



EVENT AGENDA
SUBJECT TO CHANGE, EASTERN TIMES

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 _____ 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.

10:30am – 11:15am

Open

11:15am – 11:30am

Break

11:30am – 12:15pm

From Threats to Trust: An Industry Perspective on Health Care Security

Following the FBI's perspective on the evolving cyber threat landscape and a firsthand look at lessons learned from a health care cyberattack, industry leaders will discuss what these developments mean for the health care ecosystem. The panel will explore the privacy, security, cybersecurity, and trust priorities organizations should be focused on today—and where the industry needs to go next.

- **Lesley Berkeyheiser, WEDI Privacy & Security Workgroup Co-Chair, Assessor, DirectTrust**
- **Thanh-Thien Nguyen, WEDI Privacy & Security Workgroup Co-Chair**

12:15pm – 1:00pm

Beyond Connectivity: Building Trust in the Health Data Ecosystem

We have made tremendous progress connecting the health care 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 organizations need to do to make trusted data exchange a reality.

- **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.

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

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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.

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

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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

From Policy to Practice: An Industry Perspective on Privacy, Security & Trust

Following OCR Director Stannard's remarks, a cross-industry panel of payers, providers, clearinghouses, and technology leaders will share their perspectives on the evolving privacy, security, and cybersecurity landscape. Panelists will discuss how they are preparing for emerging threats and regulatory expectations, the challenges they are encountering, and practical lessons and recommendations for building a more secure and trusted health care ecosystem.

- **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, CISO and Sr Director of Security & Compliance, CRISP Shared Services**

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

9:45am – 10:30am
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10:30am – 10:45am
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

1:00pm – 1:30pm
TBA Tech Showcase Sponsored by 
The Healthcare Infrastructure Company™

1:30pm – 2:15pm
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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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.

3:15pm – 3:30pm

Networking Break

3:30pm – 4:15pm

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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**

Conference Day 3

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Conference Breakfast (Washington DC)

8:45am – 9:00am

WEDI Welcome

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TBA

9:45am – 10:30am

TBA Presentation by the Massachusetts Health Data Consortium

10:30am – 10:45am

Networking Break

10:45am – 11:30am

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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**