ELECTRONIC MEDICAL DOCUMENT INTEROPERABILITY (EMDI)
EMDI Workgroup Meeting Minutes

DATE:	07/18/2019		TIME:	3:00 PM – 4:01 PM ET
LOCATION:	Teleconference			
DIAL-IN #	+1 (312) 757-3121		ACCESS CODE:	979 370 477
CHAIR:	Ray Wilkerson (Scope Infotech)		RECORDER:	Briana Barnes (Scope Infotech)

Attendees

CMS	AMEDISYS	BRYJ INC.	CAREMESH
Christopher Lofts	Ed Swan	Mike Hurley	Catherine Thomas
CHANGE HEALTHCARE	**EHEALTH EXCHANGE**	**ELECTROMED**	**HOMECARE HOMEBASE**
Laura Coughlin	Eric Heflin	Stephanie Labelle	Neal Reizer
Eric McAllister	Jay Nakashima	Kathryn Thompson	
LINCARE	**MEDALLIES**	**SCOPE INFOTECH**	
Jeff Jackson	Sheila Conciatori	Nandini Ganguly	
	Alex Kroohs	Kishan Patel	
	Holly Miller	Pallavi Talekar	

Absentees

APRIA	CERNER	DIRECTTRUST	EPIC
Zane Schott	Hans Buitendijk	Scott Stuewe	Jeremy Akins
	John Travis		
HEALTHSPLASH	**HYLAND ONBASE**	**KNO2**	**MEDSIDE**
Roxie Murray	Scott Magers	Alan Swenson	Victor Vaysman
		Theresa Bell	
LINCARE	**MEDSIDE**	**NETSMART**	**NEWWAVE**
Bill Moran	Victor Vaysman	Andy Fosnacht	Joshua Myers
Stephanie Sisco			Aaron Seib
Jeff Jackson			Rajan Vignesh
Kelley Gullo			
Jenna Pedersen			
SOMNOWARE	**SUNCOAST RHIO**		
Raj Misra	Louis Galterio		
	Srujay Setty		
	Christopher Sullivan		

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1. **Roll Call**
a. It was explained that this workgroup will focus on reviewing providers' comments on the CMS proposed rules, EMDI updates, and a roundtable discussion on interoperability barriers and solutions.
b. The presentation for the comments from the CMS proposed rules continues the EMDI Workgroup in March 2019 where Lynette Elliott presented the CMS and Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) interoperability proposed rules, and their relevance to the EMDI program.
2. **CMS and ONC Proposed Rules: Comment Review**
a. Lynette Elliott explained the difference between the ONC (updates the existing 2015 Edition certification criteria regarding the exchange of electronic health information (EHI), implements information blocking provisions of the 21st Century Cures Act, includes a request for information regarding EHI and pricing, and is a cross-agency and interdepartmental effort) and the CMS (proposes claims and encounter data follow the person, requires electronic notifications for admissions, discharges and transfers (ADTs), requires availability of provider directories via open Application Program Interfaces (APIs), and includes requests for information regarding patient matching and health IT adoption in post-acute care) proposed rules.

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b. Lynette Elliott focused primarily on the CMS proposed rule comments, since the CMS rules reference the ONC rules. It was explained that ONC acts as an advising entity and CMS functions as a regulatory entity.

c. Lynette Elliot explained that there are over 1623 public comments submitted for the CMS proposed rules, but she decided to focus on specific comments that are more relevant to the healthcare IT industry. These comments were divided into categories (i.e., advancing interoperability across the care continuum, API technical standards, APIs between providers and payers, care coordination, data exchange, patient event notifications, post-acute care providers, and trusted exchanges).

d. Lynette Elliott provided a high-level overview of the public comments for the CMS proposed rules that were submitted by organizations. Lynette Elliott organized the comments to include the submitter's name, information, and relevance to EMDI. Some of the organizations that submitted comments were American Physical Therapy Association, The Sequoia Project, American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association, American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing, AARP, Spectrum Health, Greater New York Hospital Association, American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association, Collective Medical, Clover Health, Kaiser Permanente, National Committee for Quality Assurance, Health Information Alliance, American Academy of Neurology, American Academy of Dermatology, Centura Health, Quest Diagnostics, East Tennessee Health Information Network, American Medical Informatics Association, American Optometric Association, Highmark Health, and Vibra Healthcare.

