Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement™ (TEFCA™) Update

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One connection to access all trading partners at nationwide scale

One Set of Network Participation Policies

- Common Agreement
- Terms of Participation
- Cybersecurity
- Exchange Purposes

One Interface to Nationwide Connectivity Services

- QHIN Technical Framework
- TEFCA Directory Service
- Record Location

One Network Oversight Approach

- Dispute Resolution
- Conflicts of Interest
- Expectations of Cooperation
- Governing Bodies

How is TEFCA Implemented?

ASTP defines overall policy and certain governance requirements

Recognized Coordinating Entity® (RCE®) provides oversight and a governing approach for QHINs

Qualified Health Information Networks® (QHINs™) connect directly to each other to facilitate nationwide interoperability

Each QHIN connects Participants, which connect Subparticipants

Participants and Subparticipants (P&S) connect to each other through TEFCA Exchange

- Participants contract directly with a QHIN and may choose to also provide connectivity to others (Subparticipants), creating an expanded network of networks
- Participants and Subparticipants agree to the same Terms of Participation and can generally participate in TEFCA Exchange in the same manner

3 New Designated QHINS

commonwell HEALTH ALLIANCE

eClinicalWorks

eHealth Exchange

Epic Nexus

HEALTH GORILLA

Kno2

KONZA NATIONAL NETWORK

MEDALLIES
A CENTAURI HEALTH SOLUTIONS COMPANY

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Netsmart

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ORACLE Health Information Network, Inc.™

