



**California Health & Human Services Agency
Center for Data Insights and Innovation
Data Exchange Framework Information is Power Webinar Series: DxF Data
Sharing Agreement Fact vs. Fiction, DxF Grant Applications, & QHIO Applications
Webinar #6 Q&A Log (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM PT, February 21, 2023)**

The following table shows comments that were entered into the Zoom Q&A by public attendees during the February 21st webinar:

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| 1. | Anissa Davis | can you put the link to wear these webinars will be posted? | Thank you for joining, Anissa. Webinar recordings and presentations will be posted to the DxF website. https://www.chhs.ca.gov/data-exchange-framework/ |
| 2. | Martha Cortez | "If the Participant is a Business Associate, the Participant does, and at all times shall, comply with the provisions of its Business Associate Agreements (or for governmental entities relying upon 45 C.F.R. section 164.504(e)(3)(i)(A), its Memoranda of Understanding) and all other Applicable Law Is a Business Associate Agreement (BAA) needed between a Covered Entity (CE) and a Participant?" | |
| 3. | Anissa Davis | If the CE currently has a BAA with an Entity that then becomes a Participant, is that BAA still needed?" | |
| 4. | Anthony Ly | ty! | live answered |
| 5. | Cynthia McCown | Are agencies that have received PATH CITED funding eligible for DxF grant funding? | Thank you for flagging that, Cynthia. The February 2nd IAC meeting presentation and recording have been posted to the DxF website. https://www.chhs.ca.gov/data-exchange-framework/#past-meeting-materials |
| 6. | Rachel Goldberg | Can someone please post the presentation to the meeting on Feb. 2. As of last week it was not posted. | AB-133 requires certain health care organizations to sign and execute the |

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| | | | <p>Data Exchange Framework (DxF) Data Sharing Agreement (DSA), and comply with the requirements stipulated in the DSA's Policies and Procedures (P&Ps). Unfortunately, CDII cannot provide legal advice on whether your organization is a required signatory. We recommend you review our DSA FAQ and P&Ps for more information on whether your entity is required to sign the DSA, and consult legal counsel to determine whether your organization is a required signatory. FAQ is available here: https://www.chhs.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Data-Exchange-Framework-FAQ-2023-1-24.pdf. Thank you for the question!</p> |
| 7. | Anthony Ly | Can you please confirm if PACE providers are required or optional signatories? | Voluntary Participants may sign at any time. |
| 8. | Meredith Chillemi | will there be a deadline for voluntary agencies? | Thank you for letting us know. |
| 9. | Camey Christenson | Kevin, we have revied the FAQ. DHCS told PACE providers that they are not required. | Public comments on the DxF, the DSA, or any of its P&Ps at any time via email at CDII@chhs.ca.gov . Please submit in an ADA compliant format. P&P comments received after the deadline may not be considered in this round of revisions. |
| 10. | Terry Wilcox | Can feedback on the P & Ps still be submitted by community members | |

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| | | even though the public comment timeframe has closed? | |
| 11. | Whitney Wilson | Are FQHC's required to sign the DSA? | |
| 12. | Jennifer Martinez | what are the penalties for not signing the DSA on time? | live answered |
| 13. | HETAL Patel | Are DSA signatory grants available to both required and optional/encouraged signatories? | live answered |
| 14. | Terry Wilcox | For the TA Grant, would you clarify if the grant can be used for a HIE interface onboarding and implementation to connect with the existing EHR? | |
| 15. | Anthony Ly | I assume an application for onboarding funding can't be submitted until QHIO's are selected? | We hope to identify QHIOs in May 2023. |
| 16. | Candice Rowland | has Dxf identified a list of QHIOs or HIOs yet? | CDII anticipates that some Participants in DxF will use nationwide networks and frameworks such as Carequality or the CommonWell Alliance to meet their obligations. We suggest that Signatories review the P&Ps to determine how best to meet their obligations and what capabilities nationwide networks/frameworks may provide to assist them. HIOs qualified through the QHIO program have signed the DSA, have committed to complying with the P&Ps, and have been assessed to offer sufficient capabilities so that their participants can use them to comply with DxF data sharing obligations. |
| 17. | Felix Su | Does connection to Carequality and/or CommonWell meet the requirements of this DSA? | Hi Felix, thank you for this question and recommendation. We will include additional details |

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| | | | addressing both of these items in the grant program guidance documents. |
| 18. | Leonard Kwong | One question and one recommendation re: QHIO Onboarding Grant. Question: please explain whether Milestone 2 will have specific demonstration requirements (e.g., proof that the signatory is actively sending and receiving EHI through the QHIO and/or using other QHIO services, etc.). Recommendation: please clarify in writing (as discussed at the last IAC meeting) that signatories that have already signed a contract with a QHIO (e.g., Milestone 1) but have not yet technically onboarded are still eligible to apply for and receive the grants. Thank you! | Thanks for the question, Leonard. Yes, the webinar slides and recording will be posted to the DxF website. https://www.chhs.ca.gov/data-exchange-framework/ |
| 19. | carol malo | will today recording be available online after today? | the deadline to sign the DSA, per AB133, was Jan 31, 2023. The data signing portal remains open despite that deadline. The deadline to begin exchange under the DxF is Jan 31, 2024 for most signatories; some mandated Participant types have until Jan 31, 2026 per AB 133 (such as but not limited to physician practices of fewer than 25 physicians and critical access hospitals). |
| 20. | Leonard Kwong | when is the deadline? I have heard too many. | |
| 21. | Craig Burchfiel | Thank You | |
| 22. | Candice Rowland | Is Commenwell a participant in this program? | Please see the Breach Notification P&P at https://www.chhs.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/5.-CHHS_DSA-Breach-Notification-PP_Final_v1_7.1.22.pdf |

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| | | | for requirements for breach notification. |
| 23. | Brandi Moore | Are signatories expected to notify this body of a data breach? | It is uncertain how many QHIOs will be identified. It will depend on the number of organizations that apply and the number that are found to be qualified. |
| 24. | Edward Yu | How many QHIO's will be approved? Will there only be a certain number for each geographical area? | |
| 25. | Randy Smart MD | Has there been estimates on the cost on maintaining the cost of the data exchange requirement? What is the expected cost between the provider organization and the QHIO to fulfill this requirement? | |
| 26. | HETAL Patel | Can grant funding be used for administrative time during design and onboarding? | |
| 27. | Heather Readhead | Do you have a list of QHIO organizations that we could review and like to get assistance for this grant program? | |
| 28. | Cynthia Keltner | Is is sufficient if a provider organization or larger clinic system has some clinics that are using ONC-certified and already doing health information exchange - but other clinics that are on EHRs that cannot do health information exchange? | |
| 29. | Sonal Ambegaokar | The language around required entities is a little grey for FQHCs. Can you clarify if its a mandatory signatory maybe important for education especially around the the different grant rounds | |
| 30. | Lynette Beckedahl | Could you also share the Q&A with the slides after today's meeting? | Thank you for joining, Anissa. Webinar recordings and presentations will be posted to the DxF website. https://www.chhs.ca.gov/data-exchange-framework/ |

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