

FACA Workplan



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2015 Q3	2015 Q4			2016			
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April
★ Draft ITF Recs		★ ITF Final Report					
	▲ Transitional Vocab TF		★ Transitional Vocab TF Recs				
	★ Joint HITPC/HITSC Meeting						
	▲ Interoperability Experience TF						
	▲ Certified Technology Comparison TF			★ Certified Technology Comparison Recs			
		▲ API Task Force					★ API TF Recs

Kick-off
 Milestone
 Green items – HITSC
 Purple items – HITPC
 Red items – Joint HITPC/SC

New Task Forces



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Committee	Task Force	Kick-off	Deadline
Joint	Certified Technology Comparison Task Force	October 2015	January 2016
Joint	Interoperability Experience Task Force	October 2015	TBD (6-9 mths)
Joint	API Task Force	November 2015	April 2016

Joint HITPC/HITSC: Certified Technology Comparison Task Force



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- **Charge:** The Medicare & CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) contains a provision which states that by April 16, 2016 the Secretary must issue a report to examine the feasibility of establishing one or more mechanisms to help providers in selecting certified EHR technology products. With the end audience of the provider and hospital at the forefront of all discussions, and in response to parallel work performed by ONC, the taskforce is charged with providing recommendations on the most feasible and public-private approaches that could be utilized to create and maintain such a tool.
- **Additional Context and Expectations from ONC:** The Taskforce would be expected to gain an understanding of what provider & hospital needs are across the adoption spectrum (from paper to participation in APMs). The Taskforce is also expected to examine considerations to be taken into account in the building and maintaining of such a tool, such as working with EHR Vendors and providers alike to ensure actionable transparency. It is also expected that to the degree more detailed work is necessary on policy or technical matters that this Taskforce would so indicate as an output of its work (i.e., recommendation) and an appropriate group may be subsequently formed to conduct more detailed work.



- Identify perceived security concerns and real security risks that are barriers to the widespread adoption of open APIs in healthcare.
 - For risks identified as real, identify those that are not already planned to be addressed in the Interoperability Roadmap (for example, identity proofing and authentication are not unique to APIs);
- Identify perceived privacy concerns and real privacy risks that are barriers to widespread adoption of open APIs in healthcare.
 - For risks identified as real, identify those that are not already planned to be addressed in the Interoperability Roadmap (for example, harmonizing state law and misunderstanding of HIPAA);
- Identify priority areas for ONC to address so that consumers and providers are confident that information is appropriately private and secure



- **Charge:** With the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan and Interoperability Roadmap as a foundation, the taskforce is charged with providing recommendations on the most impactful policy, technical, and public-private approaches that could be implemented to improve the interoperability experience for providers and patients. The taskforce would be expected to scope its work to a priority set of the top 3 to 5 most important interoperability needs for these stakeholders.
- **Additional Context and Expectations from ONC:** The Taskforce would be expected to gain an understanding of what is working in the field as well as what factors are impeding a better interoperability experience for each prioritized need. It is also expected that to the degree more detailed work is necessary on policy or technical matters that this Taskforce would so indicate as an output of its work (i.e., recommendation) and an appropriate group would be subsequently formed to conduct more detailed work.