



**BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE
REAFFIRM HL7 VERSION 3 STANDARD:
UNIFIED COMMUNICATION SERVICE
INTERFACE, RELEASE 1 - US REALM
FOR THE MAY 2024 BALLOT CYCLE**

April 12, 2024

Dear Voter,

Health Level Seven (HL7) invites you to take part in a Normative ballot to reaffirm the following HL7 American National Standard (ANS):

**Reaffirm HL7 Version 3 Standard: Unified Communication Service Interface,
Release 1 - US Realm (REAFF_V3_ UCSRVINT_R1_N1_2024MAY)**

Per ANSI rules, any ANS subject to periodic maintenance shall be revised, reaffirmed or withdrawn five years (5) after its designation as an ANS. HL7 is conducting this ballot in accordance with the HL7 Essential Requirements (HL7 ER) section 03.04.01 (Reaffirmation of an HL7 American National Standard), to allow those parties with an interest in the ANS to record their position on the decision to reaffirm, revise or withdraw this ANS. This ballot is being conducted in accordance with the rules in HL7 ER section 02 for a Normative Ballot.

For the purposes of this ballot the question being asked is as follows:

Should the standard be reaffirmed as an American National Standard, withdrawn as an ANS, or subject to revision and brought to ballot as a new version?

Accordingly, voters should lodge their votes as follows:

- **Affirmative** – Indicates support of reaffirmation of the ANS
- **Negative** – Indicates support of either withdrawing or revising the ANS. If you support withdrawal, indicate your reasons in the comments accompanying your negative vote.

For details on obtaining a copy of the ANS under review, please refer to the Balloting Procedures section further down in this announcement.

Review Group Pool Signup

Pool sign up is closed.

Review Group Ballot Open/Close Dates

The ballot pool in this document will open and close for voting on the following dates:

Review Group Ballot Open Date: Friday, April 12, 2024

Review Group Ballot Close Date: Monday, May 13, 2024

Ballot Document

Services Oriented Architecture Work Group announces the ballot opening for the following item:

Reaffirm HL7 Version 3 Standard: Unified Communication Service Interface, Release 1 - US Realm [Project ID 1868, 1st Normative Ballot]

The Unified Communication Service complements existing SOA services by providing a Service Functional Model (SFM) for delivering alerts, recommendations, and other notifications using a variety of transport mechanisms including email, SMS, VOIP or other communication channels. The service provides for message routing and/or escalation to ensure that when the intended recipients are not available, appropriate surrogates can be notified in a timely manner.

Unique Ballot ID: REAFF_V3_UCSRVINT_R1_N1_2024MAY

General Guidelines

The standard under consideration is available to HL7 members and non-members as a free download from the HL7 web site linked to

https://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/product_brief.cfm?product_id=388.

From this page select the download link under "Related Documents".

HL7 will conduct these ballots according to its procedure for electronic balloting.

Unique Ballot IDs: Each ballot document has a unique Ballot ID that can be found following its descriptive text. In addition, updated ballot comment spreadsheets will be available on the balloting website at the time the ballots open.

For more information on Balloting Procedures and Guidelines, see <https://confluence.hl7.org/x/-wohAg>.

For Other Balloting Help, see <https://confluence.hl7.org/x/XQghAg>

OTHER ISSUES - Should you have any other issues logging in to the Ballot Desktop, signing up for ballot pools or voting, please contact Lynn Laakso (lynn@HL7.org), Technical Publications Manager, or Webmaster@HL7.org.