

Sneak Peek of the Next National Implementation Guide Release

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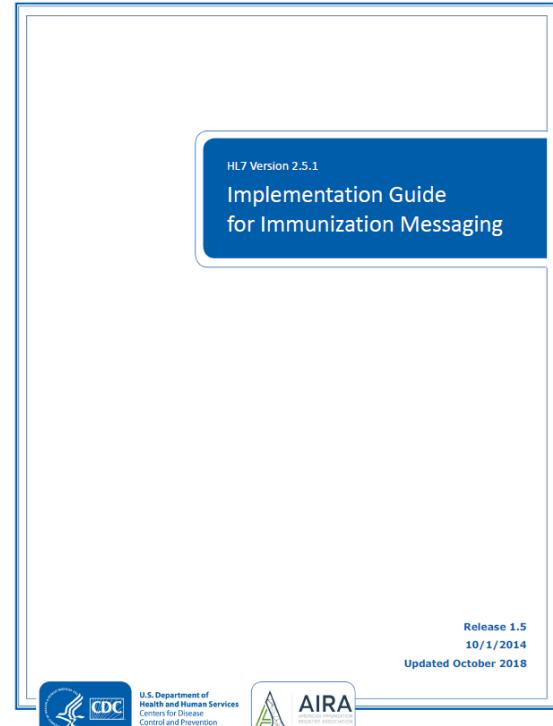
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Agenda

- **Implementation Guide (IG) release history**
- **Topics for inclusion in the next release of the IG**
- **Impacts of the new release of IIS and EHRs**
- **What IIS and EHRs can do to ease these impacts**
- **Summary**

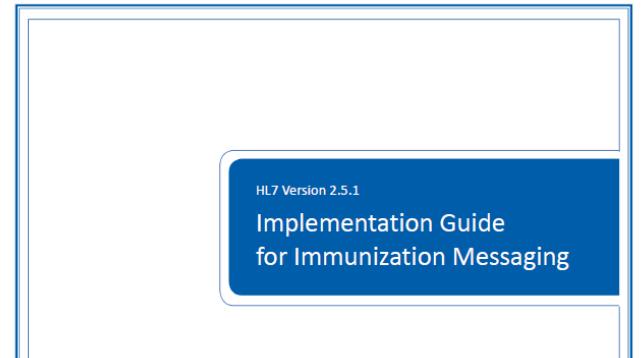
IG Release History

- **First Immunization IG:**
 - HL7 v2.3.1 standard (1999)
- **Next versions:**
 - HL7 v2.5 standard (2010)
 - Multiple versions exist
 - HL7 v2.5.1 *Implementation Guide for Immunization Messaging* (2015)
 - » Addendum created for EHR certification
 - A 2018 version consolidates addendum guidance
 - Widely implemented in Immunization community
 - Will be referred to as the National IG in this presentation
 - v2.8.2 IG exists, but is not implemented



Additional Guidance and Gaps for the National IG

- Documentation Challenges:



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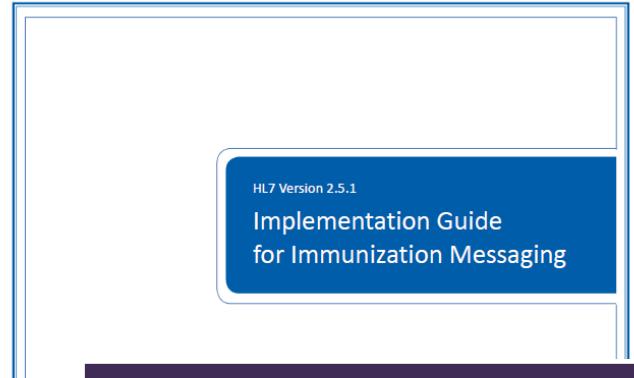


