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EVENT AGENDA

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October 23, 2026

Privacy, Security, & Trust Pre-Conference

100% Virtual on Zoom

10:00am – 10:30am

Cybersecurity Threat Landscape: An FBI Perspective

Cyber threats facing the health care industry continue to evolve in scale, sophistication, and impact. In this session, WEDI welcome Special Agent Jonathan Lund from the FBI will provide an inside look at current threat trends and emerging risks, including the growing impact of artificial intelligence, while sharing lessons learned, practical recommendations and resources to help organizations strengthen their cybersecurity posture. The discussion

will also examine what the FBI expects to see in the threat landscape going forward and what health care organizations should be doing now to prepare.

- **Jonathan Lund, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigations**

10:30am – 11:15am

From Assessment to Action: Using OCR's Security Risk Assessment Tool

This session will provide a practical look at how health care organizations can use OCR's Security Risk Assessment Tool to identify and prioritize security risks and strengthen their HIPAA Security Rule compliance efforts. OCR will also share insights from the tool's use across the health care industry, including common risk areas, recent developments, and what organizations should know about the tool's future.

- **Nicholas Heesters, Senior Advisor for Cybersecurity, HHS Office for Civil Rights**

11:15am – 11:30am

Break

11:30am – 12:15pm

From Threats to Trust: An Industry Perspective on Healthcare Security

Following perspectives from the FBI on the evolving health care threat landscape and OCR on practical approaches to security risk assessment, industry leaders will reflect on what these developments mean for health care organizations and the broader ecosystem. The discussion will explore how organizations can translate emerging threats and risk assessment into action while balancing privacy, security, data sharing, and the trust needed to support a connected health care system.

- **Lesley Berkeyheiser, WEDI Privacy & Security Workgroup Co-Chair, Assessor, DirectTrust**
- **Thanh-Thien Nguyen, WEDI Privacy & Security Workgroup Co-Chair**
- **Mari Savickis, Head of Government Relations, CHIME**
- **Bezawit Sumner, Chief Information Security Officer and Senior Director of Security & Compliance for CRISP Shared Services**

12:15pm – 1:00pm

Beyond Connectivity: Building Trust in the Health Data Ecosystem

We have made tremendous progress connecting the healthcare ecosystem, but the ability to exchange data raises a bigger question: can we trust that the data will be shared appropriately and that a patient's choices will be respected? This session brings together HL7 FAST leaders, a patient advocate, and industry stakeholders to explore how computable consent can turn patient preferences into actionable, enforceable requirements—and what it will take to operationalize trusted data exchange across the healthcare ecosystem.

- **Duncan Weatherston, Co-Chair, FHIR at Scale Taskforce, Smile Digital Health**
- **Emma Andelson, WEDI Patient Experience Workgroup Co-Chair, American Medical Association**

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Securing the AI-Enabled Health System: Governance, Privacy, Security & Trust

As AI becomes increasingly embedded in healthcare, organizations need practical approaches for managing the cybersecurity, privacy and trust risks that accompany its adoption. Drawing on the HSCC's AI Cyber Governance Framework Implementation Guide, this session will explore how healthcare organizations can put AI governance into practice—from risk assessment and accountability to vendor and supply-chain risks, emerging AI capabilities, incident response and patient trust.

- **Bill Reid, HSCC AI Governance Task Group Co-Lead, Google**
- **Ed Gaudet, HSCC AI Governance Task Group Co-Lead, Censinet**

October 26, 2026

WEDI Workgroup Meetings

Hybrid, Washington DC and Zoom

11:00am – 12:00pm, N101, Warren Building, First Floor

Remittance Advice & Payment

Mission: Resolve issues related to the inconsistent use of the ERA/EFT transactions. Find the most effective solutions to the ERA/EFT issues.

1:00pm – 2:00pm, YT14, Yuma Building, Terrace Level

Dental

Mission: To focus on the unique requirements for dental providers, payers, clearinghouses, and practice management systems as they relate to HIPAA, HITECH, ARRA, and other rules and regulations impacting the dental industry.

1:00pm – 2:00pm, N101, Warren Building, First Floor

Patient Experience

Mission: Focus primarily on bringing the patient perspective and experience into health care business processes and workflow, and include the patient viewpoint across WEDI workgroups and initiatives

2:00pm – 3:00pm, N101, Warren Building, First Floor

Claims

Mission: To facilitate implementation of the 837s, provide a forum to address business issues related to the implementation and use of the 837s and create white papers and provide educational guidance on issues related to the implementation and use of the 837s

3:00pm – 4:00pm, N101, Warren Building, First Floor

Eligibility & Benefits

Mission: To address identified business issues from various stakeholder perspectives

moving to the 5010 X12 270/271 transactions. Facilitate implementation of the 5010 270/271 transactions. Provide a forum to address business issues related to the implementation of the 5010 270/271 transactions.

