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Quarterly Webinar Meeting

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12 p.m. – 1 p.m. CDT

GoToWebinar Meeting

AGENDA

Welcome

Special presentation: KONZA QHIN

1. Background and context
2. KONZA QHIN - We have you covered
3. Participation
4. Policy
5. Technical
6. What's next
7. FAQ

Candidate Qualified Health Information Network (QHIN) Update



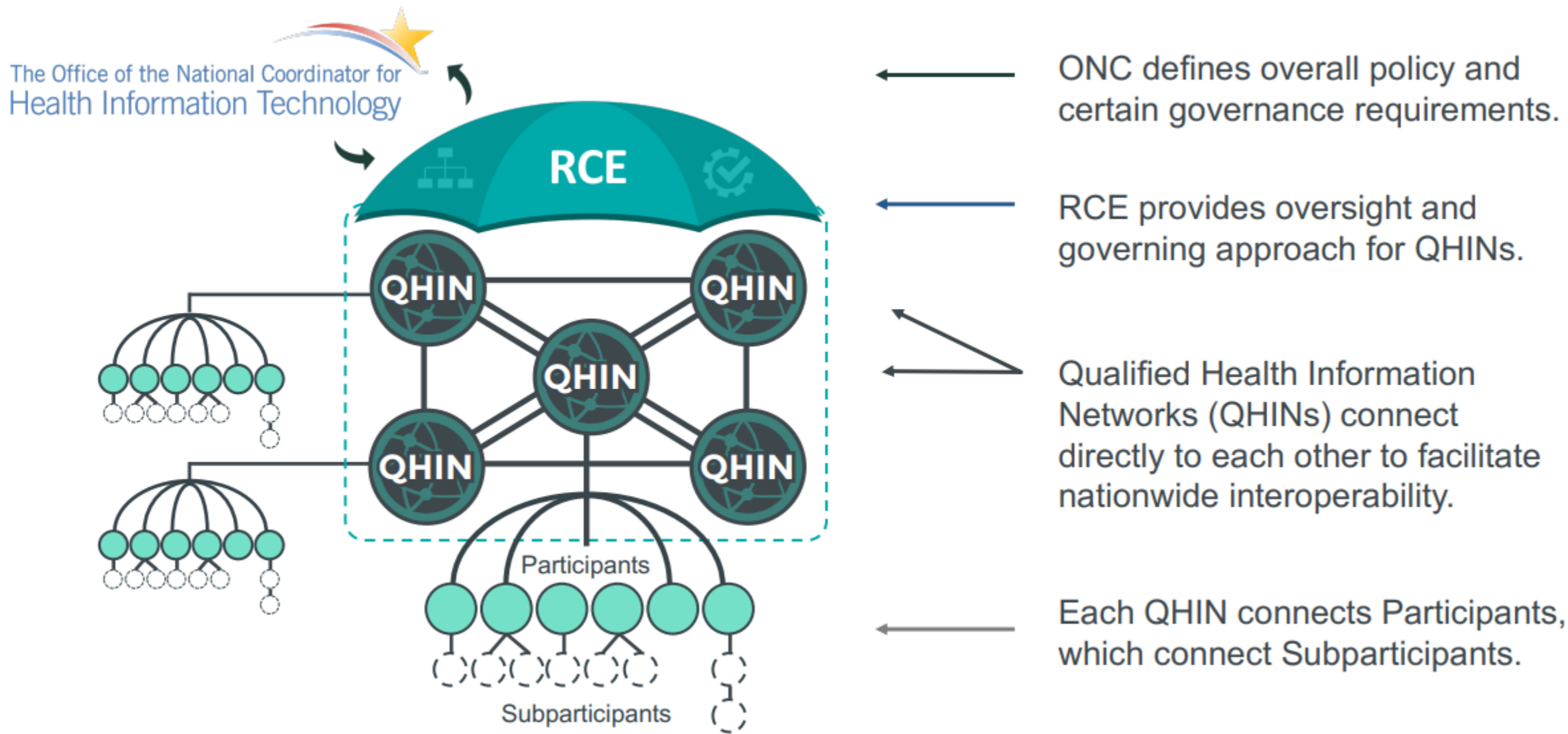
What is TEFCA?

Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA)

- The 21st Century Cures Act called on the ONC to create and support a Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA).
- This creates a common set of technical and legal requirements to simplify and enable nationwide exchange of healthcare data.
- A central component of TEFCA is operationalizing Qualified Health Information Networks, or QHINs, to serve as centralized exchange partners in a network-of-networks approach.
- Currently 7 Candidate QHINs.



How will exchange work under TEFCA?





Candidate QHIN

- ✓ Leveraging 12 years of HIE expertise.
- ✓ Representing YOU, our network members.
- ✓ Actively engaged in operationalizing TEFCA.

We are your connection to:

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

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In recognition of your dedication to implementing a secure, nationwide electronic health information exchange network that will allow health information to improve health care across the United States.


