

STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT AND UPDATE PROCESS

Validation of the business needs that are addressed and the positive return on investment prior to NCVHS recommendation of any new standard or operating rule that includes:

- Pilot testing;
- Specific compelling business cases that will be met; and
- Comparison of the implementation and ongoing costs (e.g. support, training of users) of stakeholders versus the expected value to the industry.

Interoperability principles for meaningful information exchange including:

- ONC expansion of API transparency requirements to administrative use cases;
- Release dates of new/revised standards at a set time each year with a minimum of 12 months; and
- Data sharing requirement across stakeholders.

GOVERNANCE, OR OVERSIGHT OF THE STANDARDS REVIEW PROCESS

Spur innovation and stay ahead of information exchange needs among stakeholders

We urge NCVHS to recommend the identification of a multi-stakeholder organization or association collaborative to monitor emerging trends and develop a comprehensive annual report.

- ▶ The annual report generated by this entity would identify:
 - ▶ Gaps in information exchange: Delineate current and emerging gaps in standards required to effectively exchange health information across impacted stakeholders. Draft comprehensive business needs to be resolved between and across standard and operating rule development organizations.
 - ▶ Implementation costs versus value: Review the viability and usability of future potential standard transactions, taking into consideration stakeholder implementation and support costs. Explore whether or not the business need can be accommodated within an existing **Convergence of Administrative and Clinical Data to Meet Use Cases**
- ▶ Exchange of clinical information/attachments in support of verified use cases, such as claims and prior authorization across stakeholders should be facilitated. This exchange of administrative data will become more critical as value based care and other emerging innovations and payment models become more prevalent.
- ▶ Explore opportunities to improve the coordination of patient care through implementation of enhanced matching of patient data best practices and other opportunities across SDOs

FEDERAL REGULATORY PROCESS TO ADOPT NEW VERSIONS OF STANDARDS

Streamlined, automated, meaningful information exchange through required standard transaction usage, including electronic data interchange (EDI) that includes:

- Enrollment (Attribution);
- Fee schedules;
- Pre-determination;
- Claim acknowledgment;
- Attachments, for use with claims, prior authorization and other relevant transactions;
- Prior authorization requirements, and;
- Online automated appeals.

DATA HARMONIZATION

- ▶ Information exchange that meets identified business needs of all stakeholders is required to realize administrative cost savings that includes:
 - ▶ Standard data dictionary and mapping,;
 - ▶ Semantic compliance;