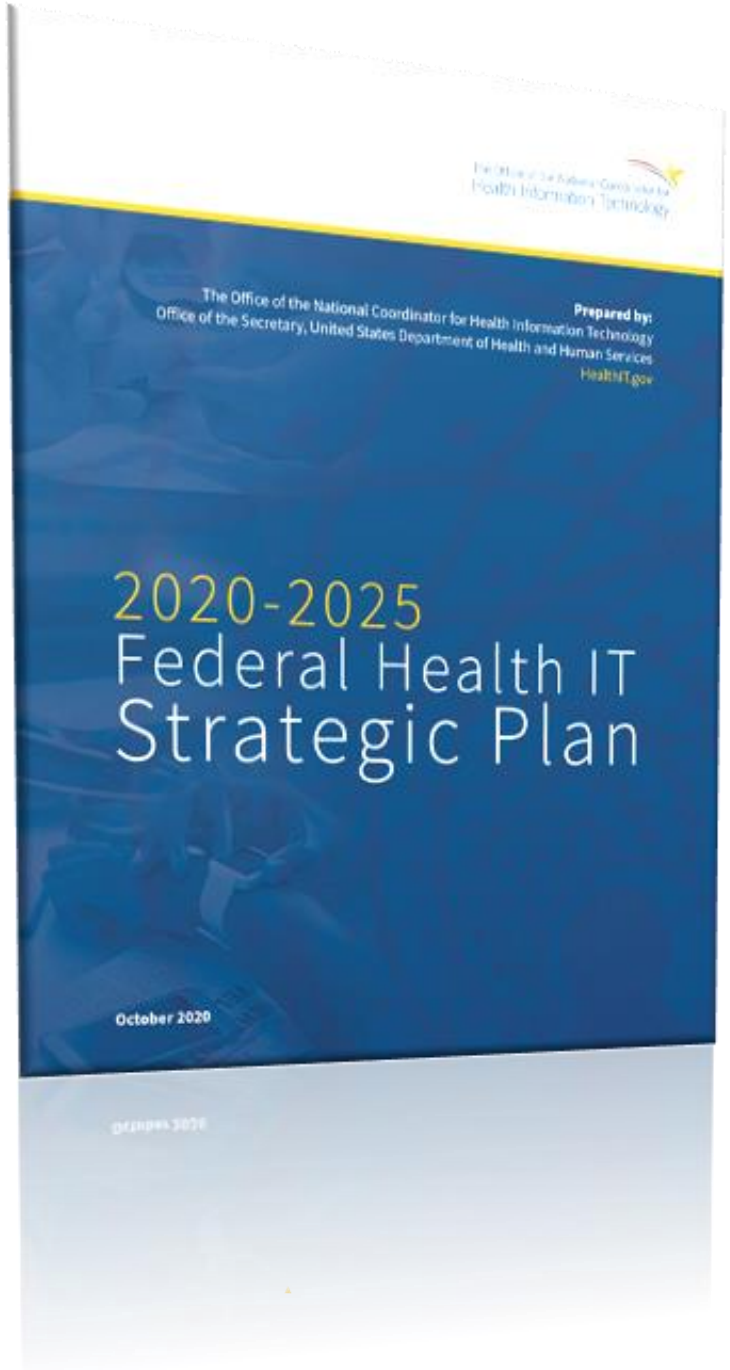

GOAL 1 **Promote Health and Wellness**

GOAL 2 **Enhance the Delivery and Experience of Care**

GOAL 3 **Build a Secure, Data-Driven Ecosystem to Accelerate Research and Innovation**

GOAL 4 **Connect Healthcare with Health Data**

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Global Digital Health Partnership: Interoperability Work Stream

Chair: **United States of America** (represented by ONC)
Co-Chair: **Canada** (represented by Canada Health Infoway)

Projects

- Health Data Standards Crosswalk
- 1st White Paper: *Connected Health: Empowering Health Through Interoperability*
- 2nd White Paper: *Advancing Interoperability Together Globally*
- Global Master Standards Guide (GMSG)
- Global Interoperability Measurement Model (GIMM)
- International Patient Summary (IPS)

Education, Outreach & Awareness

https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-individuals/right-to-access/index.html

ONC Workshop: Advancing Social Determinants of Health Data Use and Interoperability for Achieving Health Equity

JULY 13, 2021 AT 10 AM ET

NEW WEBINAR SERIES STARTING THIS MONTH

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ONC HEALTH IT STANDARDS

BULLETIN

MAY 2021

The ONC Standards Bulletin is a periodically published communication for healthcare stakeholders that includes updates about ONC health IT standards initiatives.

