

A Brief History of Federal Interoperability Efforts

2009

Congress passes Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act; establishes EHR Incentive Program (“Meaningful Use”)



2019

Meaningful Use becomes Promoting Interoperability Programs



2020

CMS publishes Interoperability and Patient Access final rule

ONC publishes 21st Century Cures Act final rule

CMS publishes Reducing Provider and Patient Burden by Improving Prior Authorization Processes proposed rule (since withdrawn)

CMS commits to transitioning to digital quality measures (dQMs)

2021

CMS Patient Access final rule policies become effective

CMS heeds stakeholder feedback and delays enforcement of Payer-to-Payer data exchange requirements

2022

ONC Cures Act final rule policies become effective

ONC releases RFI on electronic prior authorization in ONC certification

CMS releases Advancing Interoperability and Improving Prior Authorization Processes proposed rule

CMS releases RFI on establishing National Directory for Healthcare

ONC releases Trusted Exchange Framework & Common Agreement (TEFCA) version 1.0

CMS releases Adoption of Standards for Health Care Attachment Transactions proposed rule

2023

ONC Recognized Coordinating Entity begins onboarding first QHINs under TEFCA

