



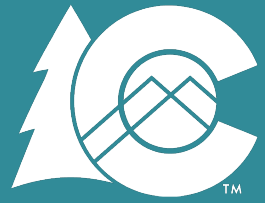
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# January Agenda

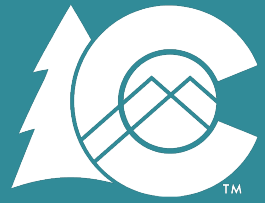


Title	Start	Duration
<b>Call to Order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Roll Call and Introductions</li><li>Approval of December Minutes</li><li>January Agenda and Objectives</li></ul> <i>Kaakpema “KP” Yelpaala, Chair</i>	12:00	5 mins
<b>Announcements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lt. Governor Remarks</li><li>OeHI Updates-eHealth Commission Updates</li><li>Decision Items &amp; Action Items</li></ul> <i>Dianne Primavera, Lt. Governor and Director of the Office of Saving People Money on Health Care</i> <i>Stephanie Pugliese, Director, Office of eHealth Innovation (OeHI)</i> <i>eHealth Commission Members</i>	12:05	10 mins
<b>New Business</b> <b>Federal Update and Discussion: Interoperability</b> <i>John Rancourt, Director, Interoperability Division,</i> <i>Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology</i>	12:15	60 mins
<b>Public Comment Period</b>	1:15	5 mins
<b>eHealth Commission Meeting Closing Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Open Discussion</li><li>Recap Action Items</li><li>Future Agenda Items</li><li>Adjourn Public Meeting</li></ul> <i>Kaakpema “KP” Yelpaala, Chair</i>	1:20	10 mins

## OeHI and eHealth Commission Updates

- Social Health Information Exchange (SHIE) Invitation To Negotiate (ITN) is [open](#), closes January 27
- Federal Proposed Rules Comments

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# Federal Update and Discussion: Interoperability

*John Rancourt, Director, Interoperability Division,  
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Technology*



# Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) - Update for Colorado eHealth Commission

John Rancourt – Director, Interoperability Division, Office of Policy, ONC

January 11, 2023



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- The information in this presentation is based on the Common Agreement Version 1, the Qualified Health Information Network (QHIN) Technical Framework Version 1, and the Standard Operating Procedures as of January 18, 2022.
- While every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, this presentation is not a legal document.
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- Readers should consult the latest versions of the Common Agreement, the QHIN Technical Framework, and Standard Operating Procedures for the definitive requirements.
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# Agenda

1. ONC Overview
2. STAR HIE Program
3. Advancing Interoperability with Medicaid
4. TEFCA Overview and Update
5. SDOH Information Exchange Learning Forum



