

# Technical Standards Advancement Process

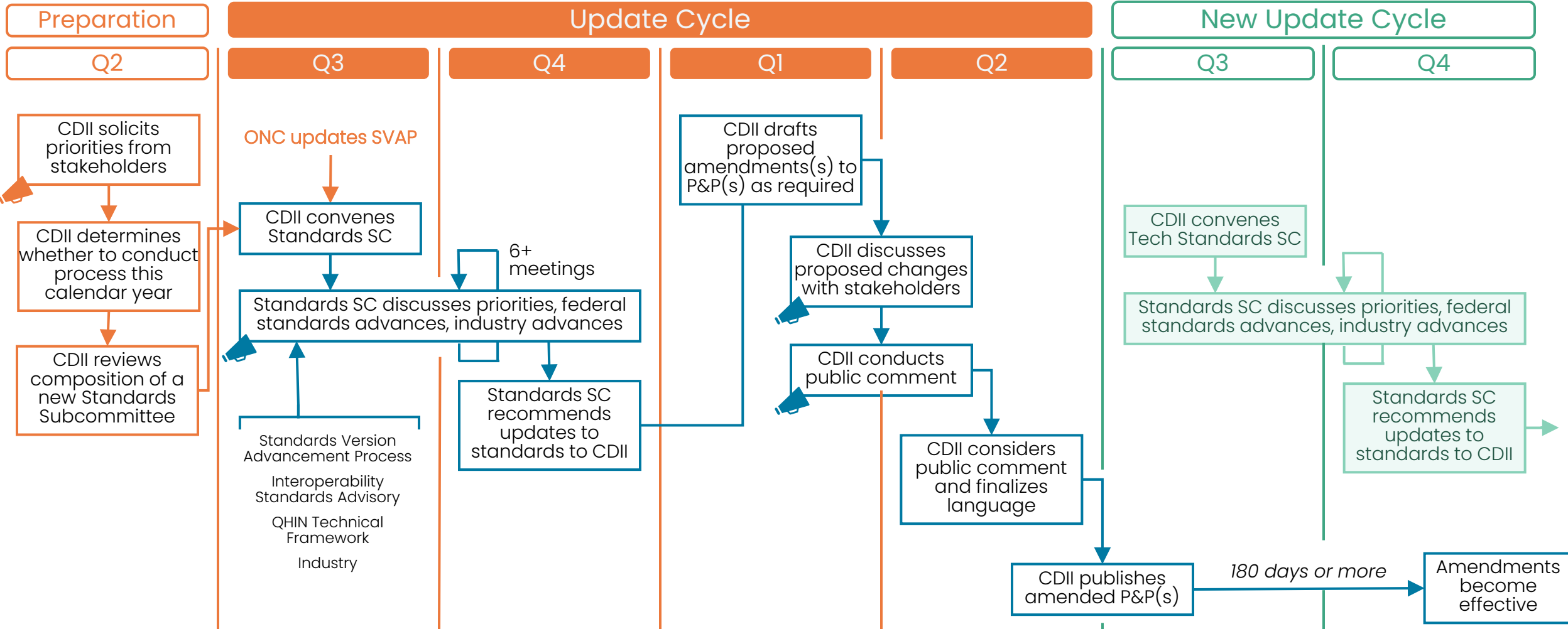
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# Guiding Principles

- 1 DxF requirements for exchanging information and technical standards for Exchange must comply with Applicable Law.
- 2 DxF technical standards advancement process will be open and transparent, providing opportunities for public input and public visibility into recommendations.
- 3 DxF should strive to avoid conflict with federal standards to reduce Participant burden and leverage requirements set by the federal government on vendors.
- 4 DxF should consider, but not be limited to, federal standards adoption timelines when establishing timing and method of advancing DxF technical standards.
- 5 DxF technical standards must address the Exchange of Health and Social Services Information consistent with Applicable Law.
- 6 DxF technical standards should continue to advance Exchange in key areas that impact health as identified by stakeholders, such as the Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC).

# Process Summary



# Beginning the Cycle

Technical Standards Advancement process launches once each year, aligned to the annual update of the Standards Version Advancement Process (SVAP).

## Beginning before update of the SVAP by ONC:

1. CDII solicits input from stakeholders, such as the IAC, in calendar Q2 of each year to establish priority areas in which standards advancement should be considered
2. CDII determines whether to conduct the technical standards advancement process in this calendar year, considering priorities, stakeholder input, and other DxF activities
3. If conducting the process this calendar year, CDII establishes (or reestablishes) a Standards Subcommittee, considering priority areas of advancement and membership from prior years

Note: *ONC has no set timeline for updating the SVAP. The SVAP is usually updated in mid- to late summer.*

# Considering New Standards

Review of new and maturing standards is undertaken by the Standards Subcommittee, making recommendations for standards advancement to CDII.

## Following update of the SVAP by ONC:

4. CDII convenes the Standards Subcommittee in Q3, and charges it to consider technical standards advancement in identified priority areas
5. The Standards Subcommittee discusses new and emerging standards considering content of ONC's SVAP, ONC's Interoperability Standards Advisory (ISA), TEFCA's QHIN Technical Framework, and other federal and industry advancements and adoption over the course of several open meetings
6. The Standards Subcommittee provides recommendations for technical standards advancement to CDII in Q4

# Establishing New Requirements

Standards are advanced in the Data Elements to Be Exchanged P&P, the Technical Requirements for Exchange P&P, and other P&Ps as appropriate

7. CDII drafts proposed modifications to appropriate P&Ps in Q1 considering recommendations of the Standards Subcommittee
8. CDII conducts public discussions with stakeholders on recommendations and proposed modifications to P&Ps in Q1 and Q2
9. CDII solicits public comment on proposed modifications following the procedures required by the Development of and Modifications to Policies and Procedures P&P in Q1 and Q2
10. CDII revises proposed modifications in response to public comment and publishes amended P&P(s) late in Q2 or early Q3 (approximately July 1)
11. Amendments become effective 180 or more days after publication (approximately January 1 or later) as required by the Development of and Modifications to Policies and Procedures P&P