Xavier Becerra
Secretary, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services




Micky Tripathi
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology



KONZA QHIN – We have you covered

- Joining the Candidate KONZA QHIN will be **simple**:
 - **one** connection
 - **one** contract
 - **one** set of policies
- Flexibility in how to connect
- Expand your network and access to broader health data
- No changes to regional and local sharing of data. Rather, it is a **seamless one connection to national interoperability**.



KONZA Candidate QHIN

We Have You Covered

August 7, 2023

Dear Karla,

As we've been reporting over the past several months, KONZA National Network was part of the first group of organizations that was accepted by the Recognized Coordinating Entity (RCE) (The Sequoia Project) and the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) to move forward with the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) onboarding process as a Candidate Qualified Health Information Network (QHIN).

We are committed to being your trusted interoperability strategic partner. Our goal is to allow you to focus on patient care while we handle your interoperability needs.

KONZA QHIN Participation

Participation Questions	HIE	QHIN
How many can we participate in?	Many	Only one
Do we have to contribute our data?	No	Yes
Do we have to keep our directory updated?	No	Yes
Can we still participate in other networks (e.g., eHealth Exchange, Carequality, Common Well, etc.)?	Yes	Yes

Participation: Why join a QHIN?

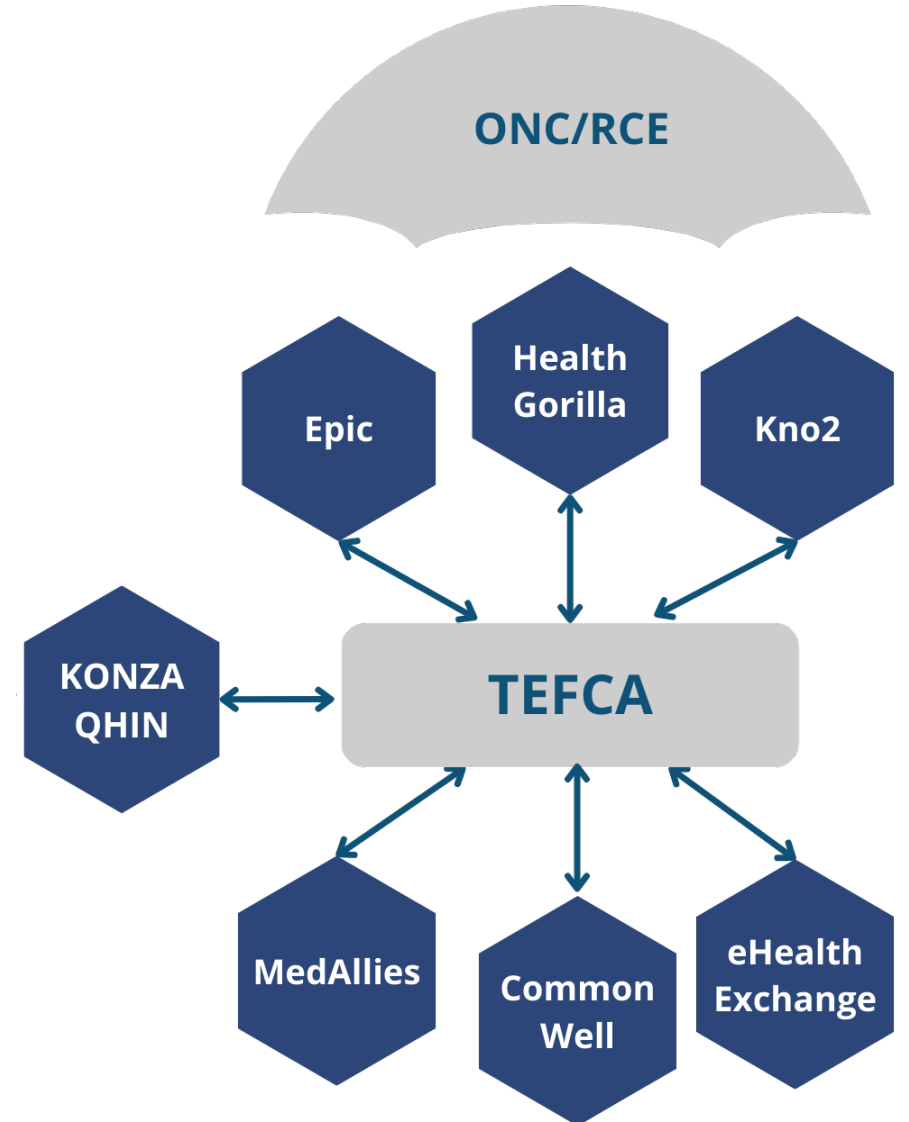
- National access and sharing of healthcare data
- Information Blocking requirement
- Preparing for federal requirements to participant in a QHIN
- Preparing for nation-wide public health and pandemic response system
- Preparing for digitized prior authorizations



Strategic Decision – How to choose a QHIN

Strategic evaluation of your QHIN options

- You may hear from other candidate QHINs
- Most important:
You get to choose!