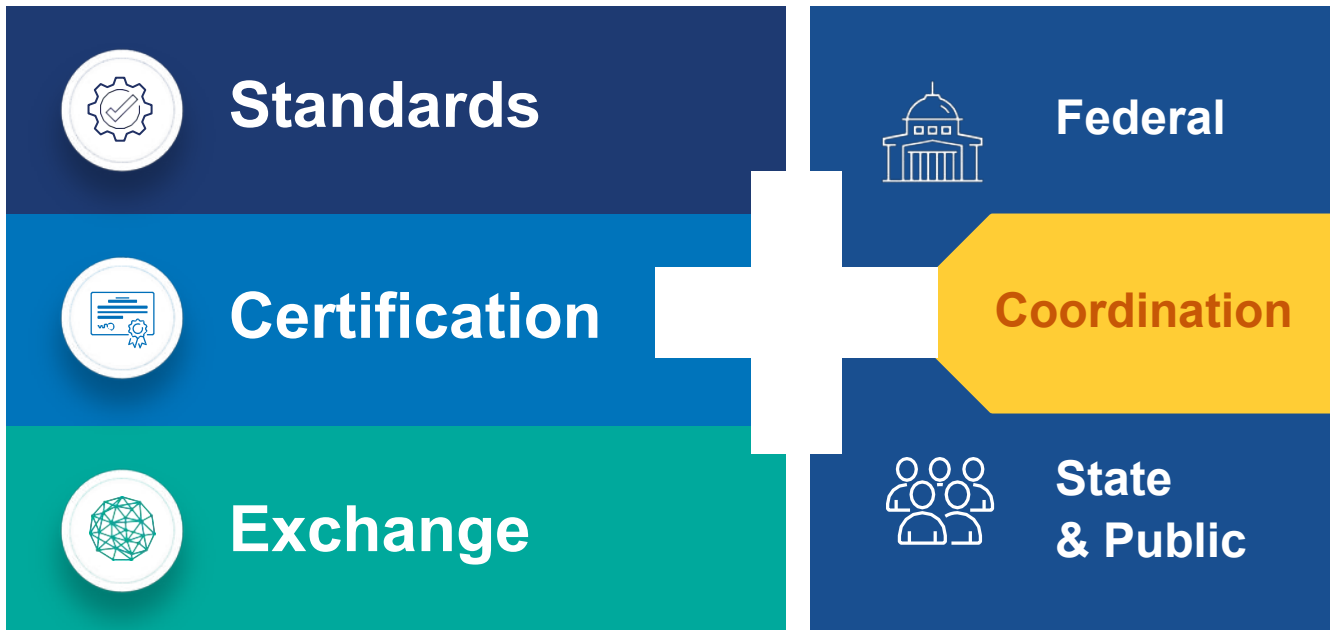
# ONC Overview

## About ONC

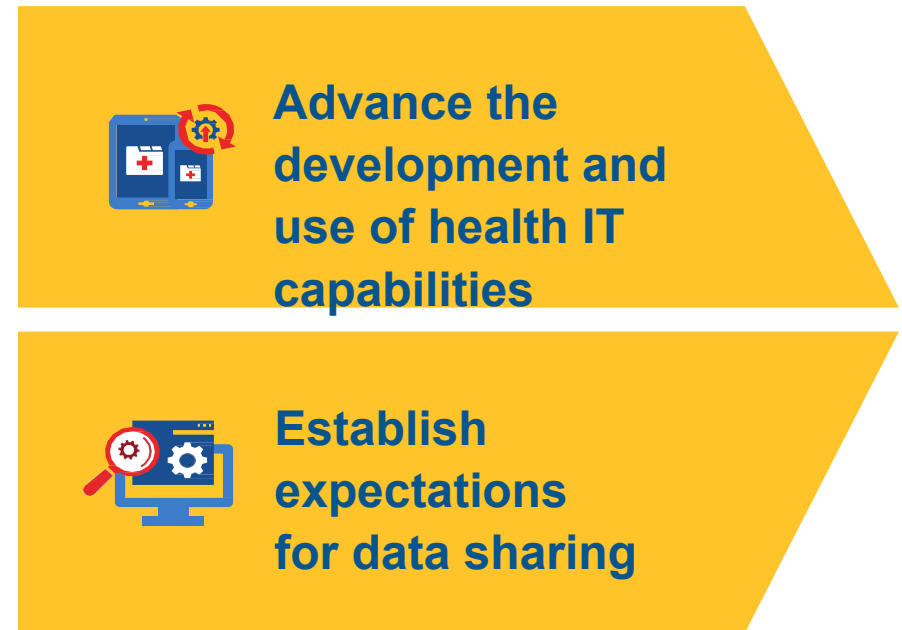
- The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) – [www.HealthIT.gov](http://www.HealthIT.gov)
  - Sits within US Department of Health and Human Services
  - Created in 2004 under an Executive Order by President Bush
  - Codified in law in 2009 as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (“Recovery Act”)
  - New Authorities as a result of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act

