

Comment on the Interoperability Standards Advisory

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To: Steven Posnack, M.S., M.H.S. Deputy National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

From: 360X project participants

Dear Mr. Posnack,

Managing cross-organizational referrals and transitions of care is one of the areas of interoperability, which can have a significant impact on both the quality and the cost of care. The ability for the appropriate care team members to be aware of and have access to the necessary information at the correct time is essential for providing proper care, for creating a positive patient experience, and for alleviating physician and staff burnout.

We have the following suggestions for providing better visibility to the standards and implementation specifications that support coordination of care for referrals and care transitions.

1. Section II: Content/Structure Standards and Implementation Specifications

Under section II of the ISA, add a subsection “Care Coordination for Referrals”

2. Care Coordination for Referrals

Under this new subsection, add the following three topics:

Referral to a Specialist - Request, Status Updates, Outcome

Type	Standard / Implementation Specification	Standards Process Maturity	Implementation Maturity	Adoption Level	Federally required	Cost	Test Tool Availability
Standard	HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA®), Release 2.0, Final Edition	Final	Production	●●●●●	No	Free	Yes
Implementation Specification	HL7 Implementation Guide for CDA® Release 2: Consolidated CDA Templates for Clinical Notes (US Realm), Draft Standard for Trial Use, Release 2.1	Balloted Trial Use	Production	●●●●●	Yes	Free	Yes
Emerging Implementation Specification	IHE Patient Care Coordination Technical Framework Supplement: 360 Exchange - Closed Loop Referral (360X) Rev. 1.1 - Trial Implementation	Balloted Trial Use	Pilot	●○○○○	No	Free	No

Referral from Acute Care to a Skilled Nursing Facility

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Standard	HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA®), Release 2.0, Final Edition	Final	Production	●●●●●	No	Free	Yes
Implementation Specification	HL7 Implementation Guide for CDA® Release 2: Consolidated CDA Templates for Clinical Notes (US Realm), Draft Standard for Trial Use, Release 2.1	Balloted Trial Use	Production	●●●●●	Yes	Free	Yes
Emerging Implementation Specification	360X and Long Term Care Transfers	Draft	Feedback Requested	Feedback Requested	No	Free	No

Referral to Extra-Clinical Services - Request, Updates, Outcome

Type	Standard / Implementation Specification	Standards Process Maturity	Implementation Maturity	Adoption Level	Federally required	Cost	Test Tool Availability
Standard	Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR), Release 4	Final/Baloted Trial Use	Production	2 stars	No	Free	Yes
Emerging Standard	FHIR® R4: Messaging	Balloted Trial Use	Feedback Requested	Feedback Requested	No	Free	No
Emerging Standard	FHIR® R4: Observation Resource	Final	Production	3 stars	No	Free	No
Emerging Standard	FHIR® R4: ServiceRequest Resource	Balloted Trial Use	Feedback Requested	Feedback Requested	No	Free	No
Emerging Standard	FHIR® R4: Task Resource	Balloted Trial Use	Feedback Requested	Feedback Requested	No	Free	No
Emerging Implementation Specification	Bidirectional Services eReferrals (BSeR) FHIR® IG	Draft	Feedback Requested	Feedback Requested	No	Free	No

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