

The Future of Interoperability is at CommonWell today

Here is how we're ready for TEFCA and what to expect.

TEFCA—the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement—is a government initiative that aims to create a national backbone of organizations **with record location capabilities**, called Qualified Health Information Networks (QHINs), that will connect to **improve nationwide data exchange**.

CommonWell Health Alliance[®] is a nationwide vendor-neutral trade alliance focused on breaking down barriers to health data exchange. The goals of TEFCA are directly aligned with the network capabilities CommonWell has already delivered to the market nationwide.



Uniquely Qualified

The architectural concept espoused by TEFCA builds on the approach that the Alliance has already successfully delivered to the market nationwide. [Meet Susan](#) to learn how.



Diverse Membership

Our diverse [membership](#)—which represents more than 20 care settings—illustrates proof of concept that TEFCA works and it works NOW!



Record Locator Service + Scale

Our [Record Locator Service \(RLS\)](#) finds all records associated with a patient within the network. With 30,000 provider organizations connected, 180 million unique individuals served and more than 3 billion records retrieved on the network so far.



Commitment to Innovation

Our commitment to serving a broad scope of interoperability needs. [Use Cases](#) include treatment, patient access, and payment and operations.



Community Building

Since 2013, our proven record of community-building contributes to industry momentum and innovation. Read about our [recent FHIR Connectathon](#) to get inspired.



Vendor Neutral

We are a nationwide vendor-neutral trade alliance focused on interoperability for the common good. [Learn more about the Alliance.](#)

How will TEFCA improve interoperability?

Simplify Nationwide Data Exchange

TEFCA aims to remove the need for building point-to-point connections and contracts with multiple Health Information Networks (HINs) in order to achieve seamless nationwide health data exchange.

Expand Access to Patient Health Data

Once TEFCA is fully operational, which may take a few years, an organization can connect to one QHIN that will then provide access to the health information accessible from all the:

- organizations that connect to that QHIN
- other QHINs
- organizations that connect to those other QHINs

What are the likely benefits for clinicians, healthcare organizations and individuals?



Individuals

Improve individuals' access to personal health information



Healthcare Organizations

Mitigate the need for building point-to-point connections and executing multiple contracts with HINs



Clinicians

Expand access to and exchange of health data from multiple sources; simplify workflows

What do I need to do now?

Find out if your healthcare organization's EHR vendor is a member of an HIN that intends to become a QHIN. If they are not, encourage them to consider joining a network that intends on becoming a QHIN.

Get ready for TEFCA. Join the alliance. www.commonwellalliance.org