# ONC Activities & Objectives

## ONC Activities



## ONC Objectives



# STAR HIE Program

# STAR HIE Program Overview

- Program is designed to strengthen uses of health information via HIEs to support public health agencies, including for COVID response.
- \$5 million from the CARES Act (signed March 27, 2020), announced in two tranches:
  - Sept. 30, 2020: \$2.5 million to support 5 HIEs in creating services that benefit public health agencies.
  - Jan. 19, 2020: Supplemental \$2.5 million to support 17 HIEs (including 4 of the original 5 recipients) to specifically support increased data sharing between immunization information systems and HIEs.
- The program has the following objectives:
  - Build innovative health information exchange services that benefit public health agencies.
  - Improve the health information exchange services available to support communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

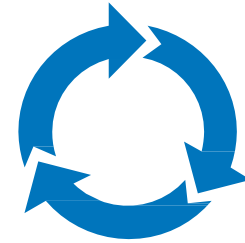
# Advancing Interoperability with Medicaid

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- CMS, in coordination with ONC, has created a series of toolkits and resources for Medicaid (Health Home State Plan Amendment, 1115 Demonstrations, and programs that advance Home and Community Based Services) that are focused on health information exchange, health IT, and interoperability.
  1. [1115 Health IT Toolkit - Main \[PDF - 339KB\]](#)
  2. [1115 Health IT Toolkit – State Examples \[PDF - 223KB\]](#)
  3. [1115 Health IT Toolkit – Fillable State Form \[XLSX - 51KB\]](#)
  4. [Health Home Health IT Questions \[PDF - 602KB\]](#)
  5. [Home and Community Based Services Health IT Toolkit \[PDF - 210KB\]](#)

# TEFCA Overview and Update





**Why do we  
need TEFCA?**

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act - Section 4003(b)

*“[T]he National Coordinator shall convene appropriate public and private stakeholders to **develop or support a trusted exchange framework** for trust policies and practices and for a **common agreement** for exchange between health information networks.”*

