

EHEALTH EXCHANGE INTERIM VALIDATION PLAN

Introduction:

- The current version of the Validation Plan is no longer valid in light of the transition and is being updated to reflect the new testing program.
- The timeframes for piloting and launching the new testing program are being extended to allow for appropriate due-diligence to appropriately validate the test cases used in the new program.
- Per Section 1(uu) of the DURSA, "**Validation Plan** shall mean the framework for Testing and demonstrations for parties seeking to become Participants. The Validation Plan is attached hereto as Attachment 2, and as amended from time to time in accordance with Sections 10.02 and 10.03."

Proposal Approved by the CC on 1/15/13

- An interim testing process should be established via an Interim Validation Plan, subject to Coordinating Committee approval and the change process described in DURSA Sections 10.02 and 10.03.
 - Applicants who use Qualified Technology Solutions are given credit for prior testing, limiting the amount of testing needed for new applicants which come forward to join the eHealth Exchange.
 - The CC may accept another testing process (e.g. another Participant's partner testing process) which validates a Participant's ability to comply and interoperate with the Performance and Service Specifications.

Proposed Interim Validation Plan

Purpose

An Interim Validation Plan is being established to enable Applicants with Qualified Technology Solutions to complete testing using an approved testing process, "Interim Testing Process."

This Interim Validation Plan is intended to be in effect for a limited period of time (e.g. 3-6 months) and will be replaced by a Validation Plan that describes the new testing process supported by the eHealth Exchange compliance testing body, the Certification Committee for Health Information Technology (CCHIT).

Interim Testing Process

An Interim Testing Process shall mean a process approved by the Coordinating Committee that supports testing and onboarding for the eHealth Exchange and that meets the following criteria:

- Such process has been used or is currently used to validate compliance or interoperability for the eHealth Exchange, in accordance with the Performance and Service Specifications.
- Adequately demonstrates the use cases which will be supported by the Participants in production.

- Has a documented test plan to support the testing process that adequately demonstrates the use case(s) supported by Participants in production.

Applicants / Participants

- Only Applicants or Participants who use Qualified Technology Solutions may utilize an Interim Testing Process.
- Any Applicants or Participants who come forward for testing under the Interim Validation Plan must use the “Approved Configuration” of a Qualified Technology Solution as described below.
- Applicants who successfully complete testing under an approved Interim Testing Process and who are approved as Participants by the Coordinating Committee may join the eHealth Exchange, with the following conditions:
 - Such Applicants test under the new program, once available; and
 - Such Applicants must agree to post-production monitoring, where such Applicant promptly addresses issues of non-compliance with the Performance and Service Specifications as determined by the Coordinating Committee.

Qualified Technology Solutions

Qualified Technology Solutions are technology solutions that meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

- Must have a minimum of 2 production Participants in the eHealth Exchange using the same configuration and version of a system that was previously validated system for the eHealth Exchange (“Approved Configuration”).
 - Those production Participants may not have any outstanding technical issues which impede their ability to exchange information with other eHealth Exchange participants.
- When set to the “Approved Configuration”, the system has a history of demonstrating reproduceable compliance with the Performance and Service Specifications as previously validated under the prior testing program, as well as applicable partner testing (e.g. for content, patient matching, security, services, etc.).
 - In addition, the system has a demonstrated history of having a declining number of issues discovered each time the system went a representative testing process.