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Carequality Monthly Information Call

April 27, 2017

Agenda

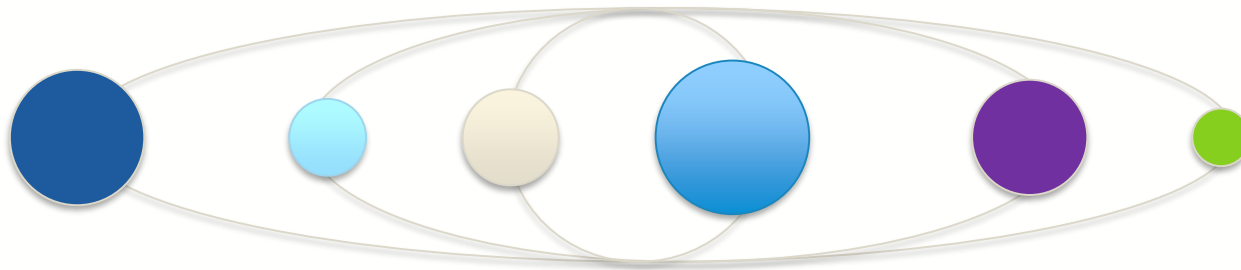
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Carequality Overview

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

The Power of Connecting Communities

*How do you get nationwide connectivity?
Clinic by clinic, hospital by hospital?*

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 clinics, you might reach a few dozen physicians.

➡ 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/>

Carequality Members



Production Operations Update

Current Carequality Connected Agreement Signees

HIEs and HINs



Technology Vendors



Service Providers



PHRs



Live Today:



Three others have production certificates and are going through final validation

A fourth has had its Carequality Implementer Application accepted

Live Sites List: <http://sequoiaproject.org/carequality/active-sites/>

Ongoing Projects

Patient Authorization and Access Policies

- The majority of this project's work was completed in 2016
- The project involves significant additions to the Query-Based Document Exchange Implementation Guide
- The changes center on the concept of defined Policy Identifiers that a query initiator can assert, if it meets the requirements of the associated policy
 - For example, Policy Identifiers are proposed to indicate that a consent form has been signed by the patient related to the release of records
- We have done a detailed review of the proposed changes with the Advisory Council in 2017, which will continue at an ad hoc meeting 4/28
- There are some final technical details also under discussion, and a straw proposal on these last loose ends will be discussed with the Implementers

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:**
 - The team has been meeting throughout April, and has done a first pass review on each of the options under consideration
 - It’s too early for conclusions, but options have been significantly narrowed and a likely outcome is starting to come into focus

Patient Request Queries

- **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:** The group is working through questions on patient identity proofing, trust in patient-generated/curated content, and the information set released to patients relative to that released to providers

Document Content Requirements – Goal & Background

- **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

Document Content Requirements – Current Status

- The workgroup had its introductory meeting last week, and we are currently scheduling bi-weekly recurring meetings
- We are also encouraging use of a Slack forum for on-line discussion related to the workgroup's topics
- Others are encouraged to participate in the forum and make sure your voice is heard, even if you're not part of the workgroup
- You can access the forum at the link below, IF we have already added your email domain to our list
 - <https://thesequoiaproject.slack.com/signup>
- If you aren't able to automatically sign up through the link, please email us at admin@carequality.org

Your Questions

Thank You!