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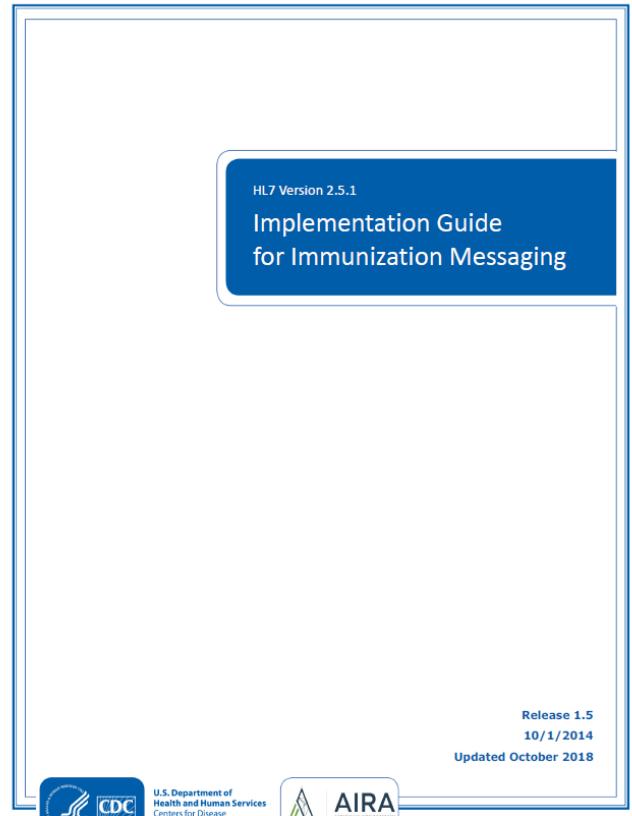
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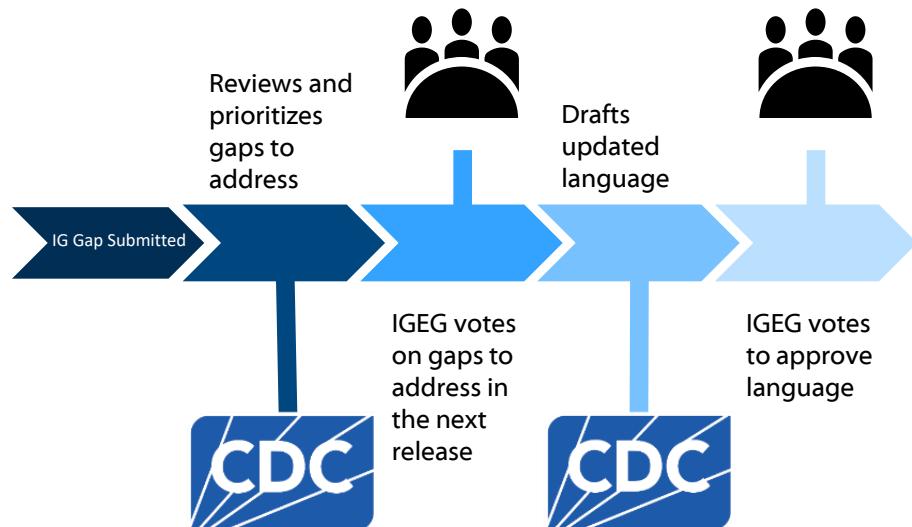
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- Documentation Challenges:
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 - Difficult for new community members to synthesize information
- Proposal for updated National IG



Developing the Next Release of the IG

- **Implementation Guide Expert Group (IGEG):**
 - Consists of immunization community members from various stakeholder groups
 - Immunization Information Systems (IIS)
 - Electronic Health Record Vendors (EHRs)
 - IIS Tech Partners
 - Other national groups



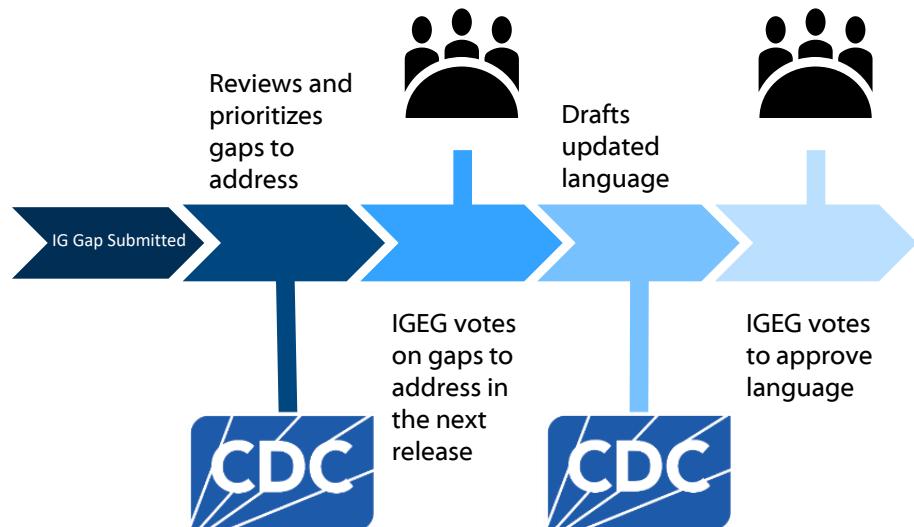
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- IGEG Activities:**

