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The Panel's Purpose

To harmonize and integrate diverse standards that will meet clinical and business needs for sharing information among organizations and systems.

- □ Establish HITSP Interoperability Specifications and promote their acceptance;
- Support the deployment and implementation of HITSP Interoperability Specifications across the health care enterprise;
- Facilitate the efforts of standards developing organizations to maintain, revise or develop new standards as required to support the HITSP Interoperability Specifications.

Harmonized standards promote interoperability, enhance healthcare quality and contain costs



Standards Harmonization Goals



To achieve interoperability, harmonization must be achieved in 5 areas:

- Context/Information Model establishing a common reference information model to support clinical, public health, financial, and administrative healthcare functions
- Terminology/Content Definition establishing common reference terminology models and data content specifications that are integrated with the information model
- **Privacy and Security** establishing a common security framework
- Methodology establishing a common methodology/process that all standards organizations and code set maintainers will follow to achieve standards harmonization
- Information Exchange establishing a common information interchange format and standards-based application roles and interactions in a comprehensive dynamic model



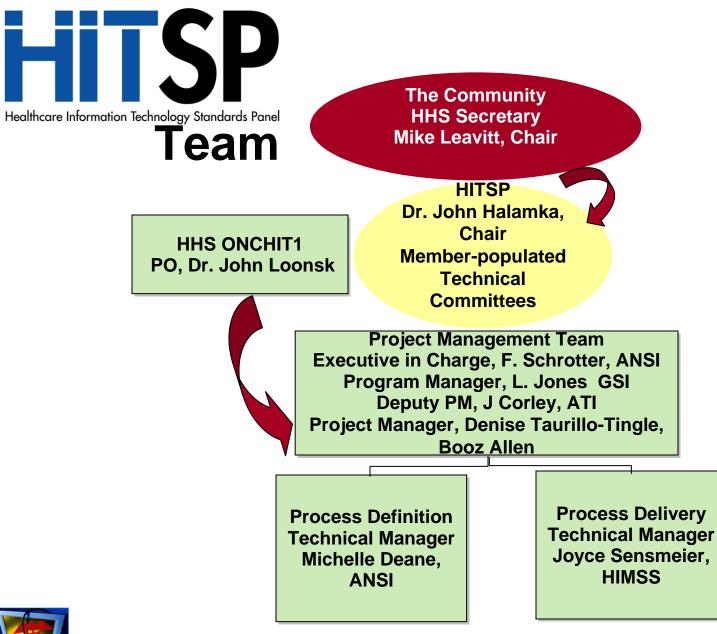
HITSP and Its Stakeholders - Harmonizing and Integrating Standards To Meet Clinical and Business Needs

Patients	Specialists	Review Boards	
Consumers	Payers	Practice	Healthcare Providers
Employers	Suppliers	Guidelines	Government
General	Hospitals	Residential Care Providers	Agencies
Practitioners			
HITSP - volunteer-driven, consensus-based organization			



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HITSP: Enabling interoperability across the health care enterprise





Federal Agencies <u>must</u> use the Recognized Interoperability Standards that have been harmonized by the Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel

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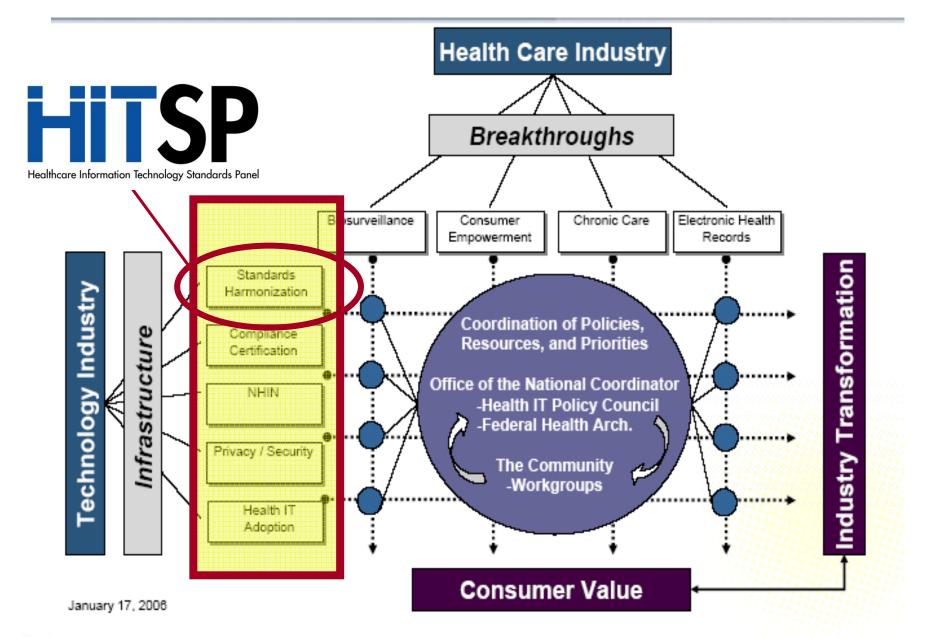
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), DHHS

