



# Monthly Information Call

January 28, 2021 | 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM ET

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# January in Review

Dave Cassel

# January Highlights

- So long and good riddance, 2020!
- Budgets and project plans
- Safeguarding trust
- RCE work continues

# 2021 Plans

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# 2021 Project Plan Highlights

Operational Improvement

See Below

*04/09/21 | Standardize and Improve Service Provider Processes*

*12/31/21 | Transition to New Certificate Authority*

*12/31/21 | Upgrade and Enhance Carequality Directory Operations*

Adopt Push Notifications Use Case IG

05/28/21

Enhance Electronic Case Reporting

07/12/21

Implement Updates to Application Process

09/3/21

Support FHIR-Based Exchange Operations

12/31/2021

# Project Updates

Carequality Team

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# FHIR-Based Exchange

Bill Mehegan

01/28/2021



# Update

- V1 of the Implementation Guide (IG) for production use was adopted by the Carequality Steering Committee during its December meeting
- IG is now an official Carequality Element and is published on the Resources page of the Carequality website
- Seeking Early Adopters to participate in this new ecosystem

## PRICING

- There will be no additional FHIR fees for current QBDE Implementers through 2024
- There's "FHIR-Based Exchange Only" discounted pricing through 2024

If you'd like to learn more about FHIR-Based Exchange opportunities,  
please email [admin@carequality.org](mailto:admin@carequality.org) to express your interest.

# Push Notifications

Chris Dickerson

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# Next Steps

To ensure smooth onboarding at launch, we plan to conduct a proof of concept test of the new Implementation Guide with at least two volunteer organizations

## Straw Proposal

- Proof of Concept Testing in **early Q1 2021**
- Organizations interested in joining our tests are invited to contact us at [admin@carequality.org](mailto:admin@carequality.org)
- We plan to integrate any findings into the guide ahead of final approval

## Push Notification Implementation Guide

<https://build.fhir.org/ig/DavidPyke/CEQSubscription/StructureDefinition-CEQextension.html>

# Query-Based Document Exchange Enhancements

Chris Dickerson

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# Update

The workgroup has completed all of the updates planned for v2.0

## Next Steps

- Distribute draft to Implementer community for feedback
- Update the draft based on Implementer comments
- Request adoption from the Advisory Council
- If no feedback from the Advisory Council, request adoption from Steering Committee
- Implementer objection period

Comments due by **February 10<sup>th</sup>** to [Cdickerson@carequality.org](mailto:Cdickerson@carequality.org)

# Image Exchange

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# Update

- We continue to work with our early adopters on partner testing, to prove out the Image Exchange Implementation Guide Supplement
- We've collected feedback and are preparing a proposed final version of the IG Supplement for final Implementer review
- We are targeting April for the Steering Committee to adopt the IG Supplement for production use
- If you're interested in learning more about how you can participate in DICOM image exchange via Carequality, reach out to [admin@carequality.org](mailto:admin@carequality.org)

# Production Operations Update

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# Background Reminder – Onboarding Task Force

- This spring, we convened a working group to review Carequality's onboarding processes, and recommend updates
- The group met through late August, and developed a document outlining its recommendations for the Advisory Council and Steering Committee
- **High Level Summary of Recommendations**
  - Expand application processes to include Carequality Connections
  - Expand the scope of information captured in the application
  - Collect additional statistics from Implementers to monitor compliance
  - Implement a “live” non-production testing ecosystem
  - Implement a standards compliance testing program

# Application Process Update

- We've developed a new supplement to the application to collect:
  - Additional details on permitted purposes supported, both as an initiator and responder, including the justification for each purpose
  - Information on transaction initiation triggers and “target selection” (both patients for whom to query, and organizations to query)
  - Information on any external access, i.e. beyond the organization for who a transaction was initiated, to any data received
  - Information on any terms and conditions required in order to respond to non-treatment permitted purposes
- We are working with several Implementers and their CCs to obtain this supplemental information
- We expect all Implementers and relevant CCs to complete the application supplement, in phases, by the end of this summer

# Policy Working Group

- The new application information is reinforcing the need to discuss a number of key policy questions within the Carequality community
- All CCA signatories will be invited to join a policy working group to address these issues, with the first meeting targeted for mid/late February
- Each Implementer will also be permitted (and encouraged) to invite a representative Carequality Connection to participate
- Some examples of the policy questions to be addressed are:
  - When, if ever, is it appropriate to trigger Treatment queries for a population of patients?
  - Should care gap analysis or other population health analytics qualify as “Treatment”?
  - What additional requirements, if any, should be established around secondary use of data?
- Once the working group has weighed in on these issues, we will work with the Steering Committee and Advisory Council to determine a path forward







**Questions?**

**Thank you**

