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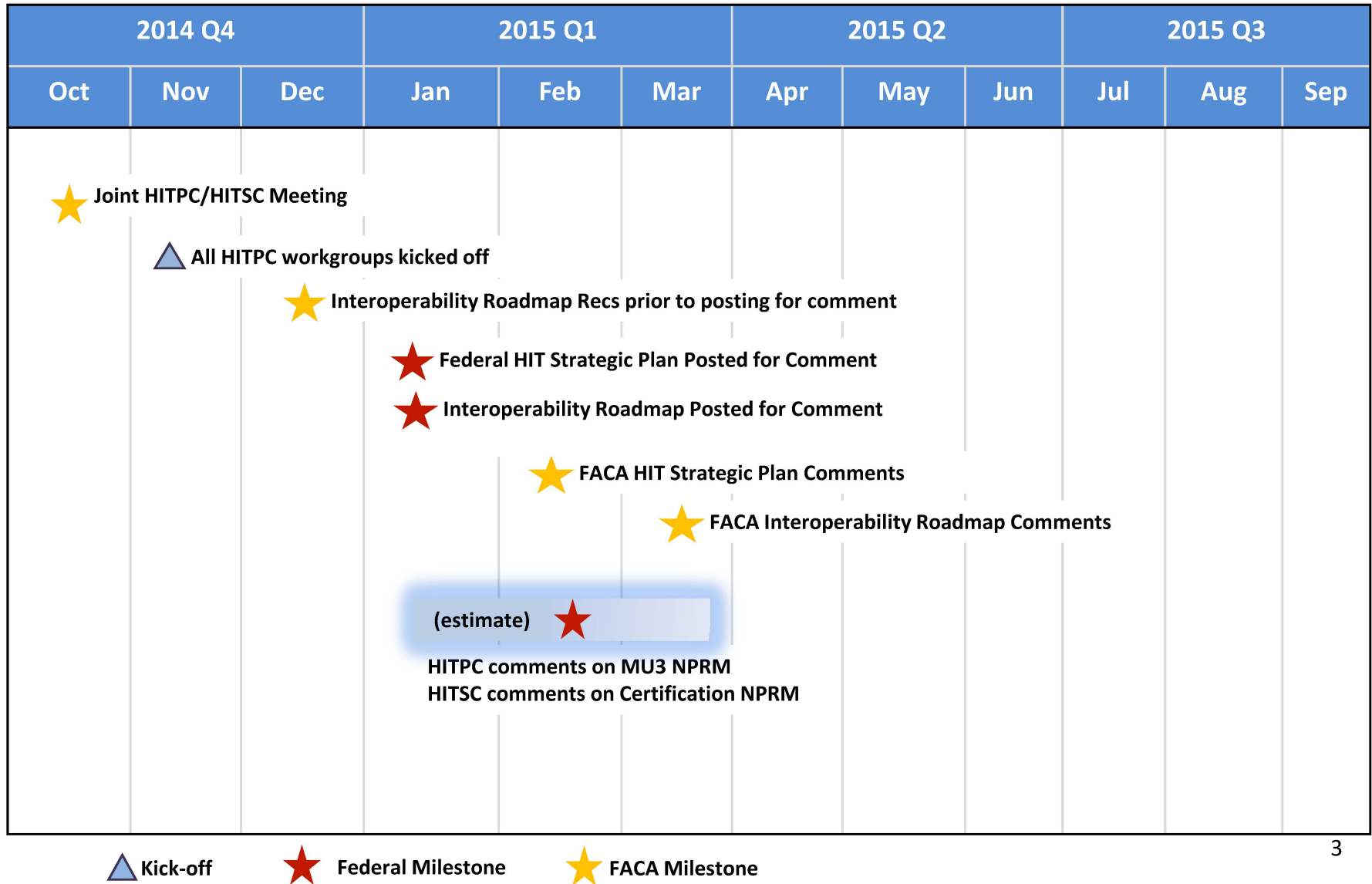
ONC Updates

Health IT Policy Committee
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- Upcoming HIT Policy Committee milestones

- Community-Based Long Term Services and Supports

- Administration for Community Living (ACL) and ONC Public Workshop

- Collaboration with FTC

Upcoming HIT Policy Milestones

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2014 Q4			2015 Q1			2015 Q2			2015 Q3		
Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep