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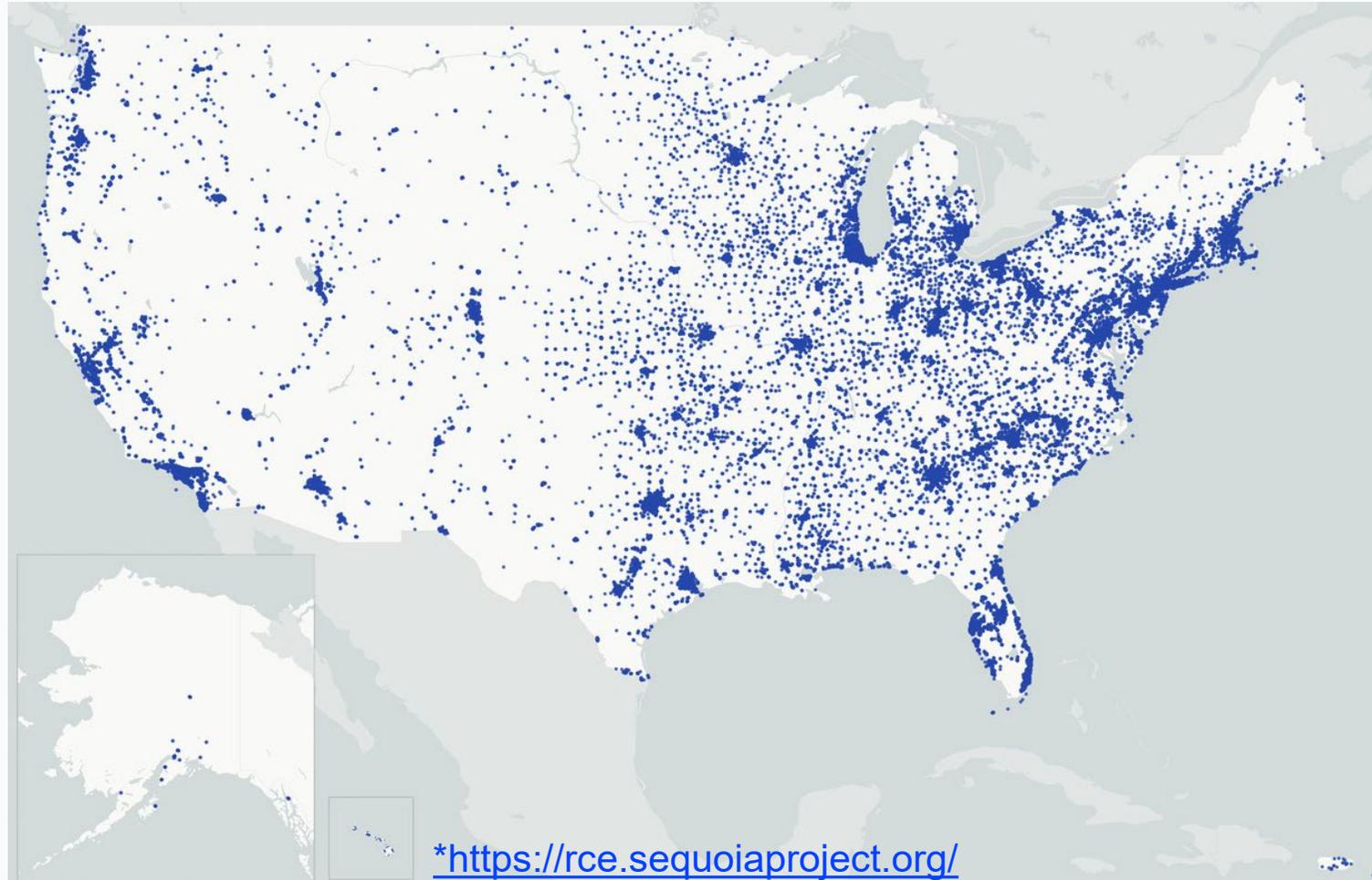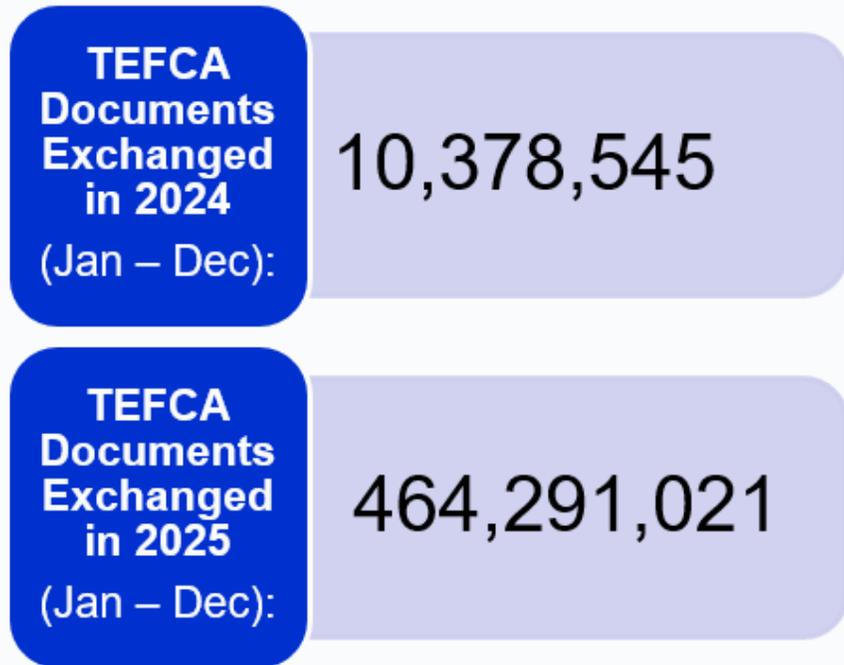Health Information Network™

