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Carequality Monthly Information Call

March 30, 2017

Agenda

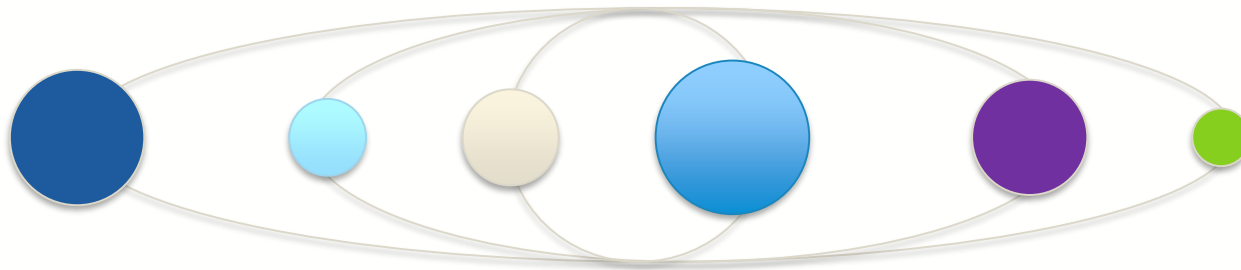
- Carequality Intro
- Production Operations Update
- 2017 Projects
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 - Patient Access Queries
 - Document Content Workgroup (Participation Opportunity!)
- HIMSS17
- Your Questions



Carequality Overview

The Situation

Communities of data sharing partners have formed, brought together by specific needs.



Some are geographically based, but many other types of data sharing communities also exist.

The Solution

Carequality creates a standardized, national-level interoperability framework to link all data sharing networks



Carequality is creating a web of interconnected communities



Data sharing networks have already connected many participants. The connections grow exponentially by connecting these user communities to one another, as groups.

If you connect six networks, you can reach thousands of physicians.

Carequality Framework

- The Carequality Framework includes a number of elements:
 - Carequality Connected Agreement
 - Carequality Connection Terms
 - Dispute Resolution Process
 - Technical Trust Policy
 - Query-Based Document Exchange Implementation Guide
- Documents are available for reference on the Carequality Wikispaces and our public website:

<http://carequality.wikispaces.com/Carequality+Framework>

<http://sequoiaproject.org/carequality/resources/>

Production Operations Update

Current Carequality Connected Agreement Signees

HIEs



Technology Vendors



Service Providers



PHRs



2017 Projects

Non-Discrimination Policy

- **Project Goal:** Develop permanent version of current-pilot policy on additional agreements/requirements for treatment-based queries
- **Background:**
 - Carequality’s goal is to allow an “implement once, connect universally” approach for all participants
 - The original Trust Framework workgroup recommended that no additional agreements, requirements, or processes could be imposed as conditions for honoring queries for the purpose of treatment
 - This proposal was adopted, but in a pilot mode for 6 months
- **Current Status:** First tiger team meeting held 3/23, recurring weekly meetings Tuesdays starting 4/4

Advancing Queries for Patient Access

- **Project Goal:** Identify, and provide recommendation on addressing, barriers to routine acceptance of Patient Request queries
- **Background:**
 - Carequality currently permits queries initiated by the patient, using the “Authorization-based disclosures” permitted purpose
 - Proposed updates to the Query-Based Document Exchange Implementation Guide that are currently under review provide additional clarity and policy guidance
 - Unlike queries for treatment, patient request queries are not currently required to be honored
 - Today, no implementer universally accepts these requests
- **Current Status:** First working group meeting held 3/24, recurring bi-weekly meetings being scheduled

Document Content Requirements

- **Project Goal:** Propose document content requirements for future application within the Carequality Framework
- **Background:**
 - Content in clinical documents is highly variable
 - Widely-used templates have ambiguity and room for interpretation
 - A variety of efforts within the industry have been working on proposing content requirements
 - We plan to use this work as a starting point for recommending key content requirements to apply within the Carequality Framework
 - This will be an ongoing effort and we envision a gradual raising of the bar
 - Exactly how these proposed requirements will be adopted and incentivized by Carequality policy remains to be determined and is slated for a future project to follow this one
- **Current Status:** We are accepting volunteers to serve on this workgroup; please email admin@carequality.org if you're interested!

Other Upcoming Projects Planned for 2017

- Data element access (aka “FHIR APIs) first step: project proposal for Carequality’s role
 - Projected for June-December
 - **Current Status:** Drafting project charter for Steering Committee review at April meeting
- Patient-based notifications first step: proposal for tech architecture and Carequality’s role
 - Projected for August 2017-January 2018
- Image exchange “quick to value” (sharing simple images through QBDE structure)
 - Projected for October 2017-January 2018
- Advancing other (i.e. not patient initiated) non-treatment queries
 - Projected for October 2017-March 2018

HIMSS17

HIMSS 2017 In Review

- Historical perspective:
 - 2015: Who are you? What are you doing?
 - 2016: I've heard of you, but consider me skeptical
 - 2017: How can I participate?
- Our Monday evening reception was well-attended
 - Huge thank you to our sponsors, Troutman Sanders!
- Booth was smaller this year
 - It worked fine, but we've reserved a bigger space for next year
- Fewer booth presentations
 - Cadence seemed to work well
- Your feedback and experiences?

Your Questions

Thank You!