



The Office of the National Coordinator for  
Health Information Technology  
Health IT Advisory Committee

## Information Blocking Task Force Work Group 2 – Exceptions

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# Agenda

- Call to order/roll call
- Promoting the security of EHI
- Responding to requests that are infeasible
- Licensing of interoperability elements on RAND terms
- Public comment
- Next steps and adjourn

# Information Blocking Task Force Charge

- **Overarching Charge:** Provide recommendations on policies related to information blocking; the “information blocking,” “assurances,” and “communications” conditions and maintenance of certification requirements; and the enforcement of all the conditions and maintenance of certification requirements.
- **Specific Charges:** Provide recommendations on the following topics:
  - Information Blocking:
    - ONC definitions/interpretations of certain statutory terms and provisions, including the price information request for information
    - Seven exceptions to the information blocking definition, and any additional exceptions (request for information)
    - Complaint process
    - Disincentives for health care providers (request for information)
  - “Information blocking,” “assurances,” and “communications” conditions and maintenance of certification requirements
  - Enforcement of all the conditions and maintenance of certification requirements

# Group 2 - Exceptions

Meeting Dates	Topics
Week 1: February 18-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview and HITAC charge</li> <li>• Overall process and timing for providing recommendations</li> </ul>
Week 2: February 25 – March 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kick-off meeting (March 1)</b></li> </ul>
Week 3: March 4-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Meeting 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventing Harm</li> <li>• Promoting the Privacy of EHI</li> <li>• Promoting the Security of EHI</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Meeting 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recovering Costs Reasonable Incurred</li> <li>• Responding to Requests that are Infeasible</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Week 4: March 11-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Meeting 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensing of Interoperability Elements on RAND Terms</li> <li>• Maintaining and Improving Health IT Performance</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Meeting 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional exceptions (request for information)</li> <li>• Complaint process</li> <li>• Disincentives for health care providers (request for information)</li> <li>• Wrap-up and summary of work group draft recommendations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Week 5: March 18-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HITAC Committee Meeting (March 19-20) – Present draft recommendations</b></li> </ul>

# Discussion

- Promoting the security of EHI
- Responding to requests that are infeasible
- Licensing of interoperability elements on RAND terms

# Public Comment

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