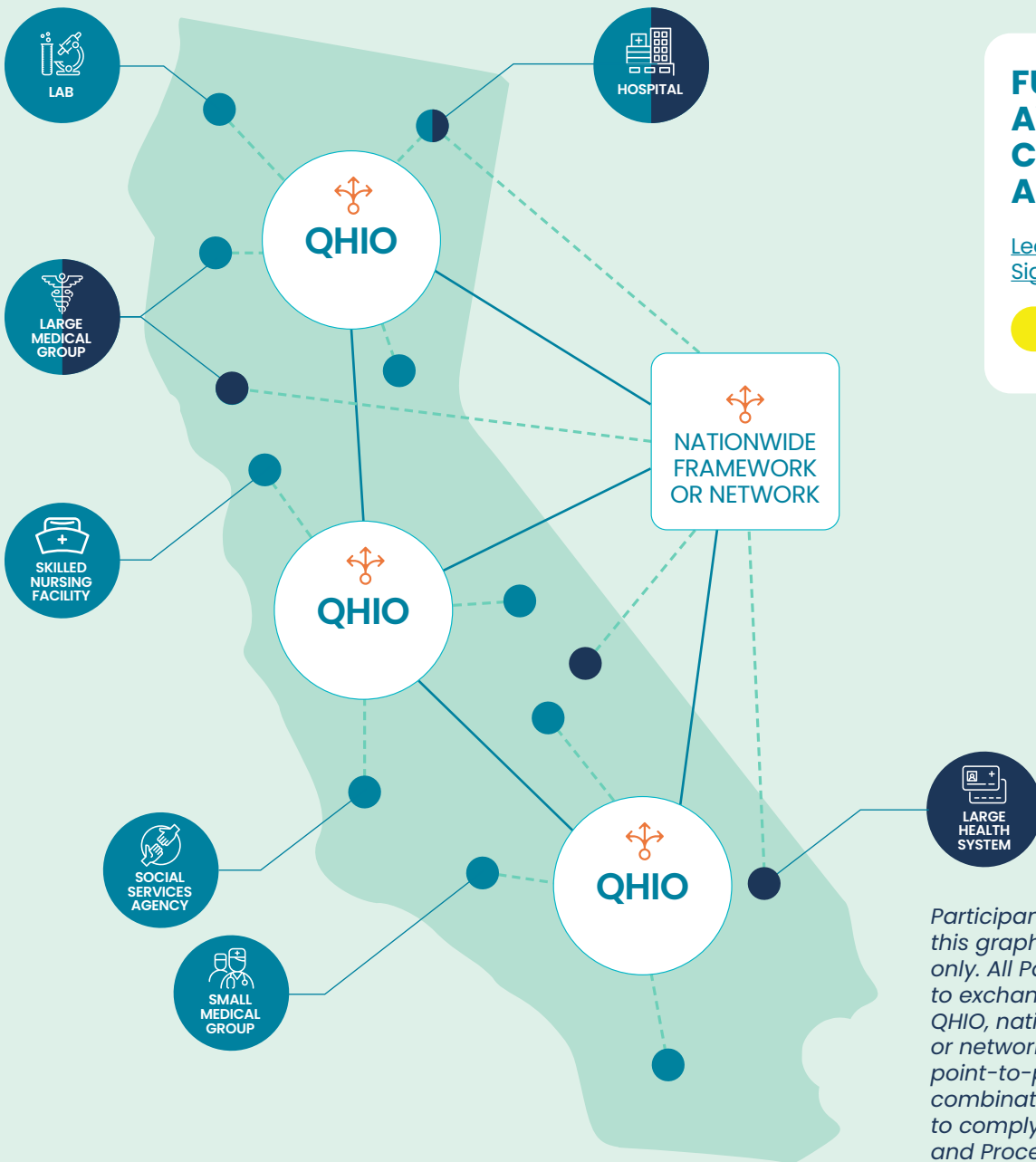




The Data Exchange Framework

What are Qualified Health Information Organizations (QHIOs)?

A Qualified Health Information Organization (QHIO) is a DxF designated intermediary that meets the requirements for secure data exchange and other criteria. These intermediaries offer services and functions to support the sharing of health and social services information, assisting entities as they create and respond to information requests, receive the results of tests or referrals, and solicit notifications of admissions or discharges. DxF Participants may choose to use a QHIO or another intermediary to meet some or all of their Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) requirements for secure data exchange.



FUNDING IS AVAILABLE TO CONNECT TO A QHIO!

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Participant types included on this graphic are for example only. All Participants may choose to exchange data through a QHIO, nationwide framework or network, other intermediary, point-to-point connections, or a combination of these methods to comply with the DxF's Policies and Procedures.



QUALIFIED HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION
A DxF designated Intermediary that facilitates the secure exchange of health and social services information between Participants.



NATIONWIDE FRAMEWORK OR NETWORK
Any vendor-agnostic health information network or health information exchange framework with nationwide scope, including coverage in California, available to some or all Participants for the exchange of health and social services information that may or may not have signed the DSA.



PARTICIPANT
An organization that is a signatory to the DSA, including any identified subordinate entities of that Signatory.

- **DxF PARTICIPANT USING A NATIONWIDE FRAMEWORK**
- **DxF PARTICIPANT USING A QHIO**
- **DxF PARTICIPANT USING A COMBINATION OF INTERMEDIARIES**



ALL DATA EXCHANGE IS GOVERNED BY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, the rules of the road adopted by the California Health and Human Services and the Center for Data Insight and Innovation pursuant to the DSA of that signatory.