Data Exchange Framework
Digital Identity Consumer Privacy
Focus Group Meeting #2

California Health & Human Services Agency
Monday, March 28, 2022
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
## Agenda

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Welcome and Goals
Every Californian, and the health and human service providers and organizations that care for them, will have timely and secure access to usable electronic information that is needed to address their health and social needs and enable the effective and equitable delivery of services to improve their lives and wellbeing.
Goal

Of the Focus Groups

To gain input from specific stakeholder perspectives on a strategy for digital identities for the Data Exchange Framework

The development of a robust and effective Digital Identities Strategy will require expert counsel. CalHHS will convene several expert focus groups to inform our understanding of the need and project approach.

- Health information exchanges
- **Consumer privacy**
- Health care providers
- Health plans
- Social service organizations
- State health and human service departments
AB133 requires that, by July 31, 2022, CalHHS in consultation with the Stakeholder Advisory Group, develop:

“a strategy for unique, secure digital identities capable of supporting master patient indices to be implemented by both private and public organizations in California.”
Public Comment Period
Discussion Questions on a Strategy for Digital Identity
Recap

1. Difficult to assess privacy needs without use cases
2. Some demographics may be of concern for some populations
3. Use only those demographics necessary to link data (similar to “minimum necessary”) 
4. Use health-related local identifiers (e.g., insurance member IDs, not driver’s license) 
5. Prefer a statewide MPI operated by non-government organization
Discussion Objectives

To begin to explore:

1. Use Cases for Digital Identities
2. Data Elements in a Digital Identity
### Use Cases

#### What use cases may not be appropriate for the use of digital identities?

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What personal data should not be included, used, or shared for use in digital identities?

**Demographics**

**USCDI v1**
- Name
- Previous name
- Date of birth
- Race and ethnicity
- Sex (assigned at birth)
- Preferred language
- Current address
- Previous address
- Phone number
- Email address

**USCDI v2**
- USCDI v1 plus...
  - Sexual orientation
  - Gender identity

**USCDI v3**
- USCDI v2 plus...
  - Date of death
  - Tribal affiliation
  - Related persons
  - Occupation

**Local Identifiers**

Federal identifiers:
- E.g., VA ID

Federal health identifiers:
- E.g., Medicare ID

State identifiers:
- E.g., driver’s license

State health identifiers:
- E.g., Medi-Cal ID

Private health identifiers:
- E.g., health plan member ID
- E.g., medical record number
Data Elements

What personal data should not be included, used, or shared for use in digital identities?

• Do your answers change if demographics or local identifiers are shared in a statewide index?
  – Considering “minimum necessary”?
  – Considering use cases?
  – Considering entities might expand beyond covered entities?

• Should digital identities share the same protection as PHI?
Closing Remarks and Next Steps
Digital Identities Strategy

Development Plan: Approach and Timeline

Mar  Refine strategy components with emphasis on privacy, security

Apr  Complete a draft strategy

May  Refine strategy with AG; align potential requirements with DxF, DSA

Jun/Jul Finalize strategy for delivery to legislature (June, July 2022)

CDII will keep the Stakeholder Advisory Group apprised of progress at each meeting, elevating key issues raised by focus groups for discussion.
# Meeting Schedule

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For more information or questions on Digital Identity Focus Group meeting scheduling and logistics, please email Rim Cothren (Robert.Cothren@chhs.ca.gov).