CARIN Alliance

Announcements

CARIN Blue Button STU Update to v1.1.0 Live!

We wanted to make everyone aware that the CARIN Blue Button STU Update to v1.1.0 is officially published here: http://hl7.org/fhir/us/carin-bb/history.html

The release addresses a significant number of issues identified through the continued engagement of the CARIN community and payers as they test and implement this specification. This release goes a long way to improve the only standards-based specification addressing the need for patient/member access to claims-based data in an electronic form.

For existing implementers, we would encourage you to review the detailed change notes (http://hl7.org/fhir/us/carin-bb/9_change_notes.html)

CARIN IG for Blue Button® STU2 Timeline Update

We wanted to provide an update regarding the CARIN IG for Blue Button® timing for STU2. The STU1 version of the IG was published in November 2020. Since then, we have been working to resolve minor technical corrections that were published as an STU Update (v1.1.0) on July 2, 2021. We have also developed a draft mapping of the oral and vision mappings for STU2, but need to test it in a Connectathon. Unfortunately, we have not yet tested any of this work and do not believe that we will be able to do so by the cutoff deadline for the September HL7 ballot. In speaking with the HL7 Financial Management workgroup, we have agreed to move the ballot for STU2 to January 2022. We need payers or oral/vision claims providers willing to engage and test and synthetic oral/vision test data. If we do not have community engagement, the January 2022 ballot could be pushed back further.

We would ask the community to please let us know if you aware of any existing (or in development) synthetic oral/vision claims data that could be used in a Connectathon. Again, to meet the January ballot, we would likely need to participate or host a Connectathon in August. Please let us know if you would be interested in participating in a Connectathon focused on testing the oral/vision claims in August.

Update on 2021 CARIN Implementation Guides
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.

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

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**: Consumer Directed Payer Data Exchange (CARIN IG for Blue Button®) and Health plan project charter
- **Work in Development**: Consumer Directed Payer Data Exchange (CARIN IG for Blue Button®) Implementation Guide (this is still in process and should not be viewed as final) and the PSS for Consumer Directed Payer Data Exchange (CARIN IG for 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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