



CONFERENCE AGENDA

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Monday, May 13, 2024

WEDI Workgroup Meetings

9:00am – 12:00pm eastern

WEDI welcomes member and non-member conference participants access to our workgroup meetings, the life blood of WEDI. Workgroups provide thoughtful leadership and common-sense approaches that enhance the exchange of clinical and administrative healthcare information. They collect input, exchange ideas, and make recommendations that inspire impactful and far-reaching change in our industry. Workgroups will be scheduling their meetings for May 13 from 9am- 12pm eastern.

9:00am – 10:00am eastern

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10:00am – 11:00am eastern

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11:00am – 12:00pm eastern

Remittance Advice & Payment Workgroup

Education Spotlight: Interoperability Updates from the Sequoia Project

12:30pm – 2:30pm eastern

Sequoia Project is an independent, trusted advocate for nationwide health information exchange. Sequoia, through its initiatives, and its engagement with government and industry, are experts who can identify the barriers to interoperability and pioneer processes to make health information exchange work on a national level.

Tune in to hear from Payers, Providers, and QHINs participating in Sequoia Project interoperability initiatives. Learn about the work underway to help payers comply with CMS rules, what's new with QHINS, and how a new nationwide data usability movement will improve health data quality.

- Overview of Sequoia
- Interoperability Matters: Payer-to-Payer API Workgroup
- QHINs and Payers Panel
- Data Usability: Data Usability Taking Root Movement and Payers

WEDI and Sequoia invite you to participate in Sequoia's Payer Survey during the conference. The 5-minute survey, available on the Whoava Community Page (a link will also be emailed to all conference attendees), is designed to help payers gauge their CMS compliance readiness and inform development of a community of practice and technical assistance. The survey is completely anonymous and only aggregate data will be shared.

Education Spotlight: Privacy and Security Education Block

2:45pm – 5:00pm eastern

Lesson Learned from a Ransomware Incident

The healthcare sector is increasingly funding itself in the crosshairs of cybercriminals, with ransomware attacks having almost doubled in the last year. Attacks disrupt the delivery of health care, with common disruptions including electronic systems, scheduled care, pharmaceutical workflow and ambulance diversion to name a few. We welcome healthcare stakeholders who have experienced a ransomware attack to understand what happened, the actions that took place immediately afterwards and what lessons can be passed along to the industry in hopes to avoid future incidents.

- Matthew Otwell, CISO, Maryland Department of Health
- Rebecca Freeman, Chief Nursing Information Officer, University of Vermont Health Network
- Nathan Couture, Network AVP Information Security and CISO, University of Vermont Health Network

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Keynote Speaker: Aneesh Chopra, Co-Founder and President, CareJourney

Taking a pulse of the industry. With the latest in regulations emerging promoting an increase in interoperability and access, along with emerging technology and trends in health IT, we welcome Aneesh's insight on the industry; the benefits, the challenges and what is on the horizon.

CAQH Index Report

The CAQH Index is the industry source for tracking health plan and provider adoption of fully electronic administrative transactions and the opportunity for future savings. We welcome Kristine Burnaska, Research and Measurement with CAQH to our spring conference to offer additional insight on the 2023 report.

CMS Interoperability and PA Updates and Discussion

WEDI welcomes Alexandra Mugge, Chief Health Informatics Officer and Director at Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to offer news and updates on the Interoperability and PA Rule and will field questions from conference attendees.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

WEDI Welcomes ONC's Steven Posnack

Steven Posnack serves as the Deputy National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. In this role, he advises the national coordinator, leads the execution of ONC's mission, and represents ONC's interests at a national and international level. In conjunction with the national coordinator, Steve oversees ONC's federal coordination, regulatory policy, public-private initiatives, and the overall implementation of statutory authorities and requirements, such as those from the 21st Century Cures Act and HITECH Act.

CDex Implementation Updates and Insight

Providence became the first major health system to implement Clinical Data Exchange (CDex) standards. Semira Singh and Michael Westover from Providence will discuss not only their implementation experiences, but also the benefits of using CDex, including decision making, reduced burden, improved patient outcomes and enhanced quality of care to patients.

Industry Collaboration to Improve Provider Data Quality

CAQH is driving a collaborative effort with health plans from across the country to support providers, improve data quality, and reduce abrasion through collective action. CAQH and a panel of health plans will join us to discuss the root causes and share insights and next steps in solving the challenge of data quality.

Best Practices for ERA and EFT Enrollments

The Remittance Advice and Payment sub workgroup has refreshed a previously published paper discussing best practices for ERA and EFT Enrollments, incorporating information gathered by The Cooperative Exchange on the topic. This session, hosted by Pam Grosze (PNC Bank) and Pat Wijtyk (Cognizant), the co-chairs for WEDI's Remittance Advice & Payment Workgroup, will provide an overview of enrollment processes for ERA and EFT, and will review challenges and best practices for providers, payers, and clearinghouses. Simplifying the enrollment process through these best practices should facilitate an increase in the utilization of the EFT and ERA transactions and reduce administrative costs for all stakeholders.

The Future of the 270/271: 8030 Enhancements Session, Donna Campbell, HCSC, Co-Chair, WEDI Eligibility & Benefits Sub workgroup

Are you interested in a high-level review of the changes introduced in the newly published (yet not mandated for use) Health Care Eligibility & Benefit Inquiry & Response transaction set? This session will review the general business capabilities introduced in the latest X12 published Technical Report Type 3 version (8040) that will help health care payers and providers address business challenges they face today. Those challenges we face today could possibly result in costly phone calls. When it's time, implementing these changes could help curb those costs!

Thursday, May 16, 2024

CARIN Alliance Session: APIs, Apps, and AI : A Futuristic Look at Interoperability Over the Next 10 Years

The trifecta of application programming interfaces (APIs), artificial intelligence (AI), and consumer and provider applications have the potential to significantly move the needle to improve interoperability and innovation. While we've spent the last 15 years digitizing health care data, the next 10-15 years will be spent making the data actionable using APIs and third-party applications coupled with personalized insights powered by artificial intelligence. Come learn how the policy work ONC and CMS are doing, coupled with private sector initiatives like the CARIN Alliance and other FHIR accelerators, make this the most exciting time in the history of digital health.

Standards Development and Operating Rules Organization Updates

WEDI invites conference attendees to attend this important spotlight as SDOs (Standard Development Organizations) and Operating Rules Entities offer updates on their activities and address any questions from the audience. Learn more about these organizations; their activities, workgroups, products, and how to participate. Be an agent of change for the healthcare industry and work with these great organizations.

Participants:

- Charles Jaffee, MD, PhD, CEO, HL7
- Cathy Sheppard, CEO, X12
- Robert Bowman, Principal, Interoperability and Standards, CAQH CORE
- Margaret Weiker, VP of Standards Development, NCPDP

Discussing Healthcare's Cybersecurity Landscape

NIST SP 800-66 Rev 2, Implementing the HIPAA Security Rule, focuses on safeguarding electronic protected health information (ePHI) held or maintained by regulated entities. Our panel of privacy and security SMEs will not only discuss the guidance and resources connected to the rule but will also expand the discussion to look at the ever-evolving concerns surrounding healthcare data security.

- Jeff Marron, IT Specialist, NIST
- Lesley Berkeyheiser, Assessor, DirectTrust, WEDI Privacy & Security Workgroup Co-Chair
- Thanh-Thien Nguyen, Executive Director, Health IT Strategy & Policy, Kaiser Permanente
- Bezawit Sumner, Chief Information Security Officer, Senior Director of Security and Compliance, CRISP Shared Services

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