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Carequality Monthly Information Call

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Agenda

- Carequality Intro
- Participation Opportunities
- Initial Rollout Update
- Looking Ahead



The Challenge



What if you had a cell phone plan that only allowed you to call other customers of your carrier?

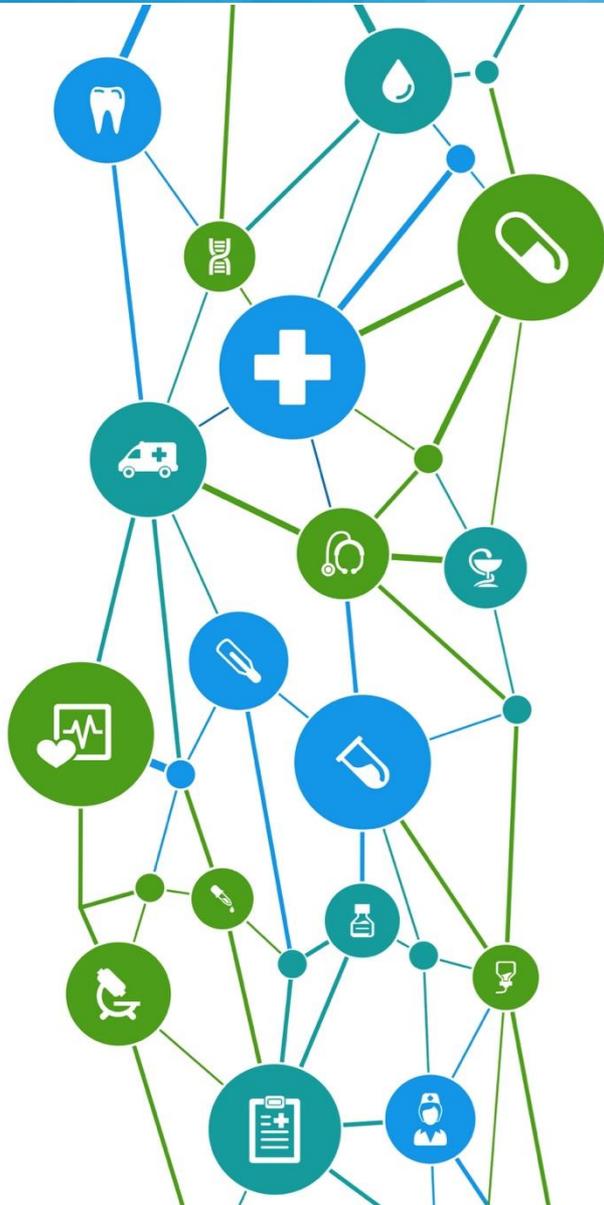
That's the situation for most healthcare providers today, when they join a data sharing network.

The Solution

Carequality creates a standardized, national-level interoperability framework to link all data sharing networks



Carequality is creating a web of interconnected networks



The Power of Connecting Networks

*How do you get nationwide connectivity?
Clinic by clinic, hospital by hospital?*

Data sharing networks have already connected many participants. The connections grow exponentially by connecting these networks.

➔ If you connect six clinics, you might reach a few dozen physicians.

➔ If you connect six networks, you can reach thousands of physicians.

Participation Opportunities

Carequality Speakers Bureau

- Do you attend regional, national, or subject area healthcare conferences?
- Would you be interested in presenting on Carequality?
- We have standard overview slides and can help you adapt the deck and message to your audience
- Contact admin@carequality.org if you are interested



Advisory Council

- Advisory Council terms are drawing to a close
- The application process for the next Council will open soon
- Advisory Council Nominating Subcommittee of Steering Committee is being formed
- Process will closely parallel the Steering Committee process
- Consider whether your organization would like to put forward an applicant
- Terms will be two years

Steering Committee Election Update

- The 2015-2016 Steering Committee members have been identified
- The new Committee will take office in mid-September
- The current Committee will meet once more on September 3rd
- Roughly 2/3 of the new Committee are returning members

Initial Rollout Update

Initial Rollout Participants



Initial Rollout - Summary

- Parallel work is underway on many separate tracks:
 - Technical specs
 - Legal agreements
 - Implementation Guide
 - Dispute resolution process
 - Application process
 - Connectivity testing
- Initial Rollout Participants are playing a key role in finalizing all of the necessary elements
- All tracks (except connectivity testing) designed to complete work in late August or September

Legal Agreements

- Background:
 - Carequality Connected Agreement (CCA) and Directory Sub-Entry (DSE) Terms implement the Principles of Trust in legally binding terms
 - Broadly reviewed by Advisory Council, Steering Committee, and Initial Rollout group late Spring and early Summer
 - Updated version created based on feedback
- Current status: In-person summit of Initial Rollout group produced a revised draft that reflects consensus on most areas
- Next step: Receive and incorporate feedback on last outstanding questions

Implementation Guide

- Background:
 - Guide details both technical specs and business/policy requirements for a specific use case (initial use case is Query-Based Document Exchange)
 - Business and policy requirements developed by Trust Framework Work Group
 - Review by Advisory Council and Initial Rollout group
- Current status: Trust Framework WG has completed its work, with assistance from the Advisory Council
- Next step: Approval of version 1.0 for initial implementation

Technical Specs

- Background:
 - Technical specs are part of the Query-Based Document Exchange use case Implementation Guide
 - Specs were developed by the Query Work Group
 - Public comment period ended mid-July
- Current status: Decisions have been taken on all open issues, with work group session on 8/31 to finalize wording in one area
- Next step: Approval of version 1.0 for initial implementation

Dispute Resolution Process

- Background:
 - Process referenced in Carequality Connected Agreement but separately specified
 - Provides interpretation of Carequality requirements in order to help resolve disputes among Implementers and DSEs
- Current status: Draft process approved by tiger team
- Next step: Revisit one topic based on initial rollout group's feedback, before putting forward final version for approval

Implementer Application Process

- Background:
 - Focused on an Implementer's obligations under the Carequality Connected Agreement
 - What checks can we perform to provide assurance that an applicant can meet its obligations as an Implementer?
 - Need to balance operational burden (and accompanying cost) with need to establish trust among Implementer community
- Current status: Draft application form complete, holding on review pending final version of legal documents; application review criteria being drafted
- Next step: Wider review and adoption in September

Connectivity Testing

- Initial rollout group members are preparing to test connectivity, in anticipation of legal agreements being completed
- Informal version of partner testing required by Implementation Guide prior to go-live
- Identify network configuration or other necessary changes early
- Currently collecting endpoint and other required technical information

Joining the Initial Rollout

- The Initial Rollout's first phase, adopting the Carequality legal framework, is drawing toward completion
- The second phase, production exchange under the Query-Based Document Exchange Implementation Guide, is getting underway
- If your organization is interested in participating and would like to set up time to discuss options, contact admin@carequality.org

Looking Ahead

WHAT'S NEXT?

A.

There's a lot more to health IT interoperability than document queries.

B.

The initial Query-Based Document Exchange Use Case is just the beginning.

C.

The Carequality framework is flexible and is meant to be applied to many different use cases.



Moving Forward

- Exploring other areas for potential use cases
- Prioritizing extensions and enhancements for Query-Based Document Exchange
- Likely areas of future work include:
 - Patient consent
 - Data-element queries (FHIR)
 - Push-based transactions
 - Images and other specialized content



If you'd like to join the conversation, please contact us at admin@carequality.org

Thank You!