⭐ Joint HITPC/HITSC Meeting

🔺 All HITPC workgroups kicked off

⭐ Interoperability Roadmap Recs prior to posting for comment

⭐ Federal HIT Strategic Plan Posted for Comment

⭐ Interoperability Roadmap Posted for Comment

⭐ FACA HIT Strategic Plan Comments

⭐ FACA Interoperability Roadmap Comments

(estimate) ⭐

HITPC comments on MU3 NPRM
HITSC comments on Certification NPRM

🔺 Kick-off   ⭐ Federal Milestone   ⭐ FACA Milestone

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- Leverage Health IT to increase health care quality, lower health care costs and improve population health

- *Support health –not limited to care delivery*

- Build incrementally from current technology

- Establish best minimum possible

- Create opportunities for innovation

- *Empower individuals*

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Connecting Health and Care for the Nation:
A 10-Year Vision to Achieve an Interoperable Health IT Infrastructure

Overview

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has a critical responsibility to advance the connectivity of electronic health information and interoperability of health information technology (health IT). This is consistent with its mission to protect the health of all Americans and provide essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. This work has become particularly urgent with the need to address the national priority of better and more affordable health care, leading to better population health. Achieving this goal will only be possible with a strong, flexible health IT

Community-Based Long Term Services and Supports(LTSS)

What is it? Why is it important?

- A broad array of assistance needed by, and provided to, individuals with physical, cognitive, and/or mental impairments who never acquired, or have lost, the ability to function independently (e.g., assistance with activities of daily living, adult day care, care management, social services, assistive technologies).

- As part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Congress has provided incentives to promote the use of community-based LTSS and promoted the movement from institutions to communities for people who require LTSS.

- Medicaid spending for LTSS represented 34% of all Medicaid spending in FFY 2012, $140 Billion. Almost half (49.5%) of LTSS was spent on Home and Community Based Services.[1]

Standards and Interoperability Framework eLTSS Initiative

ONC and CMS are partnering to launch a new eLTSS Initiative, in coordination with the CMS TEFT Grant[1]

- The eLTSS Initiative will work to identify and harmonize electronic resources that enable the creation, exchange and re-use of interoperable service plans for use by health-care and community-based social service providers, payers and the individuals they serve.

- These plans can help to improve the coordination of health and social services that support an individual's mental and physical health.

- Initiative is open for any interested stakeholder group to participate; **Launch date November 6th 2014**

- Learn more about this initiative and register: http://wiki.siframework.org/eLTSS+Join+the+Initiative

- The Administration for Community Living (ACL) and ONC hosted a town-hall style public workshop, *Putting the Person at the Center: Integrating Plans for Long-Term Services and Supports and Health Care Delivery through Health Information Technology* on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014.

- Included discussions on Care Planning, Technology and Integration Bright Spots, Key Issues and Challenges, and Delivery and Payment Reform Policy Levers to Promote the Integration of Person-Centered Planning, LTSS and Health Care Information through Health IT

- Next Steps: Explore policies to advance models that integrate health and service delivery information, consider opportunities for new quality measurement, further develop standards.

- Materials available: http://www.healthit.gov/person-centered-care

Collaboration with FTC

- ONC and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) are working together closely to promote competition and innovation in health IT markets

- FTC supports ONC's efforts to develop an Interoperability Roadmap

- Companion blog posts published 10/7 outline areas of ongoing collaboration:
  - ONC Post: http://www.healthit.gov/buzz-blog/health-information-exchange-2/promoting-competition-achieve-healthit-health-care-goals/
  - FTC Post: http://www.ftc.gov/news-events/blogs/competition-matters/2014/10/promoting-healthy-competition-health-it-markets

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- ## ONC Blog Highlights

  – Sharing industry knowledge and awareness as well as technical, legal, and other health IT expertise

  – Monitoring business practices that could impede interoperability or harm consumers or competition

  – Actively sharing what we learn to assist FTC in monitoring and investigating questionable practices

- ## FTC Blog Highlights

  – Participating in key federal health IT initiatives (e.g. Federal Health IT Advisory Council)

  – Providing competition expertise on ONC and HHS policies (including Interoperability Roadmap)

  – Advising ONC on standard-setting issues, ways to promote transparency and consumer choice, and barriers to competition and innovation in health IT markets

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Questions?

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