4:00pm – 5:00pm, N101, Warren Building, First Floor

Privacy & Security

Mission: To identify and work towards resolution on all implementation issues related to securing, and protecting health information across the industry. Facilitate the review of privacy and security beyond HIPAA/HITECH in the growing areas of EHR, HIEs, HIX's and interoperability.

Additional workgroup meeting times coming soon!

October 27, 2026

Conference Day 1

Hybrid, Washington DC (all sessions in Grossman Hall) and Zoom

8:00am – 8:45am

Conference Breakfast (Washington DC)

8:45am – 9:00am

WEDI Welcome

Robert Tennant, Executive Director, WEDI

9:00am – 9:30am

From Regulation to Reality: What's Next for Healthcare Interoperability?

Healthcare has spent the past two decades building policies, technology, standards, and infrastructure needed to make health information more accessible and interoperable. As the industry moves forward with new requirements such as CMS-0057 and CMS-0053, along with continued advances in EHRs, APIs, and interoperability standards, WEDI welcomes Arcadia Institute's Chair Aneesh Chopra, who will take us on a journey through what we've learned, where the biggest gaps remain, and what it will take to turn this investment into meaningful, real-world change.

- **Aneesh Chopra, Chair, Arcadia Institute, first US Chief Technology Officer (2009-2012)**

9:30am – 10:15am

TBA

10:15am – 10:30am

Networking Break

10:30am – 11:00am

TBA Educational Session Sponsored by  **ITILITI HEALTH**

11:00am – 11:45am

SNOMED CT to CPT: Bridging Clinical and Administrative Language for Prior Authorization

As electronic prior authorization moves forward under CMS-0057, the ability to translate clinical concepts into the administrative language used for coverage and authorization decisions is becoming increasingly important. This session will provide an update on the SNOMED CT-to-CPT® maps and explore their role in supporting Da Vinci CRD, DTR, and PAS workflows, the industry's collaborative approach to developing and testing the maps, and opportunities for stakeholders to participate and provide feedback as this work evolves.

- **Julie Brown-Georgi, Director of Digital Health-Policy and Standards, American Medical**

Association

11:45am – 12:30pm

Conference Lunch + Results from the WEDI CMS-0057F Survey

12:30pm – 1:15pm

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1:15pm – 2:00pm

The Business Case for Better Interoperability: Quantifying the Impact on CMS Star Ratings

The link between better data interoperability and better care quality is well documented. But what is the return on additional investment? This is a critical question for individual organizations being prompted by regulations and other industry-wide initiatives to make substantial investments in IT infrastructure to further advance interoperability. Healthcare executives today face challenging capital constraints and must make difficult trade-offs among many proven strategies for improving care. To help answer this question, InterSystems worked with actuaries at Optum Advisory to conduct a national study quantifying the impact of better interoperability on CMS Star ratings, including how to measure past performance on interoperability, the correlation with Star ratings, and the financial impact of losing or gaining a half star. In this session, study leaders will discuss methodology, principal findings, and ramifications for individual organizations and solicit guidance on how best to build on this unique research.

- **Steven Berkow, Head of Value-Based Care Market Strategy, InterSystems**
- **Alex Balmes, Vice President, Actuarial Consulting, Optum Advisory**

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2:00pm – 2:45pm

Building Trust in a Digital Ecosystem: OCR's Vision for Privacy & Security

The rapidly evolving digital health ecosystem is creating new challenges for protecting health information while supporting innovation and data exchange. OCR Director Stannard will discuss the agency's regulatory priorities and emerging policy considerations, along with practical guidance for organizations seeking to build secure, trusted, and resilient digital health systems.

- **Paula Stannard, Director, HHS Office for Civil Rights**

2:45pm – 3:15pm

Beyond the Deadline: Why CMS-9115 and CMS-0057 Are Mile Markers, Not Finish Lines

CMS's interoperability and prior authorization rules are often treated as compliance checkboxes, but they're really early waypoints in a decade-long shift toward real-time, automated connectivity between payers and providers. In this presentation, Nolan Kelly and Don Rucker will explain why health plans that view these mandates as stepping stones, not endpoints, will be best positioned to compete as payment reform, new quality measures, rising consumer expectations, and new market entrants reshape the industry. You'll leave with a practical view of why investing now in data standards and a modern lakehouse architecture separates plans that merely comply from plans that win.

