

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>
Wednesday, January 24, 2023, 1:00pm - 02:00pm ET	Virtual	Sadrina Petit, Project Analyst, Digital Health Interoperability	February 06, 2024, 1:00pm-2:00PM ET
Meeting Agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specification development process and publication model 2. Approach to 'MustSupport' definition 			
Presenters			
Mark Fernandes – eReferral / eConsult Product Owner			
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 on discussing the specification development process and the approach to defining 'Must Support'.

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:

How will specification drafts be reviewed outside of chat discussions?

The primary tool for receiving feedback is the InfoCentral forum for now. JIRA will be utilized to manage received feedback outside of balloting cycles. A webinar regarding JIRA is scheduled for February 6th.

Will the pan-Canadian specification scope be limited to referral content or include workflows?

The first draft of the pan-Canadian specification includes both referral content (FHIR Profiles) and reference workflows as specified in use cases. The workflows are meant to be illustrative to provide

context for implementers, and not meant to be inclusive of all possible implementation choices and do not represent required implementation choices since it is expected that there will be jurisdictional and vendor variances.

How is "Must Support" defined within the context of the specification?

The term "must support" is defined as expected system capabilities that reflect a superset of requirements across jurisdictions. This definition is provisional and subject to future revision. This 'working' definition is:

Sender

Elements marked with the "MustSupport" flag SHALL be populated as specified within the profile they belong to if available and appropriate.

Elements without the "MustSupport" flag SHOULD still be populated, however carry no expectations in the Implementation guide.

Receiver

Receivers SHALL be capable of processing resource instances containing data elements populated with the "MustSupport" flag without generating an error or causing the application to fail. Elements without a "MustSupport" flag in a FHIR response SHOULD still be received without generating an error or causing the application to fail - The receiver SHOULD be capable of displaying "MustSupport" data elements for human use or processing (including, storing them) for multiple events.

Will there be separate technical streams for the referral specification, or will discussions remain in one stream?

For now, discussions will continue within the current working group stream, and in the future to create separate streams for referral vs. service directory specifications based on input from the working group.

Decisions

Decision Item #	Decision Item
1	Focus the first draft of the pan-Canadian specification on FHIR messaging to transmit eReferral and eConsult, excluding REST APIs and service directory specifications.
2	Adopt the proposed "MustSupport" definition for initial analysis and feedback, with flexibility to revise it later.

Action Items

Action Item #	Action Item	Responsible	Due Date	Status
1	Present to the working group how JIRA will be utilized to manage the issue tracking and feedback process for February 06, 2024	Infoway	February 06, 2024	Completed
2	Collect and evaluate feedback on the "Must Support" definition and revise as necessary.	Infoway and Working Group	March 21, 2024, and through balloting cycle	In Progress