In the 21st Century Cures Act, Congress identified the importance of interoperability and specifically directed ONC to “develop or support a trusted exchange framework, including a common agreement among health information networks nationally.” The Trusted Network Accreditation Program (TNAP) was developed to directly align with this goal and the required Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA).

TEFCA will affect a diverse group of industry stakeholders including Health Information Networks (HINs), Health Information Exchanges (HIEs), Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), data registries, labs, providers, payers, vendors and suppliers – and TNAP has been designed to address their needs. Attaining Trusted Network Accreditation in conjunction with a HITRUST Validated Assessment with Certification ensures their security and privacy of trusted networks and the use of enabling technologies in the healthcare ecosystem.
TNAP provides third-party review with accreditation for Trusted Exchange participants, assessing an organization’s ability to comply with privacy and security, TEFCA regulatory requirements, HIPAA, HITECH and ACA legislative reform provisions as applicable, NIST, Cybersecurity Framework, GDPR, and others as well as technical performance, business processes and resource management.

Now is the time for our industry to work together to close privacy and security gaps across networks, address vulnerabilities across HIPAA compliance, cyber protection and ransomware prevention, address authentication and ID verification issues all the while assuring the highest levels of stakeholder trust.

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NOTE: ONC/RCE approval is still necessary and entirely separate from these accreditation programs.

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