**XXX Workgroup**

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Washington, DC

**Instructions and Questions for Panelists**

**Purpose: The HIE and Interoperability Panel will help to inform recommendations prepared by the HITSC and HITPC on innovative approaches to achieving the interoperability required for meaningful use stage 2 and possible interoperability requirements for Stage 3.**

(Please answer as many or as few of the questions as your experience and/or the time allows.)

1. Identify your past successes and challenges in overcoming barriers when providing electronic support for transitions of care.
2. Are you prepared to implement the Direct standards required for operability in Stage 2? Are they sufficient to meet your business and clinical requirements? Are your business partners prepared? What new EHR capabilities required in Stage 3 or beyond would facilitate better exchange of health information in support of transitions of care? Do you anticipate challenges because EHR vendors may require the use of a specific HISP? How can those challenges be met?
3. What approaches will you use to meet the HIE requirements for Stage 2, and what challenges have you identified?
4. What have vendors done to support interoperability between certified EHRs? What gaps remain to support exchange between certified systems?
5. What HIE services are most important in meeting EHR use requirements?
6. Have you experienced any challenges with interoperability when both systems were purported to be certified for the intended purpose?  Were there additional challenges to get the exchange to “really work”? What were the solutions you applied?
7. Have you made or received electronic transitions of care to healthcare providers including skilled nursing facilities and home care agencies and if yes, have you encountered barriers and how have you converted the barriers into successes?