Making a QHIN Decision



Elements to consider when selecting a QHIN:

- Trust, relationship
- Technical capabilities
- Services and fees
- Value adds
- Work effort
- Support Services

KONZA QHIN

Participation



Policy



Technical



KONZA QHIN Policy

Exchange Purposes

First Phase

- Treatment
- Individual Access Services

Coming soon

- Healthcare Operations
- Payment
- Public Health
- Government Benefits Determination



KONZA QHIN Policy

Common Agreement flowdowns

- Flowdowns required for participation

Same intention as KONZA Master Participation Agreement

- Same breach reporting requirements
- Same purposes of use



KONZA QHIN

Technical Framework

- Single connection for HIE and QHIN
- Two models of connectivity
 - Federated model
 - Centralized model
- Standardized digital certificate management
 - TLS 1.2 or 1.3
 - OAuth 2.0
- Directory Management



QHIN Technical Framework

Centralized vs Federated

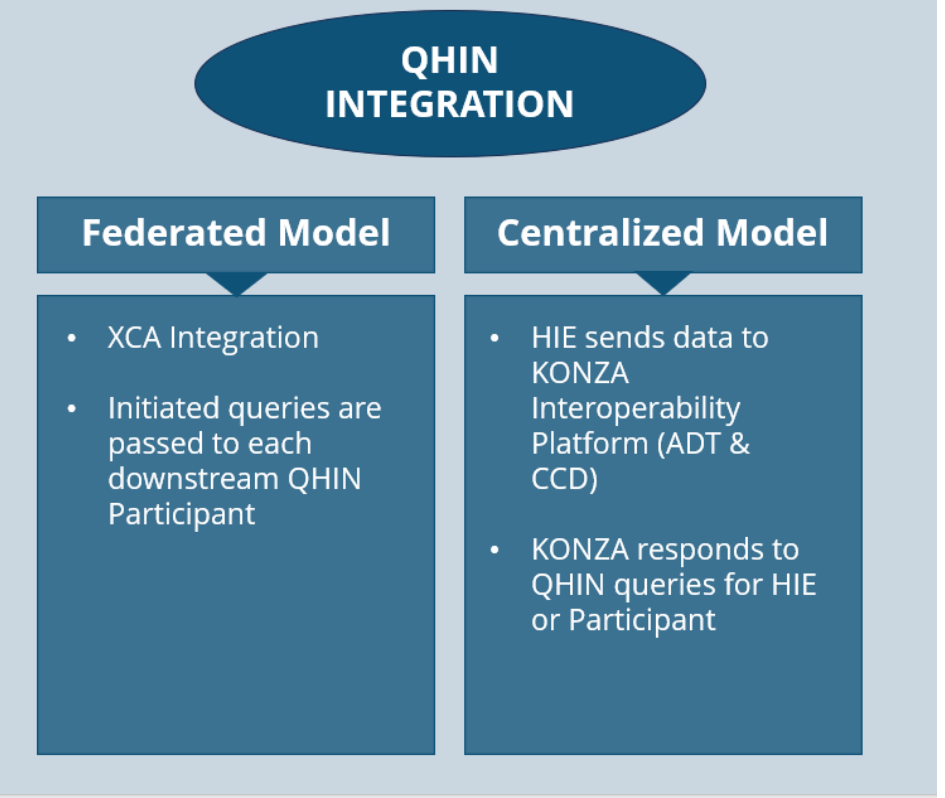
Centralized

- Required Information contributed to KONZA
- KONZA response on behalf when patient matches (Patient Discoveries) find a match

Federated

- Query only interfaces with KONZA
- Required information maintained by facility
- Facility must respond to all queries
 - Consideration: volume of queries

Data Exchange Models



QHIN Technical Framework

TEFCA Directory responsibilities:

- Allows actors in TEFCA to know where and how to access data

KONZA's responsibilities:

- Maintains and publishes updates on KONZA's participants, subparticipants, and child facilities

Participant's responsibilities:

- Keeps KONZA apprised of any purchases, sales, mergers, or closures of facilities
 - Parent/Child relationships and address



KONZA QHIN

Participation next steps

Contract updates and Common Agreement flowdowns

- Mailing in September
- 30 days to respond

Opting Out

- Have you already made another QHIN choice?
 - Contact us and let us know. Otherwise, we will continue to plan on your participation in the Candidate KONZA QHIN.

Meeting Participant requirements

- Must contribute data
- Must keep directory up to date



FAQs and Resources

What does it cost to join the KONZA QHIN?

- There are no costs to join the KONZA QHIN outside normal subscription and implementation fees.

What happens if I opt out of the KONZA QHIN?

- You can still participate and receive all services from KONZA. Your data will not be shared through KONZA to other QHINs.

How many QHINs can I join?

- One. Joining a QHIN is different than HIEs. You can participate in many HIEs. You can only participate in one QHIN.

Who do I contact for more information?

- information@konza.org
Your primary points of contact can coordinate strategic discussions, as necessary.

When do I need to make a decision on joining a QHIN?

- There is no time expiration on making the decision.

When does KONZA expect to become designated as a QHIN?

- Q4 2023



**Visit our QHIN
webpage**

www.konza.org/qhin

Thank You!