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EHR Contracts Untangled

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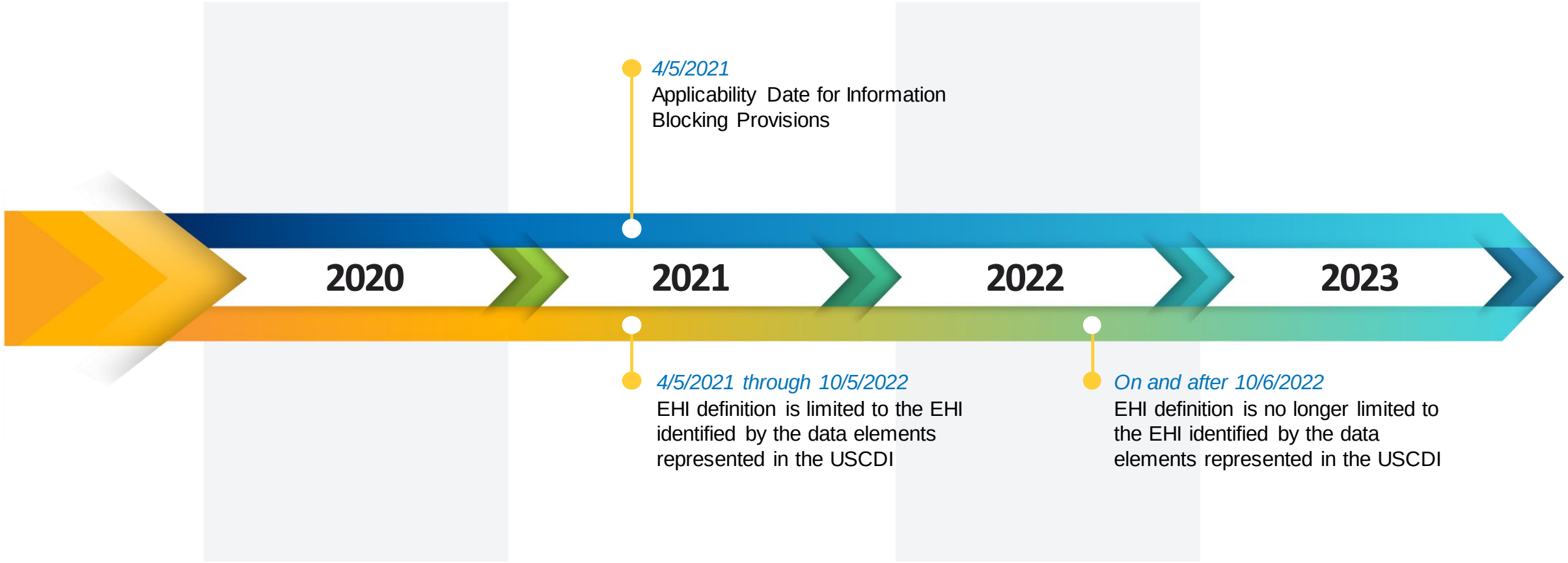
Information Blocking – Dates to Know



EHI = Electronic Health Information USCDI = United States Core Data for Interoperability

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Where Can You Find More Information?

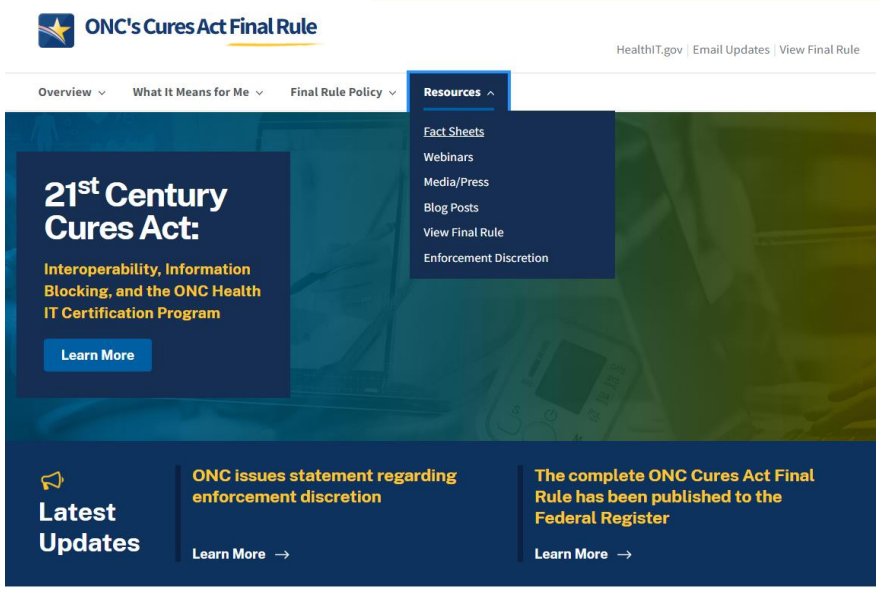
- **ONC Website Resources:** www.HealthIT.gov/CuresRule