Notice of Availability: Secretarial Recognition of Certain Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP) Interoperability Specifications as Interoperability Standards for Health Information Technology

HITSP is playing an integral role in the development of a Nationwide Healthcare Information Network (NHIN) for the United States







HITSP Standards Harmonization



- 1. Identify a pool of standards for a general breakthrough area
- 2. Identify gaps and overlaps for specific context
- 3. Make recommendations for resolution of gaps and overlaps
- 4. Develop Interoperability Specifications for using the selected standard(s) for a specific context
- 5. Test the instruction for using the standard



Team Organization & Governance Tiger Teams for Required Deliverables

- Creating the EHR-Centric "light-weight" IS based exclusively on existing constructs and selected standards
- Creating the Security, Privacy, and Infrastructure Service (Suite)
- □ Continuing Quality Measures project, based on IS06
 - Note only effort expected to continue as an ongoing TC effort
 - Crucial to meeting basic objective of improved quality and efficiency



Team Organization & Governance More Details on Required Deliverables

- Creating the EHR-Centric "light-weight" IS based exclusively on existing constructs and selected standards
 - Prototyping the new process for more rapid development of an IS
 - Validating new templates, Information Exchange Requirements (IERs) and Data Requirements (DRs)
- Creating the Security, Privacy, and Infrastructure Service (Suite)
 - What's different:
 - Clarifies requirements on context of use, enabling both HITSP and any other organization to establish an appropriate context for use
 - Names necessary services and identifies orchestration of existing (for initial deliverable) constructs to deliver such services
 - Priority is to address security and privacy ARRA requirements.
 Addressing infrastructure is a goal for June 30, but must be subordinate to security and privacy. Any infrastructure efforts deferred due to this priority would be resolved in July or later.



Team Organization & Governance Tiger Teams for Supporting Deliverables

□ Finalize Exchange Architecture and Harmonization Framework

- Ensure consistency and clarity of concept definitions and cleanup IERs, DRs, Exchange Actions, Exchange Content
- Data Architecture address Data Element, Template, and Value Set
 - Clean up these artifacts and decide how to manage



Team Organization & Governance Needed Ongoing Coordination Efforts

- □ NHIN Collaboration/Support
 - Improve alignment with existing NHIN specifications
 - Proactively align with emerging NHIN specifications
- CCHIT coordination
 - Address the Advanced Technology certification effort clinical decision support, interoperability, quality, and security
 - Strategic view on coordination of test approaches and support
- □ Test Collaborative NIST, HITSP, and CCHIT
 - Goal assist ONC and NIST in merging this collaborative with the NIST, CCHIT
 - Refine testing approach being developed by Test Collaborative
 - Address emerging efforts of these tiger teams



Team Organization & Governance Staff Efforts

Create content publication and management infrastructure

- To support authoring and multi-audience usability.
- To maximize reuse and repurposing of HITSP artifacts to meet needs
- Establish roadmap for ARRA gap and extension resolution to align with planned increases in level of "meaningful use"
 - Staff will organize and create early draft
- Make existing ISs and associated constructs consistent and move to new templates
 - Staff does cleanup where no new content needed
 - Appropriate TC members involved in cleanup where new content (IERs, DRs, diagrams and tables, but no new standards added) needed
 - Results of this cleanup will also be put into the adoption cycle