- **Don Rucker, MD, Chief Strategy Officer, 1upHealth**
- **Nolan Kelly, Chief Commercial Officer, 1upHealth**

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3:15pm – 3:30pm

Networking Break

3:30pm – 4:15pm

What's Next with all These APIs? Experiences from California

As CMS-0057 electronic prior authorization priorities move from compliance into adoption, California stakeholders are working to deliver meaningful change for plans, providers, and patients. Panelists will discuss efforts to convene stakeholders, drive health plan and provider collaboration, and fund shared infrastructure for testing at scale in supporting use of electronic prior authorization APIs at scale

- **Paul Norton, MBA, MPH, Director, BluePath Health (moderator)**
- **Kristof Stremikis, MPP, MPH, Director of Market Analysis and Insight, California Health Care Foundation**
- **Tara Nelson, Senior Director of Utilization Management, L.A. Care Health Plan**
- **Richard Kwong, Head of Product, Connecting for Better Health**

4:15pm – 5:00pm

From Compliance to Capability: The EHR Perspective on the Future of Prior

Authorization

As electronic prior authorization moves from policy and development into implementation, EHRs will play a critical role in translating new requirements into workflows that work for providers and patients. EHR leaders from the Electronic Health Record Association (EHRA) will discuss lessons learned, payer and provider readiness, and how APIs and emerging standards can translate into meaningful workflow improvements as the industry prepares for key expectations in 2027 and 2028. The conversation will also explore opportunities for greater automation and AI while addressing the practical challenges of certification, testing, implementation timelines, and moving beyond compliance toward a more efficient prior authorization experience.

Electronic Health Record Association (EHRA) Members:

- **Hans Buitendijk, Senior Director Interoperability Strategy, Oracle**
- **Cecilia Wong, Senior Product Manager, Altera Digital Health**
- **Pam Chapman, Director of Regulatory and Clinical Affairs, Office Practicum**
- **Jason Vogt, Development Manager, APIs, and Structured Documents, MEDITECH**
- **Sean Cotter, Software Developer, Epic**

5:00pm – 6:00pm

WEDI Welcome Reception

October 28, 2026

Conference Day 2

Hybrid, Washington DC (all sessions in Grossman Hall) and Zoom

8:00am – 8:45am

Conference Breakfast (Washington DC)

8:45am – 9:00am

WEDI Welcome

9:00am – 9:45am

Interoperability at a Turning Point: What Comes Next for Healthcare Data Exchange

Interoperability is reaching a critical point as standards, policy, and technology move from building the infrastructure for data exchange toward making that exchange more usable, connected, and impactful across the health care ecosystem. Maggie Gaddis of ONC will explore what comes next—including the evolving role of interoperability in clinical and administrative data exchange, TEFCA, emerging technologies, and the steps needed to turn greater connectivity into meaningful value for patients, providers, payers, and the broader health care community.

Maggie Gaddis, Director of Interoperability, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT

9:45am – 10:30am

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Networking Break

10:45am – 11:30am

CRD in Action: A Payer-Provider Perspective on Real-Time Prior Authorization

As the industry moves toward more automated prior authorization, payers and providers are beginning to put Coverage Requirements Discovery (CRD) into real-world practice. Hear directly from a payer and provider using CRD today as they share how the technology is working, how it is changing workflows, lessons learned from implementation, and what still needs to happen to deliver a more seamless prior authorization experience.

11:30am – 12:15pm

Digital Signatures in Action: Understanding the Technology Behind CMS-0053-F

As CMS-0053-F introduces new electronic signature requirements for health care claims attachments, understanding the underlying technology will be critical for organizations preparing for implementation. Robert Dieterle will provide a practical, technical look at digital signatures and the HL7 Digital Signatures and Delegation of Rights standard, including how signatures establish identity, integrity, and delegation and what organizations should consider when implementing the standard

- **Robert Dieterle, CEO EnableCare Group**

12:15pm – 1:00pm

Conference Lunch

12:30pm – 1:00pm

Lunch Session: From API to Outcome: Lessons Learned Building and Testing CMS-0057 Prior Authorization Workflows

The success of CMS-0057 depends on more than building standards-based APIs. This session brings together payer, provider, EHR, and network perspectives to explore what it takes to move electronic prior authorization (ePA) from technical compliance to operational reality.

Panelists will share lessons learned from real-world implementation and industry testing of CRD, DTR, and PAS, highlighting the challenges of workflow integration, onboarding, and organizational readiness.

Attendees will gain practical insights into how key stakeholders are collaborating to scale ePA workflows and learn why a trusted network is essential to delivering fast, accurate authorization experiences.

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Payer Lessons from the CMS-0057-F Journey

January 1, 2027, will mark a major milestone for the CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization final rule (CMS-0057-F), but reaching the compliance deadline will only be part of the journey. What is it taking for payers to move from regulatory requirements and implementation plans to operational reality, and what strategies, decisions, technical and operational challenges, and lessons learned are shaping that journey? With implementation underway, the conversation will soon shift from “Are we ready?” to “Is it working?” as industry experts explore what early success should look like, where opportunities for improvement may remain, and how payer organizations are building on their compliance investments to streamline prior authorization, improve interoperability, and create a better experience for providers and members. Attendees will leave with practical insights from peers who are making progress on the journey and a clearer view of what comes next beyond compliance.