  Factsheets: https://www.healthit.gov/curesrule/resources/fact-sheets

  FAQs: https://www.healthit.gov/curesrule/resources/information-blocking-faqs

  Blogs: https://www.healthit.gov/buzz-blog/category/21st-century-cures-act

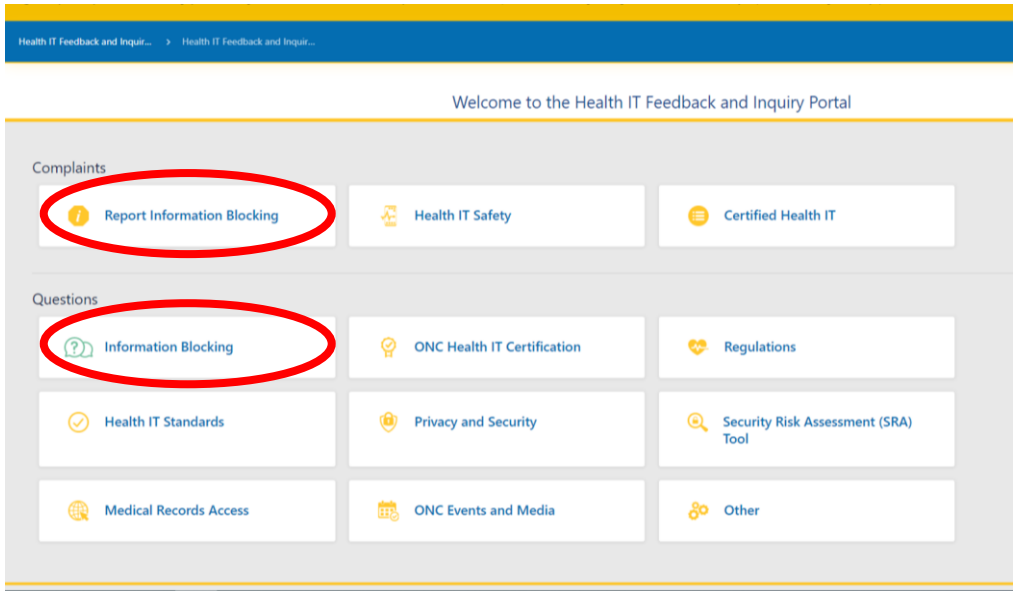
  Webinars: https://www.healthit.gov/curesrule/resources/webinars



- **Health IT Feedback and Inquiry Portal** www.HealthIT.gov/feedback

  Complaints: Report Information Blocking Portal

  Questions: Information Blocking



- **ONC Speaker Request Form**: www.healthit.gov/speaker-request-form

- The goal of the PHIT Workforce Development Program is to train at least 4,000 individuals in public health informatics and technology to expand the nation's public health workforce.

- The PHIT Workforce Development Program is responsive to President Biden's Executive Order and calls for creating and sustaining a diverse public health workforce so that the nation can better respond to future public health and biological threats.

Purpose & Approach

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- The PHIT Workforce Program aims to increase the number of public health professionals trained in informatics and technology, with an emphasis on improving public health reporting through modern standards and computing.
- ONC anticipates awarding $75 million to train individuals to help modernize the nation's public health data infrastructure, with a focus on recruiting participants from minority serving institutions (MSIs).
- ONC will provide funding in the form of cooperative agreements under the PHIT Workforce Development Program to institutions of higher education to establish or expand public health informatics education programs, creating a diverse and inclusive health information technology (IT) workforce, with a focus on engaging MSIs.
- Through a period of performance of four years, the PHIT Workforce Development Program will provide selected recipients with funding to expand their existing programs or develop a new program to train at least 4,000 individuals on public health informatics and technology to improve the nation's public health workforce.

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Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA)

Timeline to Operationalize TEFCA

Summer/Fall/Winter 2021

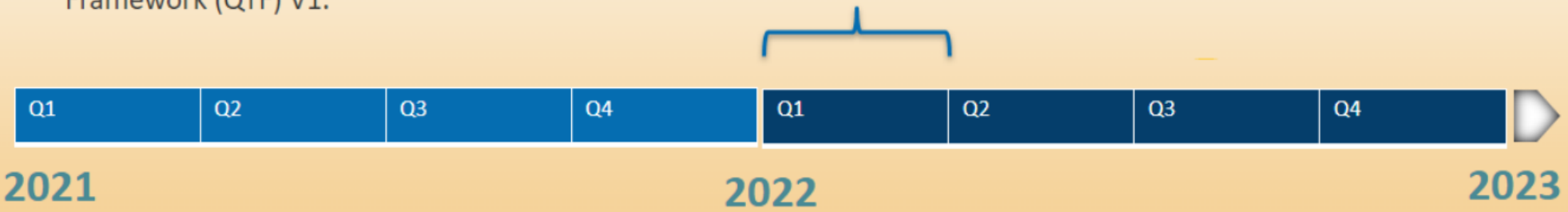
- Public engagement webinars.
- Common Agreement Work Group sessions.
- RCE and ONC use feedback to finalize Common Agreement V1 and QHIN Technical Framework (QTF) V1.

Calendar Q1 of 2022

- Release Final Trusted Exchange Framework, Common Agreement V1 Final, and QTF V1 Final.

During 2022

- QHINs begin signing Common Agreement.
- QHINs selected, onboarded, and begin sharing data on rolling basis.



TEFCA Meeting of the HITAC – October 13, 2021