*[emphasis added]*



# TEFCA Will Simplify Health Data Exchange

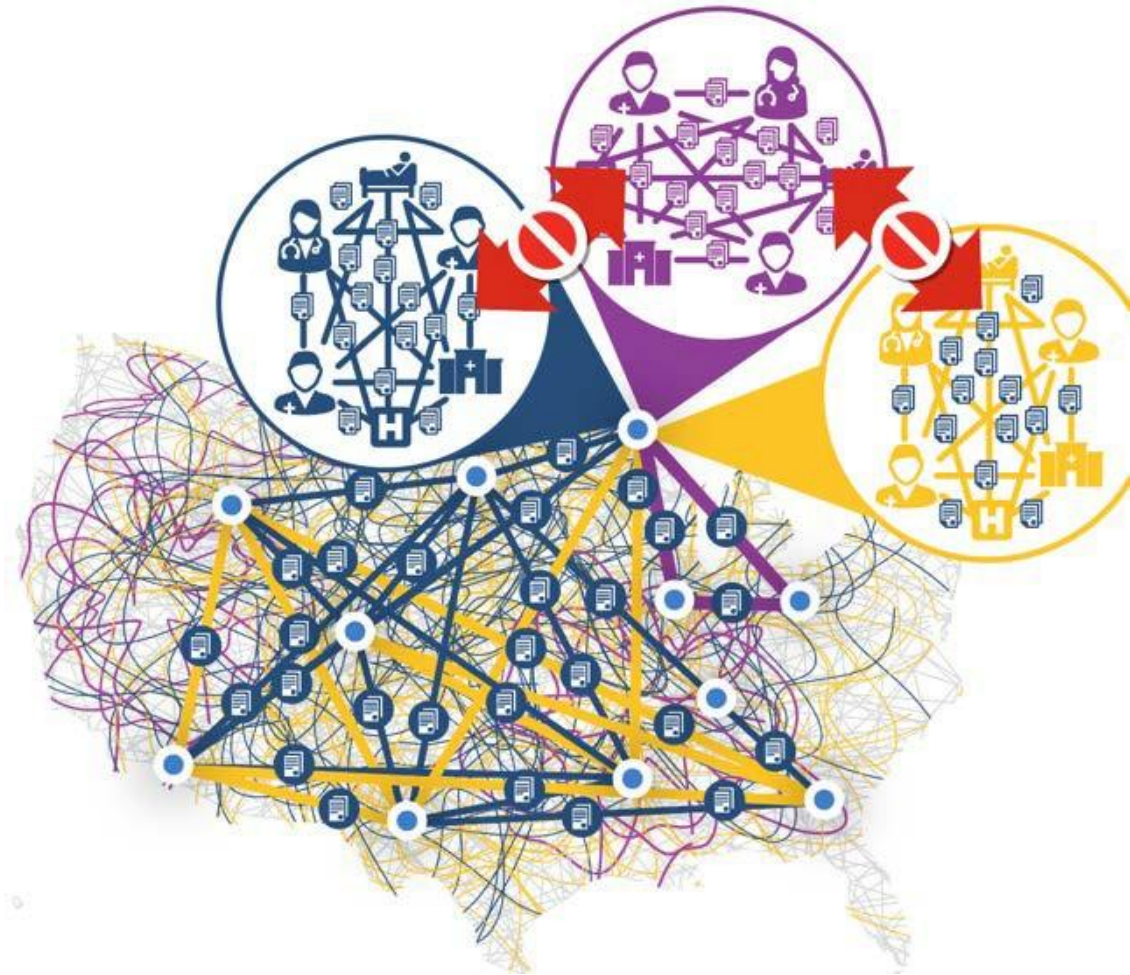
## Proliferation of Agreements

While there has been growth in national networks, many organizations must join multiple Health Information Networks (HINs)\*, and many HINs do not share data with each other.

The COVID pandemic also underscored the need to share information for care and public health purposes.

**Health data exchange must be simplified in order to scale.**

\*Capitalized terms have the definitions set forth in the Common Agreement Version 1.



# TEFCA Goals



## GOAL 1

Establish a universal policy and technical floor for nationwide interoperability



## GOAL 2

Simplify connectivity for organizations to securely exchange information to improve patient care, enhance the welfare of populations, and generate health care value



## GOAL 3

Enable individuals to gather their health care information



# Benefits of TEFCA

## Relevant, trusted information from nationwide sources for:



### Individuals

Use an app to access their own records from TEFCA-connected sources located across the nation.



### Providers and Health Systems

Improve care, coordination and population health by obtaining a more informed picture of care across settings through fewer connection points.



### Public Health

Improve quality, reduce costs, and expand public health interoperability.



### Payers

Get and share data needed for care management, value-based care, payer-to-payer exchange, etc.



### Health Information Networks

Enhance the value of network participation and lower the cost of connecting with other networks.



### Technology Developers

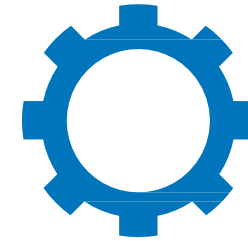
Provide a scalable policy and technical ecosystem for innovation.