TEFCA Network Participants

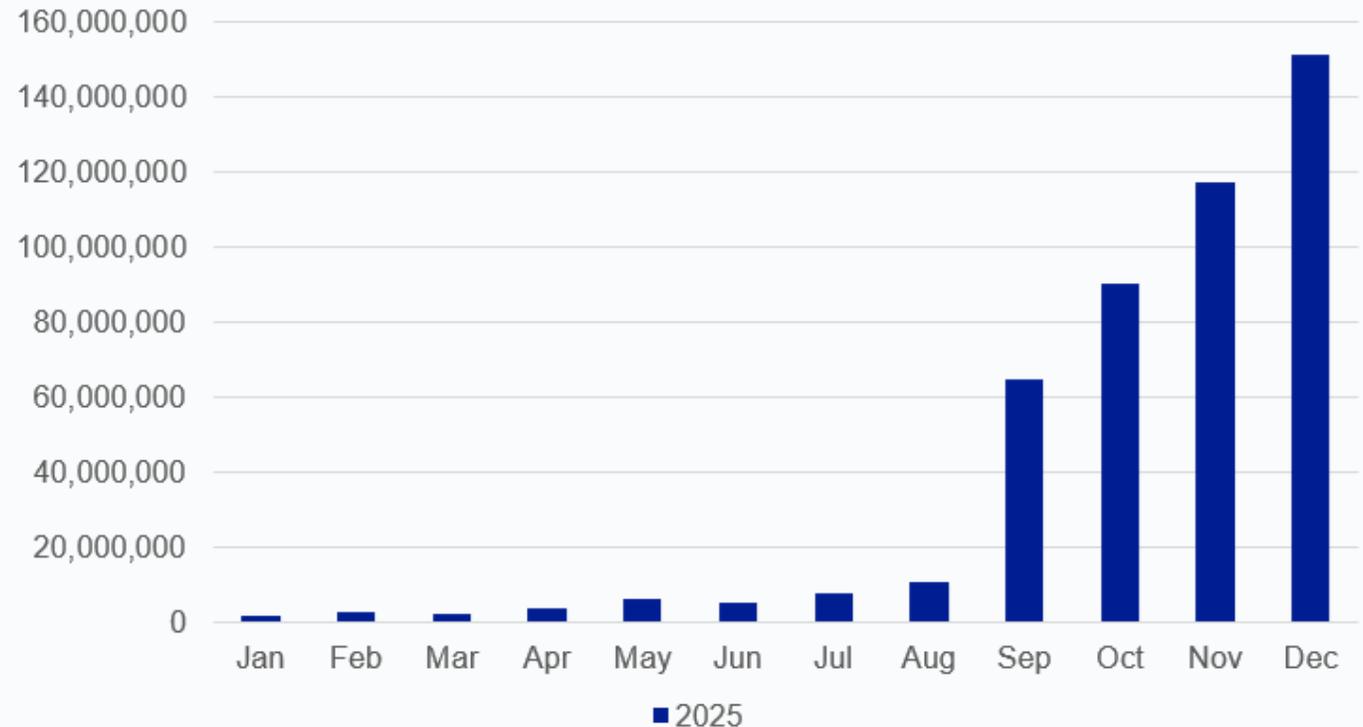Over 70,000 sites and more than 474 million documents shared since go-live in December 2023*

*https://rce.sequoiaproject.org/

TEFCA Exchange Updates

More than **474 million documents shared** since go-live in December 2023

TEFCA Documents Exchanged in 2024 (Jan – Dec):	10,378,545
TEFCA Documents Exchanged in 2025 (Jan – Dec):	464,291,021

TOTAL DOCUMENTS SHARED VIA TEFCA EXCHANGE in 2025

Exchange Purposes (XPs)

- The Exchange Purposes (XPs) Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) defines the authorized XPs and the XP Codes

- Every transaction that occurs via TEFCA Exchange MUST include the XP Code that represents the reason for why the transaction is being initiated

- Each of the authorized XPs may also have specific use cases that are identified with their own XP Code (Level 2)

Authorized XP	XP Code	Level
Treatment	T-TREAT	Level 1
TEFCA Required Treatment	T-TRTMNT	Level 2
Payment	T-PYMNT	Level 1
Health Care Operations	T-HCO	Level 1
Care Coordination/ Case Management	T-HCO-CC	Level 2
HEDIS Reporting	T-HCO-HED	Level 2
Quality Assessment and Improvement	T-HCO-QAI	Level 2
Population-Based Activities	T-HCO-POP	Level 2
Patient Safety	T-HCO-PTSAFETY	Level 2
Performance Review	T-HCO-PERF	Level 2
Public Health	T-PH	Level 1
Electronic Case Reporting	T-PH-ECR	Level 2
Electronic Lab Reporting	T-PH-ELR	Level 2
Individual Access Services	T-IAS	Level 1
Government Benefits Determination	T-GOVDTRM	Level 1
Social Security Determination	T-GOVDTRM-SSD	Level 2
Access Consent Policy	T-GOVDTRM-ACP	Level 2

