21st Century Cures Act
MEDITECH Updates & Industry Resources

February 04, 2021 - In the fall of 2020, MEDITECH provided an overview of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)'s 21st Century Cures Act: Interoperability, Information Blocking, and the ONC Health IT Certification Program Final Rule. Outlined below is an update on MEDITECH's plans relating to the 21st Century Cures Act, as well as resources to help your organization prepare for information blocking requirements effective **April 5, 2021**.

MEDITECH & USCDI v1

The following are methods of electronically sharing EHI using MEDITECH functionality: MEDITECH's 2015 Edition Continuity of Care Document (CCD), FHIR API, Patient Portal, Echart/ROI. For a complete list of all USCDI v1 data elements and the methods in which they can currently be shared, please refer to the USCDI v1 Crosswalk (Acute) and the USCDI v1 Crosswalk Ambulatory/MPM (Ambulatory Expanse & 6.15, MPM 6.08, MPM C/S, MPM MG) Additional guidance outlining setup & workflow are found in the MEDITECH Resources section below.

USCDI v1 on the CCD: Update on Code Changes

The US Core Data for Interoperability Version 1 (USCDI v1) introduces several new data elements that are not currently included on the 2015 Edition CCD. MEDITECH code changes to include these new USCDI v1 data elements on the CCD will be available in Q2 of 2021. Delivery tasks will be opened to begin deployment of the USCDI v1 changes. Our goals are to deploy these changes via a bundle, and to not require a priority pack update. However, based on the code changes involved, this is still under evaluation.*

A summary of the USCDI v1 changes, testing scripts, and release highlights will be provided when code is delivered to assist your organization with the testing process. Changes to include these data elements in R4 FHIR API will be complete later in Q2. It's expected that a new API package update will need to be delivered.

System & Hardware Considerations

Including the new USCDI v1 data elements in your organizations CDA documents and FHIR APIs will result in an incremental increase to space consumed by the CDA documents, Clinical Data File (CDF), and a new Clinical Note File (CNF). A hardware evaluation will be completed for your organization to determine if existing free space provides capacity for at least 12 months worth of data at the increased size. At this time, we do not anticipate significant storage requirements for this data.

MAGIC Customers: Please note that a MAGIC OS Update will be required to test these changes. Depending on your current OS version, a Windows update may also be required. An OS task has been opened to initiate this update.

Organizations who have not previously adopted the 2015 Edition CCD may require an update and/or implementation of REST/IOPS Infrastructure in order to implement the CCD interface.

Note: This information is based on what we know today and is subject to change.

Industry Resources

Disclaimer: The intention of the information provided below is educational, and is not, and shall not be considered in any way a substitute for the professional skill and judgment of your organization's staff and employees. The views expressed by external industry stakeholders are not necessarily the views of MEDITECH, and shall not be considered a representation of MEDITECH.

Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology (ONC)

- [Pssst…Information blocking practices, your days are numbered…Pass it on.](#)
- [To share or not to share, what's an exception (to information blocking)?](#)
- [Information Blocking FAQs](#)
- [ONC's Cures Act Final Rule](#)
- [New Applicability Dates included in ONC Interim Final Rule](#)
- [Health Care Provider Definition and Cross-Reference Table](#)

College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)

- [Interoperability Cheat Sheets - Information Blocking Exceptions Toolkit](#)
- [CHIME/APA/ONC Mental Health and Information Blocking Webinar](#)
- [21st Century Cures Act: Interoperability, Information Blocking, and the ONC Health IT Certification Final Rule Summary of Information Blocking and Eight Exceptions](#)
- [Key ONC Interoperability and Information Blocking Timelines](#)

The Sequoia Project

- [Information Blocking Compliance Resource Center](#)

Upcoming Webinars

- [2/23 Webinar: Tackling the Operational and Cultural Challenges of the Information Blocking Rule](#)
- [2/4 ONC Information Blocking FAQ Webinar](#)
- [3/31 Interoperability: Going Beyond Compliance](#)

MEDITECH Resources

MEDITECH customers can reference the following resources from MEDITECH for more information on the final rule and what they need to know:

- [MEDITECH 21st Century Cures Act Homepage](#)
- [MEDITECH USCDI v1 Cures Communication](#)
- [21st Century Cures Act Bulletin Board](#)
- ONC Cures Act: USCDI v1 Workflow and Setup (Acute)
  - [Expanse](#), [6.15](#), [6.08](#), [C/S](#), [MAGIC](#)

Questions

Please contact the [Regulatory Mailbox](#).

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