



**California Health & Human Services Agency  
Center for Data Insights and Innovation  
Data Exchange Framework (DxF) Qualified Health Information Organization  
(QHIO) Question and Answer (Q&A) Session #1  
Q&A Log (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM PT, September 8, 2023)**

The following table shows comments that were entered into the Zoom Q&A by public attendees during the September 8, 2023 QHIO Q&A Session:

<b>Count</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
1.	"Neal Cox , Sr. Product Manager "	Are there technical documents we can see to compare with a current HIE DSM that we are working with can comply with the requirements?	Policies and Procedures can be found on the DxF Website under the 'Data Exchange Framework Details' section: <a href="https://www.cdii.ca.gov/committees-and-advisory-groups/data-exchange-framework/">https://www.cdii.ca.gov/committees-and-advisory-groups/data-exchange-framework/</a>
2.	Paige Brogan	Which role in our organization needs to attest?	live answered
3.	Dan Chavez	Is there an upper limit to the number of QHIOs approved? A target number?	live answered
4.	Virupaxi Nagathan	How are QHIOs assessed, as most the requirements are asking applicants to attest and there is no scope for providing detailed description of the applicant's experience and expertise?	live answered
5.	John Helvey	"Requirement: QHIOs must be capable of collecting and managing DxF Participant information. This information may include the parent organization name, facility name, facility address, endpoint information, technical contacts. QHIOs must be capable of exporting this Participant data in a documented format for secure transfer and import into a statewide DxF Participant directory. QHIOs must also be capable of securely receiving and importing DxF	live answered

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		Participant data from a statewide DxF Participant directory.	
6.	John Helvey	Attestation: The applicant does or will collect and manage DxF Participant data, will work with CDII to develop DxF Participant data standards and the import and export capabilities associated with a Participant directory, and will import/export Participant data as required by the resulting standards"	live answered
7.	Virupaxi Nagathan	can you elaborate on this	live answered
8.	Allen Noriega	Please clarify on the role/scope of work of QHIO: Is it only advisory services or build services or on going support services?	live answered
9.	Virupaxi Nagathan	Are the QHIO Onboarding grant deadlines the same as the QHIO grant rounds?	live answered
10.	Virupaxi Nagathan	Is QHIO expected to deploy an interoperability component/integration engine to make the DSA's share the data?	live answered
11.	John Helvey	sorry signatories who have signed DSA	live answered
12.	Steven Lane	Is DocuSign OK?	live answered
13.	"Neal Cox , Sr. Product Manager "	Is there a plan to add TEFCA to the list of national networks/frameworks, one of which a QHIO must connect to?	CDII@chhs.ca.gov
14.	Jonathon Feit	What is an email address that our EHR Vendor can use to communicate with a technical team about clarifying and complying with the mandate?	
15.	John Helvey	Thank you for that answer, DeeAnne -- can you explain why the other implementers TO Carequality won't count?	
16.	Jonathon Feit	In the evolution of TEFCA and DxF DSA, what is the platform for	

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		QHIO's to discuss conflicting elements in these frameworks?	
17.	Steven Lane	Also, just to underscore for the record that those interchanges present certain important challenges with respect to EMS & Fire data. The specifics may be beyond the scope of this conversation, but as you know, they have come up in a recent webinar.	
18.	Ali Modaresi	While eHealth Exchange is likely to be one of the first 3-4 QHINs to go live with TEFCA exchange this year, it appears that CommonWell will be later in their connection to TEFCA. As such, it might make more sense to encourage QHIO connectivity to other national networks so as to facilitate early TEFCA connectivity for DxF participants.	
19.	Jonathon Feit	How should we respond to the questions that don't apply? Can we use NA instead of inital?	
20.	"Neal Cox , Sr. Product Manager "	Does one have to be a member of CommonWell, Carequality or eHealth Exchange **at the time of submission** (which I believe would make it the ONLY requirmeent like that on the list) -- or would this be required as of certification, like most / all of the other requirements. Tihs struck us as the only item that was written in the present tense, rather than using the word "will"	
21.	Felix Su	Rim, thank you very helpful information. Catalina thank you for the website.	live answered
22.	Steven Lane	'@Rim, thanks for answering the question about Careequality's non-discriminatory requirements. In responding to another question, you reiterated that QHIOs don't	

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		have to use national networks/frameworks to respond to queries (even though C3 requires QHIOs to participate in one of those national networks)--i.e., they can use point-to-point, etc.. Can you confirm that this applies to the requirements in C7 as well--i.e., are QHIOs allowed to send data to other QHIOs through methods outside of national networks/frameworks if that works for both parties?	
23.	Paige Brogan	Note that eHealth Exchange and CommonWell are both connected together with all other major national networks, including Epic Care Everywhere, through the Carequality Framework, so connecting to any of these networks provides connection to all other Carequality participants.	
24.	Allen Noriega	How would this impact Population Health Management and the proposed DHCS PHM Service?	The DxF Signatory Grants webinar 2 recording is available on the DxF website. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXuYxTNDZDk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXuYxTNDZDk</a>
25.	Herb Schultz	Are there recordings on the QHIO Onboarding grant process?	We are expecting to open DSA Signatory Grants Round 3 on October 16..
26.	Jonathon Feit	Did you say that the 3rd round of onboarding grant apps would open on October 16?	
27.	Jonathon Feit	my questions is about the application....	
28.	Jonathon Feit	*question	
29.	Steven Lane	:-)	
30.	Jonathon Feit	<a href="https://carequality.org/members-and-supporters/">https://carequality.org/members-and-supporters/</a>	

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31.	Allen Noriega	Here is the link: <a href="https://carequality.org/members-and-supporters/">https://carequality.org/members-and-supporters/</a>	
32.	Jonathon Feit	Thank you!!	
33.	Steven Lane	Carequality indicated that BECOMING an implementer can take **months.** As opposed to using an existing implementer, which may be much faster. Thanks!	Policies and Procedures can be found on the DxF Website under the 'Data Exchange Framework Details' section: <a href="https://www.cdii.ca.gov/committees-and-advisory-groups/data-exchange-framework/">https://www.cdii.ca.gov/committees-and-advisory-groups/data-exchange-framework/</a>

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