### Researchers (Future)

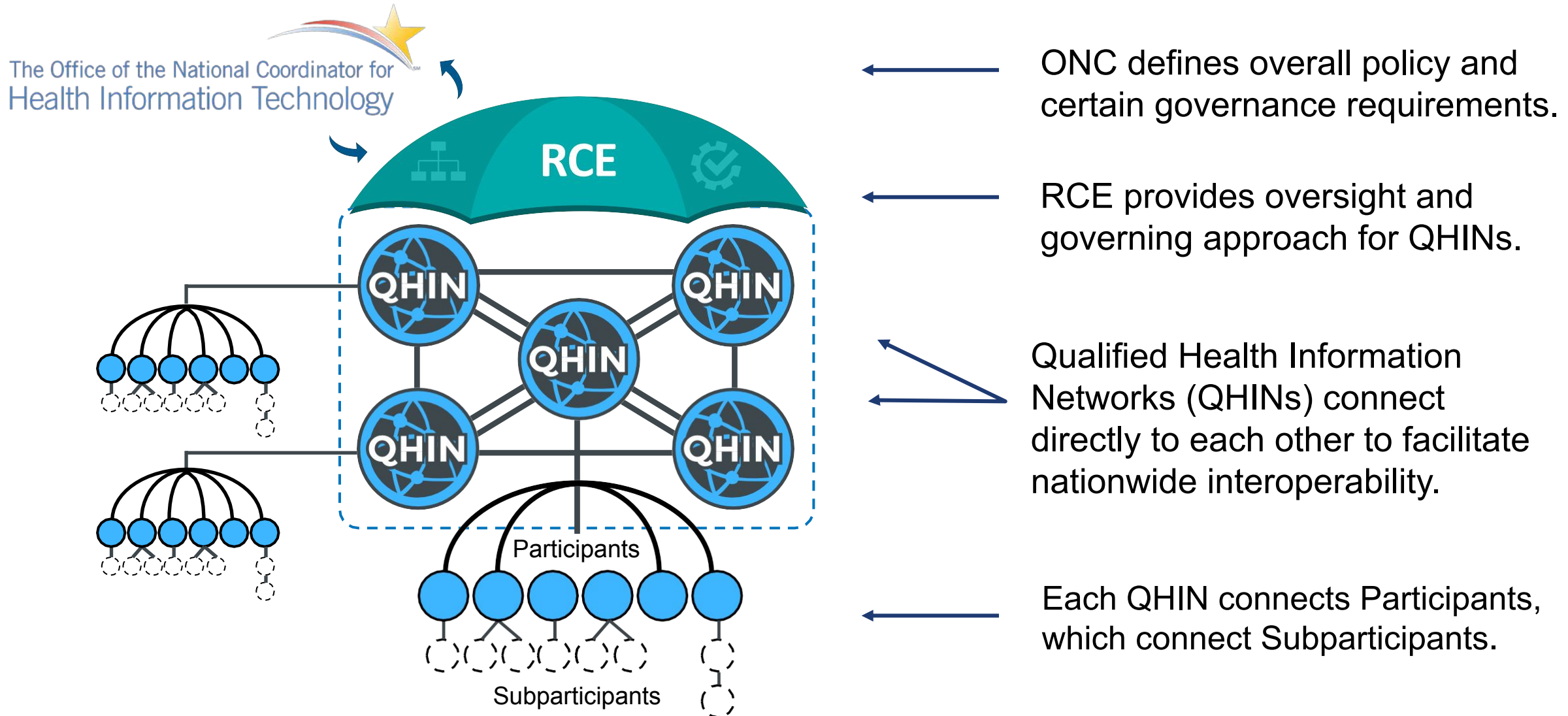
Improve quality, reduce costs, and expand participation in clinical research.

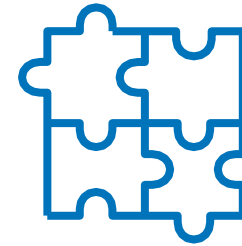
For more detail on the benefits of TEFCA for stakeholders, see factsheets at: <https://rce.sequoiaproject.org/tefca-and-rce-resources/>



**How will exchange  
work under TEFCA?**

# How will exchange work under TEFCA?





**What are the  
components of  
TEFCA?**



# TEFCA Components



Trusted  
Exchange  
Framework



Common  
Agreement



Standard  
Operating  
Procedures



QHIN  
Technical  
Framework



QHIN  
Onboarding



Metrics



Governing  
Approach

## Who Can Conduct Exchange Pursuant to an Exchange Purpose?

**A QHIN, Participant, or Subparticipant may only Request information under TEFCA for a specific Exchange Purpose if it is the type of person or entity that is described in the definition of the applicable Exchange Purpose.**