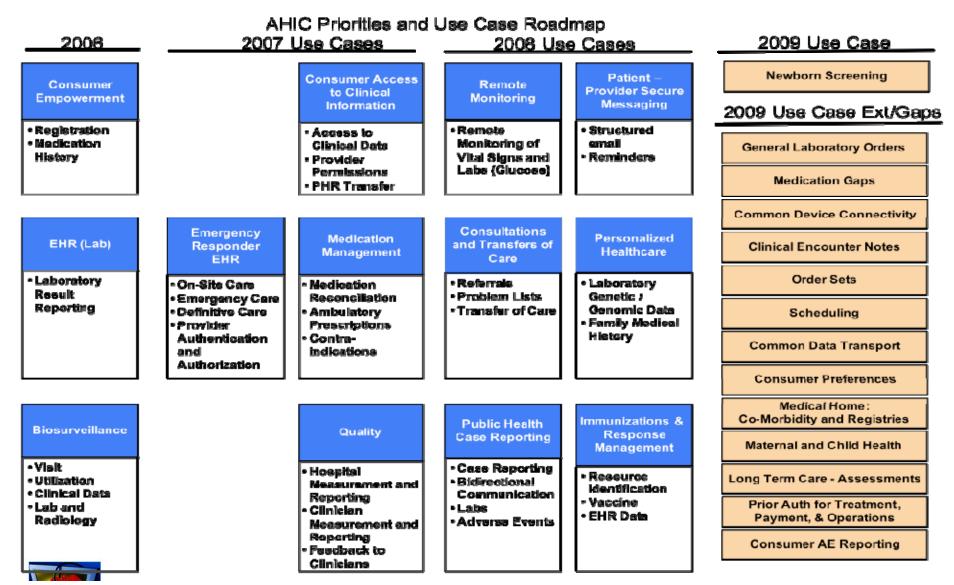


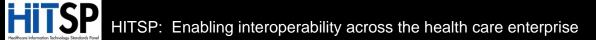
My Definition of Meaningful Use

Processes and workflow that facilitate improved quality and increased efficiency



Standards Harmonization Roadmap





Massachusetts Approach to Data Sharing

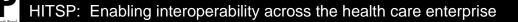
- Doctor to Doctor
- Doctor to Hospital/Hospital to Doctor
- Community to Community
- Quality Warehouse
- Provider to Payer



HITSP Efforts to support ARRA

- HITSP is focusing the energies of its volunteers, staff, and leadership on standards and tools mandated by the new statutory requirements.
- HITSP's "accepted" products to date will be leveraged to create new streamlined electronically published standards guides organized around the ARRA EHR interoperability requirements.
- The end result will be much more compact, easy to implement, and flexible implementation guidance which supports the meaningful use of EHRs and protection of privacy.





Team Organization & Governance Summary of Planned Efforts

- Tiger Teams
 - ARRA Required Deliverables EHR-Centric "light-weight" IS Security, Privacy, and Infrastructure Service (Suite) Quality Measures project, based on IS06
 - Supporting Deliverables
 Exchange Architecture and Harmonization Framework
 Data Architecture Data Element, Template, and Value Set
- Needed On-going Efforts
 - NHIN Collaboration/Support
 - CCHIT coordination
 - Test Collaborative
- □ Staff efforts
 - Existing ISs and associated constructs consistent and in new templates
 - ARRA gap resolution roadmap aligned with "meaningful use" timeline
 - Content Publication and Management Infrastructure

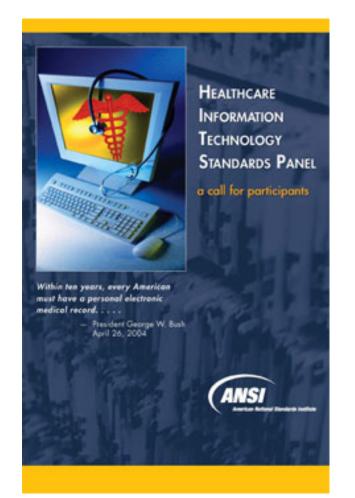


Summary

- "Meaningful use" encompasses processes and workflow that facilitate improved quality and increased efficiency
- HITEP has identified the needed data types to measure quality and continues working on minimum quality data sets
- HITSP has harmonized the standards needed to support HITEP and meaningful use of EHRs

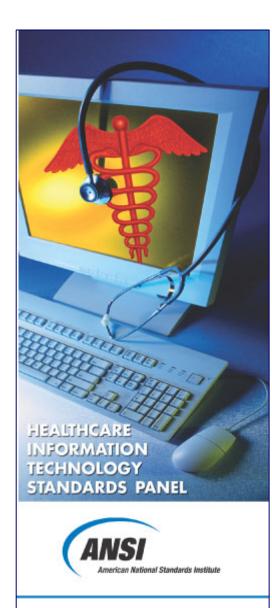


HITSP Information Resources



- Also available on <u>www.hitsp.org</u>
 - News, organizational details and information on upcoming meetings
 - HITSP Public Document Library
 - Interoperability Specifications (ISs) and Executive Summaries
 - Use Cases





Join HITSP in developing a safe and secure health information network for the United States.

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