AIRA Town Hall on ONC 2016 Interoperability Standards Advisory

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Goals for Today's Call

- Share information about AIRA's current compiled draft comments on the ONC 2016 Interoperability Standards Advisory

- Poll the community on which comments have general consensus, and which need further discussion

- Discuss and approach a consensus response for submission to ONC and others.

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ONC 2016 Interoperability Standards Advisory

- "The model by which ONC will coordinate the identification, assessment and determination of the "best available" interoperability standards and implementation specifications for industry use to fulfill specific clinical health IT interoperability needs."

- The full document can be found at: https://www.healthit.gov/standards-advisory/2016

- Comments Due: 5pm ET, Friday, November 6th, 2015

Process for Collecting Community Comments

- The ONC 2016 Interoperability Standards Advisory was released and shared with AIRA membership on October 6, 2015

- Solicited member comments up through October 21st, 2015

  - *Thank you to the AIRA members who submitted comments!*

- Holding All-Member Town Hall to share and discuss comments today

Approach for Today's Call

- Provide brief overview of comments planned for submission with limited discussion

- Conduct polls to gather community agreement

- Circle back on comments in need of further discussion

- Next Step: Update (as needed) and share written comments for integration as desired into members' organizations comments

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Standards Advisory, Section 1-D

- The Advisory cites the OMB standards (900+ codes) for race and ethnicity data, but notes that high-level race/ethnicity categories may be suitable for statistical or epidemiological purposes.

- AIRA asks that IIS be called out and identified under this bullet point within Limitations, Dependencies, and Preconditions for Consideration section (i.e., specifying that IIS [or systems such as IIS] can use the abridged code set).

Poll #1:
- ❏ Yes
- ❏ No
- ❏ Needs Discussion

Standards Advisory, Section 1-H

- The advisory cites CVX as a standard code set for administered immunizations.

- AIRA is recommending that if CVX is listed as a code set for administered immunizations, MVX should be listed as well (as it was for historical immunizations).

Poll #2:
- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No
- ❑ Needs Discussion

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Standards Advisory, Section 1-H

- The advisory states in a bullet point that a) NDCs do not contain sufficient information to be used to document administered immunizations across organizations, and under the adoption column, states that b) NDCs are at the highest level (81-100%) for adoption.

- AIRA is recommending that a) the confusing bullet point regarding insufficient information be removed, and b) that adoption of NDCs would be more appropriately listed at the lower end of the scale.

Poll #3:
❑ Yes
❑ No
❑ Needs Discussion

Standards Advisory, Section 2-K

- The advisory states that the HL7 2.5.1 Implementation Guide, Release 1.5 is listed as "pilot", rather than "production", that the adoption level is at the lowest level (0-20%), and that it is unregulated.

- AIRA is recommending that a) the release 1.5 guide and addendum be listed in production, b) it be listed at 60-80% adoption, and c) it be listed as regulated now that Meaningful Use Stage 3 rules that reference it are published.

Poll #4:
- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No
- ❑ Needs Discussion

Standards Advisory, Section 3-A

- The advisory does not list SOAP/Web Services or the CDC WSDL as specifications under the section referencing "An unsolicited "push" of clinical health information to a known destination".

- AIRA is recommending that SOAP/Web Services and the CDC WSDL be referenced as the recognized transport specification for EHR-IIS Messaging.

Poll #5:
❏ Yes
❏ No
❏ Needs Discussion

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Standards Advisory, Section 3-F

- The advisory does not list the HL7 Version 2.5.1: Implementation Guide, Release 1.5 and Addendum under the query section for "Data element based query for clinical health information."

- AIRA is recommending that the HL7 Version 2.5.1: Implementation Guide, Release 1.5 and Addendum be listed under this section.

Poll #6:
- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No
- ❑ Needs Discussion

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Standards Advisory, Responses to Questions

- Question 4.1: Please provide feedback on whether revision from "purpose" to "interoperability need" provides the additional requested context and suggestions for how to continue to improve this portion.

- AIRA believes that "interoperability needs" is a more clear way to convey the context of standards than "purpose."

Poll #7:
- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No
- ❑ Needs Discussion

Standards Advisory, Responses to Questions

- Question 4.2: For each standard and implementation specification there are six assessment characteristics. Please review the information provided in each of these tables and check for accuracy. Also, please help complete any missing or "unknown" information.

- It is unclear how the adoption level metric is calculated. More explanation on how this measure is created with an explanation on how frequently it is updated will be necessary to prove value in iterative releases of the standards advisory.

Poll #8:
- ❏ Yes
- ❏ No
- ❏ Needs Discussion

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Standards Advisory, Responses to Questions

- Question 4.4: For each interoperability need, there is a table beneath the standards and implementation specifications that includes limitations, dependencies, and preconditions. Please review populated sections and provide feedback as to the usefulness of this approach and any specific information you know for a specific interoperability need.

- Providing the condition to confirm with public health jurisdictions under the "limitations, dependencies, and preconditions" heading for public health reporting is a necessary footnote to help remind implementers of that need.

Poll #9:
- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No
- ❑ Needs Discussion

Open Conversation on Comments Needing Further Discussion

Next Steps

- AIRA will finalize comments, with the goal of sharing with AIRA membership by November 4th for integration into members' organizations comments

- Final comments will also be shared and discussed with partner organizations

Thank You!
Please Contact Us with Questions or Comments

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