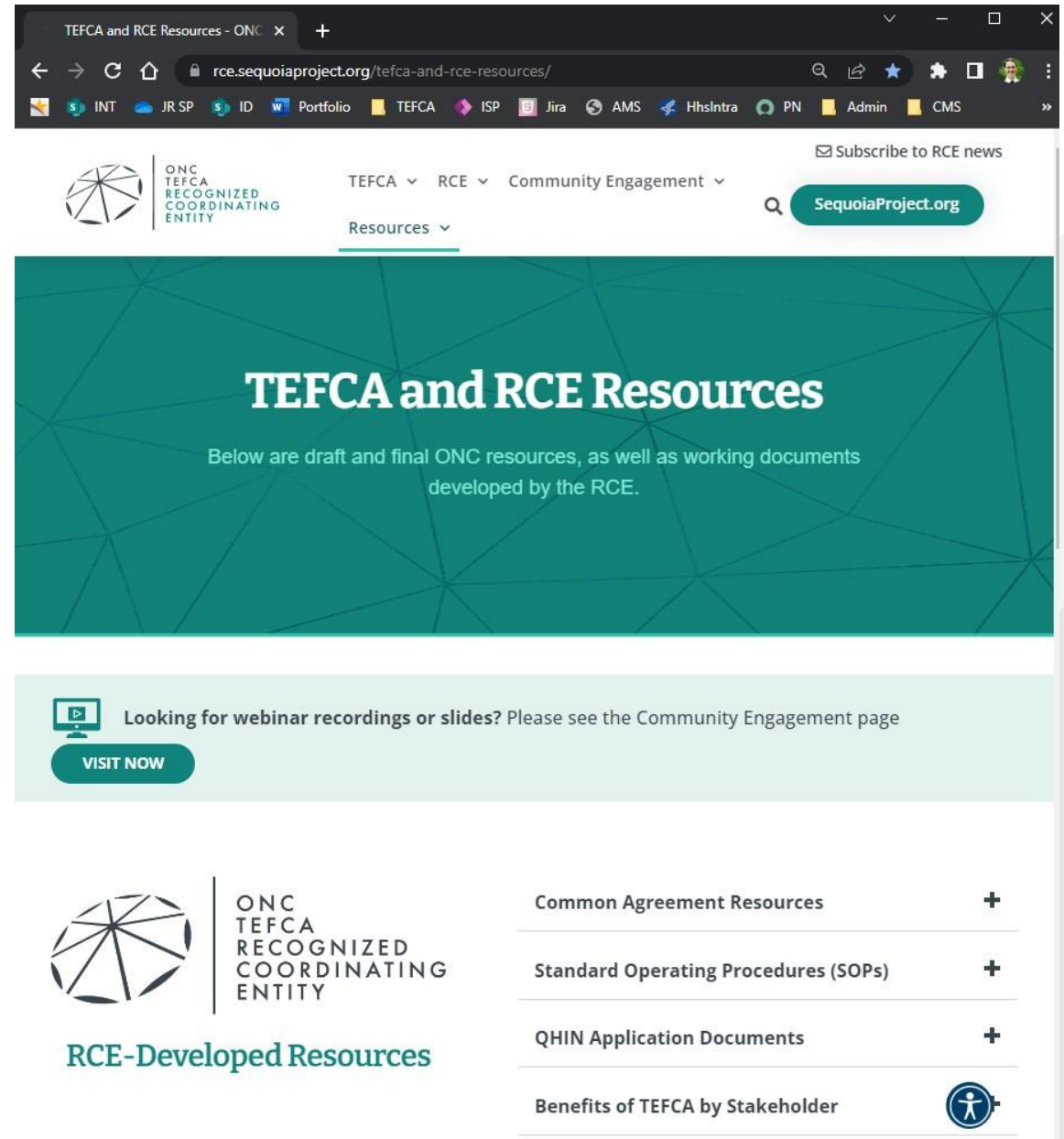
For example, only a Health Care Provider as defined in the HIPAA Rules or the information blocking regulations (or a Business Associate, agent, or contractor acting on that Health Care Provider's behalf) may Request information for the Exchange Purpose of Treatment.

## Can Social Services Providers Use Exchange Purposes?

- A provider of social services that is not a health care provider would generally not be able to request data for Treatment, Payment, or Health Care Operations.
- Such providers of social services could request information if they did so as an Individual Access Services Provider or if they were serving as a contractor to a health care provider, for example.



