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**Wednesday, May 14, 2025, WEDI Spring Pre-Conference**

**TBA Session on the CARIN Alliance Digital Health Insurance Card Project**

**12:00pm – 12:45pm**

Description Coming Soon

**Mark Roberts, Director, Leavitt Partners**

**Inside WEDI: Exploring Workgroups (open to the health care industry)**

**1:00PM - 2:30PM**

Before attending the workgroup meetings (May 19) and the conference (May 20-22) learn about WEDI's workgroups from each group's co-chairs. Learn about their work products, leadership, and common-sense approaches that enhance the exchange of clinical and administrative health care information.

**HIPAA Exception Pilot Proves Significant Improvement: How Using FHIR APIs Streamlines Prior Authorization (recorded)**

**2:45pm – 3:30pm**

After inquiries and feedback from membership, the HL7 Da Vinci Project requested and received approval in 2021 for an exception to HIPAA requirements for Da Vinci payers and their trading partners when using the FHIR standard for prior authorization, allowing members to test new versions of standards to prove out the ability of the HL7 FHIR® standard for Prior Authorization (PA) to improve efficiency and further achieve administrative simplification as envisioned by the HIPAA regulations. Through the exception testing, Da Vinci

was able to demonstrate that the HL7 FHIR-based standards for PA significantly improved the prior authorization process in comparison to the existing standard. Presenters will share the lessons learned and significant outcomes of the testing, including how using FHIR APIs enabled the organizations to achieve an improvement of 140% or more in the time it took to complete individual point-to-point transactions.

- **Heidi Kriz, Director of Medical Policy and Medical Management, Regence**
- **Anna Taylor, Associate Vice President, Population Health & Value Based Care, MultiCare Connected Care**

***Live Q&A hosted by Anna Taylor of MultiCare following the recorded presentation***

### **Monday, May 19, 2025 WEDI Workgroup Meetings (open to the health care industry)**

#### **10:00AM – 3:00PM**

Every day, WEDI members volunteer their time and talent to workgroups and task groups. They collect input, exchange ideas, and make recommendations that inspire impactful and far-reaching changes in our industry.

Meetings Scheduled (more to be scheduled):

- 10:00AM – 11:00AM, Provider Information Workgroup
- 11:00AM – 12:00PM, Remittance Advice & Payment Workgroup
- 12:00PM – 1:00PM, Privacy and Security Workgroup
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm, Claims Workgroup
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm, Dental Workgroup
- 2:00PM – 3:00PM, Genomics Workgroup
- 2:30pm – 3:00pm, Claim Status Workgroup

### **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

10:00am – 10:15am, *WEDI Welcome*

10:15am – 10:45am, *Defining the Values, Purpose, and Practices of AI to Ensure They Help, Not Harm*

**Brian Anderson, MD**, CEO, Coalition for Health AI (CHAI)

10:45am – 11:15am, *TBA Panel Session Presented by Civitas Networks for Health*




Moderator, **Jolie Ritzo**, Interim CEO, Civitas Networks for Health

11:15am – 12:00pm, *Kill the Clipboard! A Federal Policy and Industry Roadmap to Accelerate Innovation and Cut Administrative Waste (Recorded)*, **Ryan Howells**, Principal, Leavitt Partners.

***Live Q&A hosted by David Lee and Mark Roberts of Leavitt Partners following the recorded presentation***

12:00pm – 12:30pm, CONFERENCE BREAK

	<u>Cyber Resilience in Health IT: Protecting Data, Systems, and Patient Trust</u>	<u>State-Led Innovation: Advancing Health IT and Data Exchange for Better Care</u>
12:30pm – 1:15pm	<i>The Cyber Resilience Playbook: Strengthening Health IT Against Attacks</i>  <b>Lisa Bisterfeldt</b> , Program Manager, Cyber Resiliency, St Luke's Health System  <b>Sola Adesida</b> , Executive Director, Enterprise IT Resiliency, Kaiser Permanente	<i>Designing a Better System of Health Information Exchange</i>  <b>John Ohanian</b> , Director of the Center of Data Insight and Innovation, State of California Health and Human Services

1:15pm – 2:00pm	<i>AI Powered Cybersecurity: Leveraging Machine Learning to Detect and Prevent Threats</i>  <b>Rick Doten</b> , VP, Information Security, Centene Corporation, CISO, Caroline Complete Health	<i>Leveraging Data to Aid Communities and Create a More Efficient, Secure Experience</i>  <b>Kathryn Decker</b> , Director of Clinical Informatics, My Health Access Network
2:00pm – 2:15pm	CONFERENCE BREAK	
2:15pm – 3:00pm	<i>TBA Session Sponsored by</i>  	<i>Collaboration and Partnership: Providing a Pathway to the Future of Clinical and Administrative Data Exchange</i>  <b>Denny Brennan</b> , Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Data Consortium
3:00pm – 3:45pm	<i>Cyber Resilience in Health Care – Federal Perspective from CISA</i>  <b>Charles Sweat Jr. MD</b> , Healthcare and Public Health Sector Liaison, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)  <b>Charlee Hess</b> , Director Cybersecurity Division, Critical Infrastructure Protection, US Department of HHS	<i>How the National Data Infrastructure will assist with the new CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization Legislation</i>  <b>Laura McCrary, EdD</b> , CEO and President, Konza
3:45pm – 4:30pm	<i>Redefining Clinical Authorization Through Interoperability and Automation</i>  <b>Danny Cawood</b> , Sr. Manager of Product Management, MCG Health  <i>Sponsored by</i> 	<i>Informing Policy and Practice Through Data and Collaboration in Minnesota</i>  <b>Alanna Chamberlain</b> , Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Mayo Clinic (Minnesota EHR Consortium)  <b>Tyler Winkelman</b> , Health Services Researcher, Hennepin County Medical Center (Minnesota EHR Consortium)
4:30pm – 5:00pm	<i>TBA Session Sponsored by</i> 	