- **Daniel Cawood, Senior Manager of Product Management, MCG**
- **Cara Wahmann, Executive Director of Clinical Oversight & Operational Support, HCSC**

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2:15pm – 2:45pm

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2:45pm – 3:15pm

Payer-to-Payer APIs: Making Patient Data Follow the Patient

As payer-to-payer interoperability moves toward implementation, the focus is shifting from whether data can be exchanged to whether that information is timely, useful, and meaningful to patients and their new health plans. This session brings together patient and payer perspectives to examine what information should follow patients when coverage changes, the practical challenges of making the exchange work, and how the industry can move beyond technical connectivity toward greater continuity of information and care.

- **Alex Kontur, Interoperability Solutions, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association**
- **Anna Hyde, Vice President of Advocacy and Access, Arthritis Foundation**
- **Michael Taylor, Senior Product Manager, Availity**

3:15pm – 3:30pm

Networking Break

3:30pm – 4:15pm

Turning Requirements to Strategy: The Planning, People and Partnerships to Consider with CMS 0053F

As organizations prepare for CMS-0053-F, what can they learn from those already working with electronic claims attachments? This cross-industry panel of payers, providers, clearinghouses, and EHR vendors will share practical lessons from their experience, including how to approach planning, workforce considerations, unique challenges, and potential challenges and areas of complexity in the regulation. The discussion is designed to provide guidance for organizations that are still working through questions—or haven't yet started preparing for implementation.

- **Beth Davis, Senior Manager, Veradigm Payerpath (Moderator)**
- **Mary Lynn Bushman, Agile Product Manager, Wellpoint Federal**
- **Jamie Mosteller, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Jopari Solutions**
- **Natalie Farrell, Senior Manager, Mayo Clinic**
- **Becky Fortek, Senior Operations Analyst**

4:15pm – 5:00pm

The Standards Shaping Health Care: What's New from NCPDP, HL7 & X12

NCPDP, HL7, and X12 play critical roles in enabling the exchange of health care information across the industry. Hear directly from these standards development organizations about their latest work, emerging standards and initiatives, and what their current and future work means for organizations navigating interoperability, administrative transactions, clinical data exchange, and the evolving digital health ecosystem

- **Viet Nguyen, MD, Chief Standards Implementation Officer, HL7**
- **Margaret Weiker, Vice President, Standards Development, NCPDP**
- **Cathy Sheppard, CEO, X12**

October 29, 2026

Conference Day 3

Hybrid, Washington DC (all sessions in Grossman Hall) and Zoom

8:00am – 8:45am

Conference Breakfast (Washington DC)

8:45am – 9:00am

WEDI Welcome

9:00am – 9:45am

TBA Presentation by the Massachusetts Health Data Consortium

9:45am – 10:30am

CMS Presentation on CMS 0053F

Details coming soon

- **Shaheen Halim, PhD, JD, Director, Division of Policy, Standards & Interoperability**

**Group, Office of Health Technology & Products
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)**

**10:30am – 10:45am
Networking Break**

10:45am – 11:30am

KALM AI: Real Policy Encoding with FHIR and CQL

See how KALM AI is revolutionizing healthcare workflows by turning narrative medical policies into computable logic. We will showcase the efficiency of "encode once, reuse everywhere." Learn how a single encoded policy—built using Smile tools and CQL produces versatile output that can simultaneously automate Prior Authorization, streamline Care Management, simplify Digital Quality reporting, and accelerate value based care initiatives without duplicating effort.

- **David Chisholm, VP, Payer Solutions, Smile Digital Health**
- **Rob Reynolds, VP, Clinical Intelligence, Smile Digital Health**
- **Cara Wahmann, Executive Director, Clinical Oversight and Operational Support, Health Care Service Corporation (HCSC)**

11:30am – 12:00pm

What We Learned About Provider Directories: Insights from WEDI's QHP Directory MPA

This session will recap key findings from WEDI's recent Member Position Advisory (MPA) event on the CMS Qualified Health Plan (QHP) Directory Pilot underway in Oklahoma. The MPA was convened at the request of CMS to gather broad, industry-wide input on the functionality of provider directories, specifically data accuracy, data exchange, consumer value, user experience, provider burden, and scalability. Participants in the MPA shared their experiences with provider directories for consideration by CMS for future national initiatives. The MPA report is available to the public on the WEDI website.

- **Nancy Spector, WEDI**