



**California Health & Human Services Agency
Center for Data Insights and Innovation
Qualified Health Information Organization
Town Hall Q&A Log (9:00AM – 10:30AM PT, February 9, 2023)**

The following table shows comments that were entered into the Zoom Q&A by public attendees during the February 9th meeting:

Count	Name	Comment	Response(s)¹
1	Dana Moore	Is there a list/link to see every organization that has signed the DxF?	You can find a list of signatories on the DxF website at https://www.chhs.ca.gov/data-exchange-framework/ . The current list as of 2/7 is at https://www.chhs.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/DSA-Signatory-List-as-of-Feb-7.pdf .
2	Tim Tubman	Will these slides be made available? If so where?	Yes. We will post these slides on the CDII DxF website in the next few days (https://www.chhs.ca.gov/data-exchange-framework/). Thanks for the question.
3	Cheryl Rushton	If our agency (CBO) is not currently prepared to meet the criteria for a QHIO, will there be technical support and funding available to help us reach compliance?	It is not necessary for your agency or any signatory to become a QHIO to sign the DSA or participate in the DxF. In fact, your CBO might use a QHIO to meet your obligations.

¹ Responses may have been provided by various Manatt or Center for Data Insights and Innovation staff.

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4	Prabhu Tirumanedi	Can a Government Entity like CA Dept of State Hospitals (with our 5 hospital facilities) be a QHIO ?	You can, but may not choose to do so. If you have more questions about this, please reach out to me at robert.cothren@chhs.ca.gov or cdii@chhs.ca.gov.
5	Jeff Cho	Basic question but are orgs/signatories required to connect to a QHIO to participate in Cal DxF?	No.
6	Paul Wilder	Recognizing this is about the QHIO application, there is a related question relative to the provider side attestation. The key question on the provider side is whether they need to work through a QHIO. The QHIO application discusses connection to a national network and many providers are asking if they are themselves connected to a national network/framework do they need to have a QHIO as well to be compliant. It seems no and that the QHIO is a possible on-ramp granted the QHIO status by CA but it is not the only type of onramp.	Correct, QHIO is a possible on-ramp granted the QHIO status by CA but it is not the only type of onramp. '@DeeAnne, can you answer the question that is on the minds of providers across the state which is whether the provider being connected to and utilizing the existing national networks and/or framework, and complying with existing CMS requirements to share ADT messages allows them to meet their connectivity and data sharing obligations under the DxF, presuming that they share any Social Care data that they maintain in their HIT systems?
7	Cristi Iannuzzi	Is there a consideration for organizations that are not structured as a US registered corporation, i.e. our SHIE is established within our county?	Jonah spoke to this verbally, CDII/Manatt will take back.

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8	Jennifer Martinez	Am I understanding correctly that connection to a Nationwide Network must be live as of the date of QHIO application rather than another date like 1/31/2024?	Live answered.
9	Jim Hickman	Rim - Can you restate the hospital exception re ADT feeds and QHIOs?	Live answered.
10	Ken Riomales	Has CDII considered potential confusion of message with DHCS calling out HIO's being members of CTEN and the QHIO draft application not referencing CTEN?	Both CDII and DHCS are aware of requirements regarding participating in HIOs and CTEN and both parties are working to align. Some requirements from DHCS (BHQIP) predate the QHIO program and are being considered. The DHCS incentive payment program will also be directing managed care plans and providers to use share data, including (but not mandating through) QHIOs.
11	Jim Hickman	'+1 Ken's question - seems like an unstated assumption in the QHIO selection process that needs to be explained and confirmed or ruled out.	N/A
12	Rachel McLean	Epic Care Everywhere and Manifest Medex seem like examples of systems that many health institutions are already using. (Not endorsing them here.) Might be helpful to provide examples of systems that could meet the QHIO standards since my impression from the ITUP Conference is that many small health orgs have no idea what it means to join the DxF in practice.	Epic Care Everywhere is an example of a nationwide network, and Manifest MedEx is an example of one of several HIOs in California. We will certainly publish the list of QHIOs when they are qualified.

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13	Ken Riomales	Is it a requirement that QHIO's present the ADT in a human readable format, or is the requirement simply to pass through the raw HL7 message?	Please review and comment on the Technical Requirements for Exchange P&P. That document allows for QHIOs to offer a variety of formats to those requesting notifications that may include HL7 v2.x ADT message feeds.

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