



Things to know

The TEFCA takes a flexible approach to ensuring that data can be efficiently exchanged while also protecting privacy and security.

The TEFCA will set principles and minimum requirements to enable the appropriate sharing of electronic health information between networks in order to:

- **Increase secure and appropriate access to data**, which will better support existing use cases that HINs and health IT developers have enabled for their users.
- **Ensure that a core set of data will be available** among networks connected through the Common Agreement for the following exchange purposes: treatment, individual access services, public health, benefits determination, a subset of the HIPAA-defined payment activities (utilization review), and a subset of the HIPAA-defined health care operations (quality assessment and improvement, business planning and development).
- **Decrease costs and improve efficiency** by reducing or eliminating the need to join multiple HINs and multiple legal agreements, or the need to create one-off, point-to-point interfaces.
- **Provide HINs and health IT developers with a common set of privacy and security requirements** for the purpose of protecting patient data, including requirements on identity proofing and authentication.



How can HINs and health IT developers comment on the TEFCA?

To comment on the Trusted Exchange Framework Draft 2, the Minimum Required Terms and Conditions Draft 2 for the future Common Agreement, and the QHIN Technical Framework Draft 1, please visit www.healthit.gov/TEFCA.

