Interoperability is on FHIR: A Round-up of the Latest Industry Updates

Is your organization on FHIR for Interoperability yet? If not, it’s time to ignite your focus as many healthcare organizations have already prepared for the future in an interoperable healthcare world!

Created by the Health Level Seven International (HL7), Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) is a standard describing data formats and elements and an Application Programming Interface (API) for exchanging electronic health records. It is expected that the FHIR standard will become core to the future of the interoperable healthcare ecosystem as there are many critical industry initiatives underway that demonstrate its adoption. Below are several major regulatory and advocacy updates showing the rapid progress of the implementation of the FHIR standard in today’s healthcare data exchange.

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ONC/Sequoia Project recently announced a new [QHIN-to-QHIN Technical/Functions Requirements document](https://example.com). These updated requirements to the degree they become content for the final Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) will be incorporated into the EHNAC [Trusted Network Accreditation Program (TNAP)](https://example.com) which is provided jointly by EHNAC and HITRUST. Specific FHIR language is under consideration as part of discussions about this current draft and publicly stated by ONC as having a key role in future requirements. To date, the following EHNAC candidates hold TNAP Accreditation: EMR Direct, IdentTrust, iShare Medical, MiHIN Shared Services, and SecureHIT, along with several other candidates in the process. ONC is also expected to release the [FHIR Roadmap](https://example.com) in the near future for expected implementation in 2022.

Both EHNAC’s [TNAP](https://example.com) and [Trusted Dynamic Registration and Authentication Accreditation Program (TDRAAP)](https://example.com) are designed to support the use of FHIR development.

**CARIN Alliance App Registration IG** – EHNAC is strategically working with organizations who have gained TDRAAP certification/accreditation to demonstrate how this program allows them to meet the recommendations set forth in this new and important document. EHNAC supports the [CARIN Alliance App Registration IG](https://example.com) by integrating the requirements to assure conformance in the TDRAAP Programs. Even the new recommendations for the CARIN IG for Blue Button are being included in the 2022 criteria release. Additionally, the requirement to meet the requirements outlined in the CARIN Alliance App Registration IG is being integrated into other EHNAC Programs as applicable by 2022.
ZeOmega® announced its industry-leading interoperability solution, HealthUnity®, attained the “interoperability trifecta” by achieving EHNAC’s TDRAAP accreditation, Drummond’s interoperability certification, and HITRUST’s CSF® certification to manage risk, ensure security posture, and meet compliance requirements. Read ZeOmega’s press release on its TDRAAP accreditation.

Unified Data Access Profile (UDAP) just released a four-minute “Technical Snippets” video providing FHIR resources and others with a glimpse of the process to test workflows for Unified Data Access Profiles (the technical standard for which TDRAAP is built upon). Those gaining certification and accreditation in the TDRAAP Program will want to review this.

The STARS GlidePath - EHNAC TDRAAP has released recommended guidance for our industry to follow as it relates to best practices moving from OAuth 2.0 to UDAP workflows for dynamic registration and authentication. What STAR level will your organization attain in 2022? The following organizations are currently holding TDRAAP Accreditation/Certification: 1Uphealth, OneRecord, QVH Systems and ZeOmega, with HiPaaS in progress. For more details, download the Glide Path document.

Contact us today to further discuss how your organization can better demonstrate stakeholder trust in the world of healthcare interoperability!