- Monthly meetings since May 2023
- Voting on topics (Work Items) for next IG release
- Almost done voting on all submitted Work Items

- Next Phase of IG Development:**

- Editing the IG to include Work Items
- Editing the IG to be written in plain language



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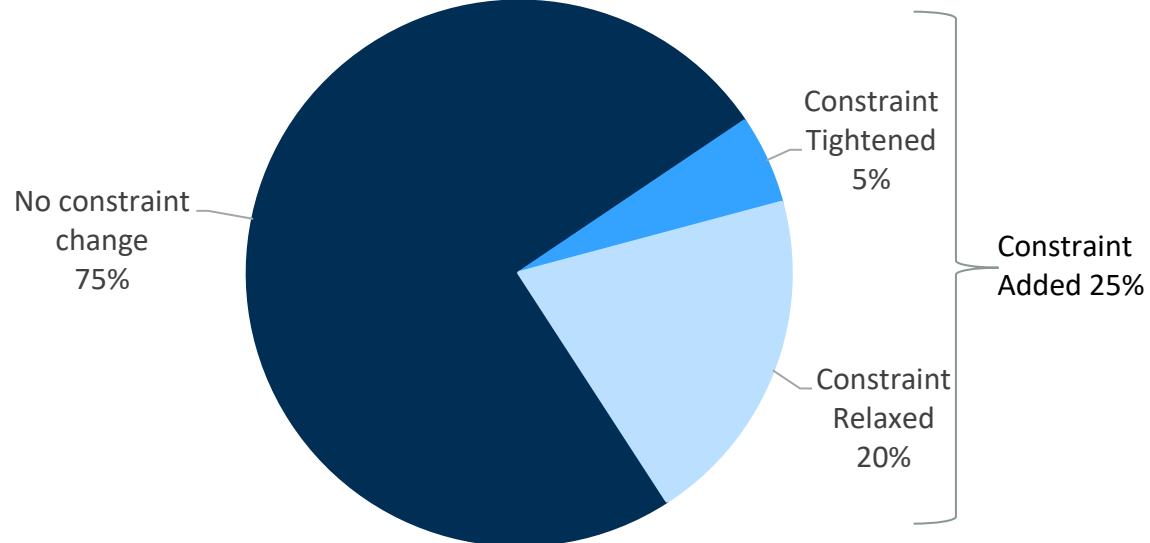
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| RXA Guidance | N | | Slice RXA Segment Documentation |
| RXA Information Source Guidance | Y | Tightened | Clarify Definitions in RXA-9 |
| RXA Vaccine Code Guidance | N | | Incorporate NDC Requirements |
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Summary of Topics for Inclusion

Approved Work Items by Constraint Change
(N=95)



Easing the Impact of the Next Release

- IIS and EHRs should incorporate previously existing AIRA documentation into their systems, if not already done
 - Examples:
 - [Guidance for HL7 ACK Messages to Support Interoperability](#)
 - [HL7 FAQ](#)
- IIS and EHRs should incorporate guidance in new Technical Advisory Bulletins (TAB) into their systems as soon as possible
 - Examples:
 - TAB-010: Messaging Phone and Email
 - TAB-035: System Entry Date Time

Easing the Impact of the Next Release

- **Larger changes, such as Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) guidance, will be optional but may become mandatory in the future**
 - It is recommended to incorporate these changes sooner rather than later
- **Most changes are clarifications without obvious constraint changes**
 - Clarifications can lead to changes in system setup, though, so thorough reading of the documentation is recommended

Summary

- Release 2.0 of the **HL7 v2.5.1 Implementation Guide for Immunization Messaging** is pending
- IEGE is approving items to be included in the next release of the IG
- Over 90 Work Items have been voted for inclusion in the next release of the IG
 - About 75% of the changes are clarification and guidance changes that will most likely have no system impacts
- **Jurisdictions and EHR vendors are advised to review currently available documentation to ensure their systems are following guidance that will be incorporated into the next release**
- **Once available, systems should thoroughly review and implement new release of IG**

Thank You

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