### **Wednesday, May 21, 2025**

9:50am – 10:00am, *WEDI Welcome*

10:00am – 10:45am, *Leading with Impact: Strategies for Women to Thrive in Health IT Leadership*

- **Sarah Ahmad**, CEO, CAQH
- **Shweta Maniar**, Global Director, Healthcare & Life Sciences, Google
- **Hannah Galvin, MD**, Chief Health Information Officer, Cambridge Health Alliance
- Moderated by **Grace Vinton**, Host HITea with Grace Podcast

10:45am – 11:45am, *Standard Development Organization (SDO) Panel*

- **Robert Bowman**, Principal, Interoperability and Standards, CAQH
- **Margaret Weiker**, Vice President of Standards Development, NCPDP
- **Charles Jaffe, MD, PhD**, Chief Executive Officer, HL7
- **Cathy Sheppard**, CEO, X12

11:45am – 12:30pm, *CONFERENCE BREAK*

	<i>AI in Healthcare IT: Navigating Innovation, Impact, and Implementation Track</i>	
12:30pm – 1:15pm	<p>Understanding the Power, Potential, and Responsibility of Artificial Intelligence</p> <p><b>Rebecca Mishuris, MD</b>, Chief Medical Information Officer and VP, Mass General Brigham</p>	<p><i>From Silos to Solutions: The Mass Collaborative's Path to Administrative Simplification</i></p> <p><b>Karen Granoff</b>, Senior Director, Managed Care, Massachusetts Health Hospital Association</p> <p><b>Yael Miller</b>, Executive Director-Practice Solutions and Strategies, Massachusetts Medical Society</p> <p><b>Mike Katzman</b>, Director of Government Affairs, BCBS Massachusetts</p> <p><b>Liz Leahy</b>, SVP of Advocacy and Engagement &amp; Chief of Staff, Massachusetts Association of Health Plans</p> <p><b>Melissa Speck</b>, Senior Director of Public Affairs, CAQH</p>
1:15pm – 2:00pm	<p><i>Smarter ER Decision-Making: How Generative AI is Transforming Hospital Admissions</i></p> <p><b>Eyal Klang, MD</b>, Director of Generative AI Research Program, Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai</p> <p><b>Donald Apakama, MD</b>, Emergency Department Physician, Assistant Professor, Artificial Intelligence and Human Health, Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai</p>	<p><i>(Cyber Resilience Track) Panel: Building a Cyber Resilient Health System. Strategies for Threat Detection &amp; Response</i></p> <p><b>Rajan Odayar</b>, EVP, Digital Information &amp; Cyber Security Officer, Waystar</p> <p><b>Erik Decker</b>, VP, Chief Information Security Officer, Intermountain Health</p> <p>More panelists TBA</p>
2:00pm – 2:15pm	CONFERENCE BREAK	
2:15pm – 3:00pm	<i>Using AI to Reduce the Burden of Prior Authorization</i>	<i>(Transforming PA Track) CAQH Index Report 2024: Presentation and Industry Reaction Panel</i>

	<b>TBA</b> , Duke Institute for Health Innovation	<b>Erin Richter Weber</b> , Chief Policy and Research Officer, CAQH  Panel TBA
3:00pm – 3:45pm	<i>TBA Session</i> <b>Patrick Murta</b> , Vice President, Information Technology, Centene	<i>TBA</i>
3:45pm – 4:45pm	<i>Leveraging Intermediaries to Advance Interoperability with FHIR</i> Panelist TBA	

### **Thursday, May 22, 2025**

10:00am – 10:45, *Leading, Mentoring & Thriving in Health IT. Women of WEDI Panel*

Merri- Lee Stine, Senior Manager, Project Management, Aetna, a CVS Health Company (Moderator, WEDI Board Chair)

- **Pam Grosze**, Vice President, Senior Product Manager, PNC Bank
- **Andrea Preisler**, Senior Associate Director, Administrative Simplification Policy, American Hospital Association
- **Gail Kocher**, Director, National Standards, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association
- **Danielle Lloyd**, Senior Vice President, Private Market Innovations & Quality Initiatives, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)
- **Rebekah Fiehn**, Director, Dental Benefits, Coding, and Data Exchange, American Dental Association

10:45am – 11:30am, (State-Led Innovation track) *The Evolution of Health Data Utilities to Meet State Needs*

- **John Kansky**, President and CEO, Indiana Health Information Exchange (IHIE)
- **Melissa Kotrys**, Chief Executive Officer, Contexture (Colorado and Arizona)
- **Erica Galvez**, Chief Executive Officer, Manifest MedEx (California)

11:30am – 12:15pm, (PA Track) *Panel: Addressing Findings from WEDI's Prior Authorization Survey*,

- **Michael Lunzer**, Founder and CEO, Itiliti Health
- **Danny Cawood**, Sr. Manager of Product Management, MCG Health
- **Steven Berkow**, Senior Advisor, Value-Based Markets, InterSystems
- **TBA**, Edifecs

12:15pm – 12:45pm, Results and Reaction, WEDI's May 15 Member Position Advisory on the CMS Deregulation RFI