

# CARIN Alliance



Enabling consumers and their authorized caregivers to access more of their digital health information with less friction.

## Announcements

### CARIN / CMS Connectathon December 9-10, Baltimore, MD

CARIN and CMS will host a two-day Connectathon focusing on advancing the [CARIN Blue Button® 2.0](#) work using FHIR R4, [CARIN Real-time Pharmacy Benefit Check](#) project, [CMS Blue Button 2.0](#), [CMS Beneficiary Claims Data API](#), and [CMS Data at the Point of Care](#) work.

**Location:** New Wave located at 3200 Lord Baltimore Drive Windsor Mill, MD 21244.

**The Connectathon** will begin on December 9<sup>th</sup> and run from 9:00am – 6:00pm ET and on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am ET – 11:00 am ET.

**Connectathon information and tracks** can be found [here](#).

**The CARIN Community meeting** will begin on December 10<sup>th</sup> and run from 12:00pm – 3pm ET. Please reach out to Mark Roberts ([Mark.Roberts@leavittpartners.com](mailto:Mark.Roberts@leavittpartners.com)) for additional details on the logistics for these meetings.

**Please sign up for the Connectathon by December 6<sup>th</sup> here:** <http://bit.ly/DC-Connectathon-SignUp>

**Space is limited so if you do not sign up you may not be able to participate.** If we run out of space, we will limit participation to those who have signed-up. Please elect one of the tracks listed in the sign-up sheet and note what entity type you will be participating as.

### July 30, 2019 Washington, D.C.

The CARIN Alliance is excited to announce the private sector released the [CARIN Blue Button® data model and draft implementation guide](#) as part of the White House Blue Button® 2.0 Developers Conference. The CARIN Blue Button® draft implementation guide includes more than 240 claim data elements that have been agreed on by multiple regional and national health plans. These data elements are included in what we are calling the common payer consumer data set or CPCDS. We have taken these data elements and mapped them to HL7® FHIR® resources to better assist health plans implement the CMS Interoperability and Patient Access proposed rule. Read the full announcement [here](#).

## Overview

### The CARIN Alliance

The CARIN Alliance is a non-partisan, multi-sector alliance co-founded by David Blumenthal, David Brailer, Aneesh Chopra, and Mike Leavitt. The Alliance is led by distinguished risk-bearing providers, payers, consumers, pharmaceutical companies, consumer platform companies, health IT companies, and consumer-advocates who are working collaboratively with other stakeholders in government to overcome barriers in advancing consumer-directed exchange across the U.S.

### Our Vision

Our vision is to rapidly advance the ability for consumers and their authorized caregivers to easily get, use, and share their digital health information when, where, and how they want to achieve their goals. Specifically, we are promoting the ability for consumers and their authorized caregivers to gain digital access to their health information via non-proprietary application programming interfaces or APIs. *We envision a future where any consumer can choose any application to retrieve both their complete health record and their complete coverage information from any provider or plan in the country.*

### **i** CARIN Confluence Navigation Links

CARIN Blue Button® Project

- [CARIN Blue Button® Framework](#)
- [CARIN Blue Button® Draft Implementation Guide](#)
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- [September 2019 Connectathon CARIN Blue Button®](#)

Real-Time Pharmacy Benefit Check Project

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### **i** CARIN Links

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[CARIN Blue Button® Connectathon Track](#)

[CARIN Consumer-Facing Real-Time Pharmacy Benefit Check \(RTPBC\) Connectathon Track](#)

[Zulip chat - CARIN Blue Button® IG #CARIN Blue Button IG](#)

[Zulip chat - CARIN RTPBC IG #CARIN Benefit Check IG](#)

[CARIN Blue Button® draft Implementation Guide](#)

## What is Consumer-Directed Exchange?

Consumer-directed exchange occurs when a consumer or an authorized caregiver invokes their HIPAA Individual Right of Access (45 CFR § 164.524) and requests their digital health information from a HIPAA covered entity (CE) via an application or other third-party data steward.

## Projects

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### Health Plan Project

- **Objective:** Develop a consumer payer data set (similar to Blue Button® 2.0) and corresponding implementation guide for the set of resources that payers can display to consumers via a FHIR API
- **Charter:** CARIN Blue Button® and Health plan project [charter](#)
- **Work in Development:** [CARIN Blue Button® Implementation Guide](#) (this is still in process and should not be viewed as final) and the [PSS for CARIN Blue Button®](#)

### Consumer-facing Real-time Pharmacy Benefit Check Project

- **Objective:** Develop a consumer-facing FHIR implementation guide that maps the NCPDP real-time pharmacy benefit check EDI transaction standard to FHIR and includes cash price from the [GoodRx API](#).
- **Charter:** Consumer-facing real-time benefit check project [charter](#)
- **Work in Development:** [CARIN Consumer-facing Real-time Pharmacy Benefit Check PSS](#)

### Join the CARIN Alliance

To learn more about CARIN, or explore opportunities to participate in our activities, please [contact](#) us or visit our [website](#).

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