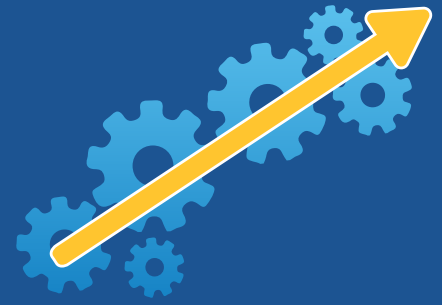


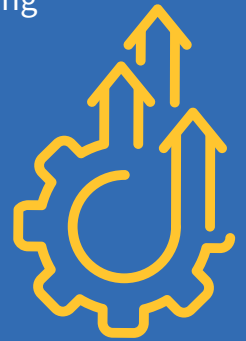
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Standards Version Advancement Process

WHAT IS NEW?

- The Standards Version Advancement Process would allow developers to choose among the versions of standards and implementation specifications listed in regulation or National Coordinator (NC)-approved newer version updates for any or all standards applicable to criteria subject to real world testing requirements.
- This flexibility to choose among NC-approved versions of standards and implementation specifications would be available both when developers seek initial certification or to maintain certification of a Health IT Module.



HOW WILL IT WORK?

To take advantage of the flexibility to update to NC-approved versions, a developer will need to:

- Notify its ONC-Authorized Certification Body (ONC-ACB) and its customers of its intent to move to newer NC-approved standards version updates as well as whether, and for how long, they might plan to continue supporting prior versions of the standards.
- Ensure the standards version updates are effectively implemented.
- Address standards version updates in the required annual real world testing plans and results.
- Demonstrate conformance of its health IT to all applicable criteria including, but not limited to, any NC-approved standards versions it has chosen to incorporate into its certified Health IT Module.

How Versions Get Approved

