

eReferral Working Group Meeting Summary

Meeting Summary

Meeting Chair: Alex Reis			
<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Note Taker</u>	<u>Next Meeting Date</u>
Thursday, December 14, 2023, 1:00pm - 02:00pm ET	Virtual	Sadrina Petit, Project Analyst, Digital Health Interoperability	Jan 10, 2023, 1:00pm-2:00PM ET
Meeting Agenda: 1. Updates to FHIR Resources			
Presenters			
Mark Fernandes – eReferral / eConsult Product Owner Ifran Hakim – Data and AI Consultant			
Invited Guests			
Public			

1. Welcome and Introductions

M. Fernandes welcomed all participants to the working group meeting. Meeting materials and recording of the session will be made available on the InfoCentral working group.

2. Content Presentation

The Infoway Team presented each of the agenda items as outlined above. The focus of this meeting was to discuss updates to FHIR Resources. All content covered during the presentation is available in the following links.

The presentation is available: [eReferral Working Group Meeting](#)

The video recording is available: [eReferral Working Group Meeting](#)

3. Questions raised during the working group meeting:

What changes were made to the support encoding in the console specification?

Initially, support encoding applied to all three elements: system, coding, and display. However, we have now relaxed the support on all these elements.

What was the impact of these changes, and is there any negative consequence?

The changes aim to make it easier for vendors to conform to the profile. Infoway Team does not foresee any negative impact, but it's crucial to consider potential regional variations and the balance between supporting jurisdictional requirements and interoperability.

How can I provide feedback on these changes?

Feedback can be shared through the forum within the InfoCentral forums or via email to Mark or Irfan. The forum is preferred for better visibility.

Is there a specific impact on the interpretation of mustSupport in the Ontario guide?

There might be an impact on how mustSupport is interpreted in the Ontario guide, emphasizing the need to balance between broader participation and jurisdiction-specific requirements.

Can you clarify the practical impact of mustSupport on meta fields for implementers?

mustSupport for meta fields involves declaring which FHIR profiles a vendor supports when sending messages, aiding conformance tools in validation.

What validation tools are being used, and how will they evolve?

The eReferral repository (ON) currently validates against it, and efforts are underway to develop a standardized conformance tool that will play a crucial role.

Can we expect clear definitions for mustSupport before an open review?

Yes, detailed documentation on why certain elements were relaxed will be provided before the open review.

Why is there consideration to relax the must-support status for 'authored on' and 'last modified' elements?

The discussion focuses on evaluating the real-world importance of these fields and determining whether they should retain must-support status.

The decision in the meeting was to relax mustSupport.

What is the current understanding regarding the necessity of a structured FHIR format resource for care plans?

There are uncertainties and concerns about progressing with the care plan without a clear understanding of its uniqueness or specificity in the current specification versions.

What are the concerns related to the inclusion of CarePlans in the specification?

Concerns include the need for detailed business cases, understanding jurisdiction-specific requirements, and questioning the necessity of a structured FHIR format resource for CarePlans.

Decisions

Decision Item #	Decision Item
1	The working group decided to lean towards relaxing mustSupport constraints by default. A clear business case would be required to retain the must support designation for specific elements.
2	The working group decided to relax mustSupport for the authoredOn and lastModified elements in service requests.

Action Items

Action Item #	Action Item	Responsible	Due Date	Status
1	Schedule the next working group meeting for January 10, 2024, from 1-2pm ET	Infoway	December 15, 2023	Completed
2	Propose and agree definition for mustsupport within the working group	Infoway/ Working Group	January 10, 2024	In Progress
3	Present to the working group how JIRA will be utilized to manage the issue tracking and feedback process moving forward. Concurrently, set up a JIRA board to track and document issues and feedback raised by the working group.	Working group	January 24, 2024	In Progress