carequality NATIONWIDE CONNECTIVITY

WHAT CAN CAREQUALITY DO FOR YOU?

Making a connection for health information exchange can be a lot of work. Legal teams need to sign-off on contracts. Technical staff need to negotiate standards. Compliance and privacy officers need to weigh in on governance topics like acceptable data use. And that's all before you can start testing.

Carequality has already done the heavy lifting.

We have a nationwide governance structure and clear technical and policy requirements that have buy-in from across the industry. Set up one compliant gateway through one of our Implementers, and connect to all other participants, both locally and across the country.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Carequality is not a new, separate data sharing network for you to join. Instead, Carequality builds on data exchange relationships and agreements you already have in place, and expands their reach.

We do this by connecting what we call Implementers, who might be HIEs, EHR vendors, payers, clearinghouses, or other types of organizations. Carequality Implementers provide access to data from many different sources. Once you have connectivity services from one of our Implementers, you can exchange records with any other participant regardless of their Implementer.



WHAT IS CAREQUALITY?

Carequality is the only national interoperability framework interconnecting all types of health information networks through a common agreement designed and maintained by its diverse stakeholders.



50,000+ CLINICS



2,800+
HOSPITALS



600,000+ PHYSICIANS



CAREQUALITY OVERVIEW

- Pressure to enhance population health, improve patient outcomes, and reduce healthcare costs has led to emerging health information networks throughout the country, allowing caregivers across the continuum to be able to share information with each other and their patients.
- These networks improve interoperability, but limit health data sharing to other members within the same network.
 - If cell phone networks worked the same way, a Verizon customer could only call other Verizon customers, and would just have to hope that friends and family didn't choose another provider.
- Through Carequality, it doesn't matter what network caregivers and their patients are on.
 - Together, we are making it possible for a physician seeing a patient to access data without giving any thought to those other entities' health information network or technology vendor choices.



CAREQUALITY ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS



Common Rules of the Road:

In order for the varied participants to trust each other with health information, everyone needs to have a legal obligation to abide by the same rules.



Well-defined Technical Specs:

Shared rules are not enough; clear standards must be laid out in an implementation guide that all implementers can follow.



A Participant Directory:

To connect using the common standards, systems must know the addresses and roles of each participant.

BROAD INDUSTRY SUPPORT

Carequality is a collaboration of the entire healthcare ecosystem. Volunteers from over 100 organizations in government and the private sector are actively engaged in Carequality's work, including representation from:

- Physicians
- Consumers
- Government Agencies
- Data Sharing Networks
- Pavers
- Behavioral Health
- Acute Care
- Long Term/
 Post-Acute Care

- Hospice and Home Care
- Research
- Public Health
- Vendors
- Standards Development Orgs.
- Pharmacies
- EMS Services

GETTING INVOLVED

Become a Volunteer

Contribute your expertise to the national dialogue

Adopt the Carequality Interoperability Framework
Participate in nationwide health data sharing

Contact us at admin@carequality.org for more information and to discuss how your organization would best fit into this growing national initiative!