



Day 1: Prior Authorization Early Adopters

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Agenda Subject to Change. All times are Central Daylight Time

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| 8:30am – 9:30am | Forum Breakfast, Networking |
| 9:15am – 9:30am | WEDI Welcome |
| 9:30am – 10:15am | Prior Authorization Requirements, Documentation and Decision (PARDD) FHIR API Early Adopters Session Kirk Anderson , Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Cambia Health Solutions |
| 10:15am – 11:00am | PARDD Small Group Discussion and Report-Out |
| 11:15am – 11:45am | TBA Tech Showcase Presented by edifecs |
| 11:30am – 12:15pm | Forum Luncheon |
| 12:15pm – 12:45pm | Real-Time Coverage Requirements Discovery (CRD) Between a Payer and Provider Denny Brennan , Executive Director and CEO, Massachusetts Health Data Consortium David Delano , Senior Director of Services, Massachusetts Health Data Consortium |

MHDC / NEHEN conducted a prototype electronic automated prior authorization DaVinci compliant CRD (Coverage Requirements Discovery) implementation project with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA) and new England Baptist Hospital (NEBH) to evaluate the feasibility of this solution in a production capacity. The name of the solution was the ‘Fast Pass’ Pathways prior authorization

workflow. The solution involved the extraction of structured X12 278 (referral) data and unstructured (notes) data from the participating provider EHR systems which then fed into a set of guidelines / recommendations that the system would determine from the data extracted to recommend an authorization, pend or denial from the payer regarding a requested service. The prototype project aimed to enhance that existing set of technologies with a FHIR API capability compliant with the DaVinci implementation guides (IGs) and to evaluate the efficacy of that approach.


12:45pm – 1:30pm

Small Group Discussion
How  Can Assist Implementation Efforts

1:30pm – 2:00pm

Afternoon Forum Break and Networking

2:00pm – 2:45pm

Answer to Prior Authorization Burden Reduction: Regulation vs. Automation. Presented by 
Rajesh “Raj” Godavarthi, Associate Vice President of Technology and Interoperability, MCG Health, part of the Heart Health Network

The session will provide market analysis of the current state of the prior auth burden reduction efforts. The topic of prior authorization regulation and automation is ubiquitous, as it seems to be mentioned or discussed on a daily basis. In addition to CMS proposed rule (PARDD API and FHIR), many states have enacted legislation or regulations related to prior authorization. here has been a flurry of companies that promise to revolutionize the prior authorization process using technology, particularly machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI). These companies seek to address the significant inefficiencies and pain points associated with the current manual prior authorization process by automating many of the tasks involved, such as verifying patient eligibility, identifying, and submitting prior authorization requests, and tracking the status of requests.

3:00pm – 3:45pm

Setting up a FHIR Server, Early Adopters Session
Arpit Parikh, Enterprise Architect, Health Care Service Corporation
Durwin Day, Health Information Manager, Health Care Service Corporation
Tony Benson, Manager, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama

With the recent final and proposed regulations addressing interoperability and prior authorization, understanding the challenges of setting up a successful FHIR server is critical. This session focuses on lessons learned from the technical and business perspectives.

3:30pm – 4:15pm

TBA Educational Session Presented by  **InterSystems**
Creative data technology

4:15pm – 4:45pm

Small Group Discussion: “A Matter of Trust”

4:45pm – 5:00pm

Group Report Out and Closing Comments

Day 2: Solicited Attachments Early Adopters

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8:00am – 8:45am

Forum Breakfast, Welcome and Networking

8:45am – 9:15am

275 (and 277 RFAI) Early Adopters Session

Mary Lynn Bushman, Agile Product Manager, National Government Services

9:15am – 10:00am

275 (and 277 RFAI) Small Group Discussion and Report-Out

10:00am – 10:15am

Mid-Morning Networking Break

10:15am – 11:00am

TBA Sponsored Educational Session Presented by **edifecs**

11:00am – 11:30am

Clinical Data Exchange (CDEX) Early Adopters

11:45am – 12:15pm

X12 Proof of Concept Updates

Tara Rose, Capability Manager, OptumInsight

X12's Proof of Concept (POC) Program was created to verify the expected business benefits of these new versions and transactions are achievable, identify unforeseen obstacles and adjust accordingly, and establish baseline of expected implementation cost. Learn about Optum's participation and their execution.

12:15pm – 12:45pm

Forum Luncheon

12:45pm – 1:30pm

Small Group Discussion: Hybrid Solutions and Implementation Guide Challenges

1:30pm – 2:00pm

Report-Out, Closing Remarks

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