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TEFCA Recent SOP and Document Releases

Document Name	Short Description/ Updates	Effective Date
QHIN Technical Framework Version 2.1	Added the ability to direct a query to a specific node on the network and the requirement for report transaction volumes based on Exchange Purpose	12/04/2025
Exchange Purpose (XP) Implementation: Government Benefits Determination SOP Version 1.0	Specifications that QHINs, Participants, and Subparticipants must follow when asserting the Government Benefits Determination (GBD) Exchange Purpose (XP), including the Social Security Determination (SSD) sub-Exchange Purpose (sub-XP)	12/04/2025
Exchange Purposes SOP Version 5.0	Updates provide additional detail on exchange for Non-Required XP Codes and are consistent with other published SOPs.	1/16/2026
XP Implementation SOP: Health Care Operations (HCO) Version 2.0	Updates establish additional XP Codes for Health Care Operations and enhance flexibility for Participants/Subparticipants to determine exchange specifications that support core Health Care Operations use cases, while protecting individual privacy under TEFCA.	1/16/2026
XP Implementation SOP: Treatment Version 1.2	Updates address which Responding Nodes must respond to T-TRTMNT queries while supporting appropriate, trusted access to patient information under TEFCA.	1/16/2026
Facilitated FHIR Implementation SOP Version 2.0	Updates further clarify the procedure requirements and provides additional technical specifications for those implementing FHIR and until 2027 to support the use of Dynamic Registration, Authentication and Authorization.	3/08/2026
Individual Access Services (IAS) Provider Requirements SOP Version 2.1	Updates provide individuals with additional transparency into the choices they have for sharing their Individually Identifiable Information in TEFCA	3/17/2026

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Increasing Transparency

- **TEFCA Map -** insight into participation in the network with search functionality

- **Workstream Participation -** opportunity for stakeholders to support TEFCA Implementation by participating in time-limited workstreams on specific issues

- **Additional Ongoing Opportunities -** monthly informational calls and stakeholder feedback on draft versions of new or revised SOPs and other materials

Experts bring specialized knowledge to the TEFCA workstreams and support updates to the SOPs

TEFCA Workstreams

Individual Access Services (IAS): Increase trusted responses to IAS Queries in TEFCA

- Identify consistent identity assurance level 2 (IAL2) and other self-asserted demographic data to include in an IAS Query via TEFCA Exchange

- Ensure that this data can be used to match the Individual to data in the responder's system with enough accuracy to compel a response

*Breach Mitigation Subgroup- Develop risk mitigation approaches with a focus on the HIPAA Breach Notification Rule low probability of compromise analysis related to breach notifications

TEFCA Workstreams

Treatment: Ensure all HIPAA Covered Entity health care providers can compel a response for Treatment

- Optimize vetting processes for all health providers that are HIPAA Covered Entities

- Update the Onboarding and Designation SOP to require upfront and periodic review of Participant and Subparticipant Principals

- Expand the definition of TEFCA Required Response for Treatment to include all Covered Entity Health Care Providers

Federal Partner Participation

- **Indian Health Services-** first federal partner to sign an agreement with a QHIN

- **Consumer Product Safety Commission-** signed an agreement with a QHIN to support data exchange under the Public Health XP

- **Social Security Administration-** collaborated with ASTP/ONC to develop specific use cases under the Government Benefits Determination XP and recently signed an agreement with a QHIN

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New TEFCA Fact Sheet

Data Liquidity, Affordability, and Access: The History & Growth of TEFCA™

- Background, Foundation, and Impact

- How Exchange Works with TEFCA

- Progress of Exchange via TEFCA

- How to Join TEFCA

https://healthit.gov/resources/data-liquidity-affordability-and-access-the-history-growth-of-tefca/

Questions?