Visit [RCE.SequoiaProject.org](https://RCE.SequoiaProject.org) to view the Common Agreement Version 1 and all resources, including SOPs.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [rce.sequoiaproject.org/tefca-and-rce-resources/](https://rce.sequoiaproject.org/tefca-and-rce-resources/). The page features a teal header with the ONC TEFCA Recognized Coordinating Entity logo and navigation links for TEFCFA, RCE, and Community Engagement. A search bar is present with the text "SequoiaProject.org". The main content area has a teal background with the title "TEFCA and RCE Resources" and a subtitle: "Below are draft and final ONC resources, as well as working documents developed by the RCE." A light blue banner below the main content reads: "Looking for webinar recordings or slides? Please see the Community Engagement page" with a "VISIT NOW" button. At the bottom, there is a section titled "RCE-Developed Resources" with a list of resources: "Common Agreement Resources", "Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)", "QHIN Application Documents", and "Benefits of TEFCA by Stakeholder". Each resource has a plus icon to its right, and the last item has a person icon.

TEFCA and RCE Resources

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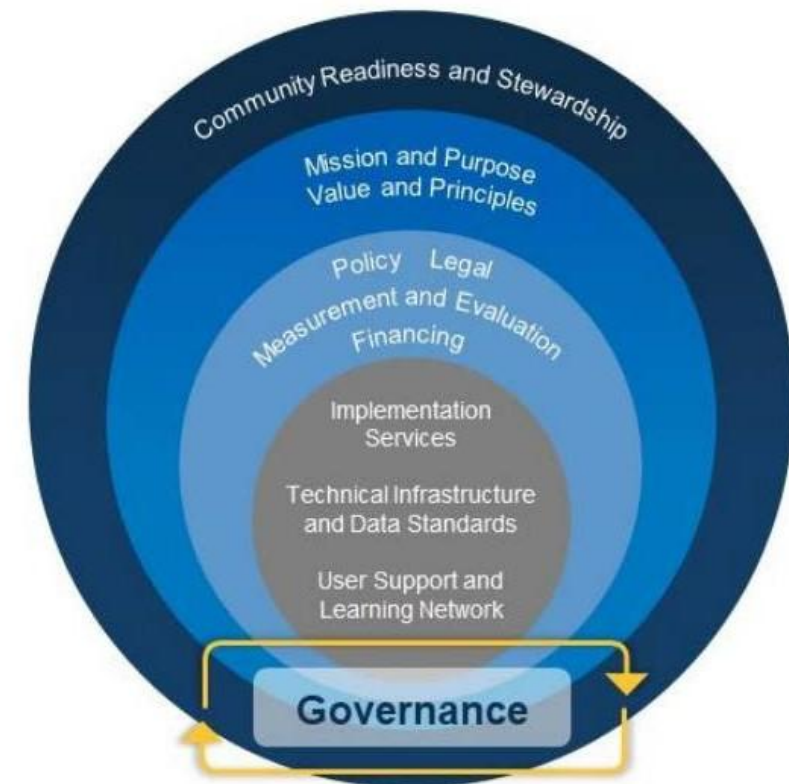
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- Benefits of TEFCA by Stakeholder +

# SDOH Information Exchange Learning Forum

# About ONC's SDOH Information Exchange Learning Forum

- The Learning Forum brings together a wide range of partners to share lessons learned, promising practices, and challenges related to exchanging SDOH data.
- ONC convened a Technical Expert Panel in 2021 on SDOH information exchange to develop a set of SDOH information exchange foundational elements.
- July 2021 session included a spotlight on Colorado's approach to social health information exchange.

## Social Determinants of Health Information Exchange Foundational Elements





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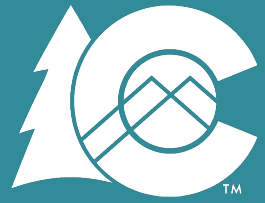


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