e. The comments that were submitted focused on different recommendations, such as CMS incentivizing post-acute care setting (PACS) providers, extending the timeframe for PACS to become interoperable, working with payers to identify data needs, acquiring acute and post-acute should collect the same data elements, recommend trusted exchanges, and finalizing U.S. Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) content and vocabulary.

f. The 2019 CMS Interoperability Proposed Rule Public Comments and Relevance to EMDI presentation will be submitted to the EMDI Workgroup participants for them to thoroughly review submitters' comments.

g. Ray Wilkerson asked how CMS will move forward with the comments submitted by organizations. Lynette Elliott explained that CMS will post a draft of the final rule, before making it a final rule. The final draft will include direct responses or will address some of these public comments. The final draft will be posted on regulation.gov. She noted that this will be posted on Regulation.gov.

h. Mike Hurley liked the presentation and asked if the comments that was presented were from all the public comment categories. Lynette Elliott explained that the submitted comments was characterized using these categories, but she disseminated the comments and only focused on 152 comments related to interoperability.

i. Eric Heflin explained, based on the comments about USCDI, that he was on the USCDI task force and that USCDI is a data set, and a process. Eric Heflin stated, "The USCDI process includes an input and vetting process that is intended to be the national-level mechanism to formalize a process to getting new value sets expressed, via a public vetting process. USCDI would allow anyone to propose a new value set to fix a gap in data interoperability."

j. Laura Coughlin stated that she commented on the USCDI Core for the ONC proposed rule. Lynette Elliott explained that the public comments that she presented only focused on the CMS proposed rule.

3. EMDI Updates

a. Ray Wilkerson provided updates of the EMDI Program:

   i. EMDI Pilot Guide: The EMDI Pilot Guide v1.0 has been released to include the EMDI pilot requirements and expectations of pilot participants.

   ii. EMDI Program Guide: The EMDI Implementation Guide has been renamed EMDI Program Guide and has been updated to include CMS' identified initiatives and interoperability standards.

   iii. Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Electronic Order (eRx) Workgroup: This workgroup will discuss DME eRx pilot related topics with the expectation to identify how to successfully implement the SMART on FHIR App to achieve interoperability. It was explained that EMDI Workgroup participants can be added to this workgroup by emailing the EMDI team and having a one-on-one discussion with them. The next DME eRx Workgroup will be on Tuesday, 07/23/2019, and the agenda topic for that session will be 'FHIR 101'.

4. Round Table

a. Ray Wilkerson explained that the first half of the EMDI Workgroup series focused on educating providers about different standards and initiatives, like FHIR, 360Exchange (360X), and DirectTrust.. In this next half of the EMDI Workgroup series, the EMDI team would like to focus on further identifying the workgroup participants, so that they can have an organized group-based discussion. Participants' responses will be recorded and reviewed

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in future meetings. The participants will be classified in four groups: provider, Electronic Health Record/ Electronic Medical Record (EHR/EMR), health IT, or general. The next EMDI Workgroup group-based discussion topics will be 'Barriers to Interoperability', which is being researched by Kishan Patel (EMDI intern), 'Spreading the Word', and any other future discussions. It was noted that Briana Barnes will be recording participants' comments that can assist with driving solutions for interoperability barriers. Ray Wilkerson will begin a round table discussion of these topics during the next EMDI Workgroup on Thursday, 08/15/2019. He encourages participants to bring in all necessary counterparts that will be beneficial to this discussion and will be open to providing feedback.
b.   Ray Wilkerson will send the 2019 CMS Interoperability Proposed Rule Public Comments and Relevance to EMDI slide deck to everyone on the EMDI Workgroup meeting invite. The EMDI Workgroup participants can reach out to Lynette Elliott via her email or by contacting Ray Wilkerson via email.

DECISIONS MADE

1. None.

RISKS

1. None discussed.

ISSUES

1. None noted.

AI#	ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE
950*	Send the 2019 CMS Interoperability Proposed Rule Public Comments and Relevance to EMDI slide deck to everyone on the EMDI Workgroup meeting invite.	Ray Wilkerson	07/26/2019

* Action Item numbers are assigned from an internal-facing list and may not be sequential between meetings.

Next Meeting: Thursday 08/15/2019, 03:00 PM ET

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