



## **FAQ: Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Certification Program Updates, Algorithm Transparency, and Information Sharing (HTI-1) Proposed Rule**

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The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) [released](#) the Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Certification Program Updates, Algorithm Transparency, and Information Sharing (HTI-1) proposed rule on April 11, 2023. The rule's proposals would implement provisions directed by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act and make enhancements to the ONC Health IT Certification Program. Upon implementation, ONC hopes these provisions will advance interoperability, improve transparency, and support the access, exchange, and use of electronic health information. ONC released a [fact sheet](#), [at-a-glance document](#), and [blog post](#) on the proposed rule. **Public comments are due June 20, 2023.**

### **Key Provisions of the Proposed Rule:**

- Standards and Certification Criteria Proposals Under the Certification Program
  - Adopting the United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) Version 3 as the new baseline
  - Revising electronic case reporting certification criterion to be based on industry developed standards developed by Health Level 7 (HL7)
  - Renaming and revising the existing clinical decision support (CDS) certification criterion as the decision support interventions (DSI) certification criterion, with goals including:
    - Revising ONC's existing decision support certification criterion to include AI, ML, and other predictive decision support
    - Promoting consistent and routine electronic access to technical and performance information on predictive decision support
    - Promoting transparent risk management for governance of predictive decision support
  - Renaming the patient demographics certification and observations criterion and adding new data elements
  - Adopting a new patient requested restrictions certification criterion that revises an existing criterion to support additional tools for implementing patient requested "privacy" restrictions and enabling providers to flag patient health data that should be restricted from disclosure
  - Revising and standardizing the Application Programming Interfaces (API) Condition and Maintenance of Certification requirements
  - Implementing the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Reporting Program as new Condition and Maintenance of Certification requirements (thus establishing the Insights Condition) for developers of certified health IT
  
- Information Blocking Regulations Proposals



- Defining “offer health IT” to narrow the applicability of the “health IT developer of certified health IT” definition by explicitly excluding certain activities from what it means to “offer” health IT
- Renaming the Content and Manner Exception and include a new condition related to participation in the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA)
- Revising the Infeasibility Exception and adding two new conditions

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