# Summary of Findings & Recommendations on Certification and Interoperability

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|  **Finding/Recommendation** | **Hearing/Workgroup** |
| Certification does not adequately cover interoperability | Certification Hearing  |
| Focus certification on critical few criteria: interoperability, security and CQMs/outcome improvement | Certification Hearing Recommendations - June 2014, Certification Hearing, JASON Task Force Recommendations– October 2014  |
| Need time to get the testing right (timing of final rules, test specifications, correction of errors, testing of specifications & test procedures, time to release products in advance of customer implementation, time to learn from prior MU Stage) | Certification Hearing, Meaningful Use Workgroup Hearing |
| Recommend that the complexity of the program be reduced and that a Kaizen process be used to support an effective review of the certification program; Enhanced collaboration between the private sector and the federal government | Certification Hearing, Certification Hearing Recommendations - June 2014 |
| **Additional Certification Criteria Related to Interoperability** |  |
| Industry-Based Ecosystem... to support …interoperability. … include, but is certainly not restricted to, existing networks such as those run by vendors or providers or health information exchange organizations. … while encouraging new networks… standards and principles based on internet principles and building blocks | JASON Task Force Recommendations– October 2014 |
| admission, discharge, and transfer (ADT) feeds available to any appropriate receiving entity across their community … to enhance care coordination | ACO Health IT Capabilities Recommendations – July 2014 |
| make electronic discharge summaries available to external providers in a timely manner.  | ACO Health IT Capabilities Recommendations – July 2014 |
| Add certification of highly constrained Public API to CEHRT standards. | JASON Task Force Recommendations– October 2014 |
| certification criteria to ensure systems have demonstrated that they can receive and process data, not only send data. … and make data computable within a receiving application | ACO Health IT Capabilities Recommendations – July 2014 |
| Strengthen data portability elements in certification criteria  | ACO Health IT Capabilities Recommendations – July 2014 |
| **Public Reporting** |  |
| public reporting options … appropriately sharing health information. … achieving positive health outcomes that reflect effective sharing of information among providers.  | ACO Health IT Capabilities Recommendations – July 2014 |