



August 25, 2025 eSolutions xChange Conference Introduction to WEDI and Critical Health IT Issues

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About WEDI



WEDI was formed in 1991 by then-HHS Secretary Dr. Louis Sullivan.



1992 and 1993 WEDI reports leveraged into legislative language (HIPAA).



Named in HIPAA as an advisor to HHS, we have worked closely with every Administration. We have productive working relationships with CMS, ASTP/ONC and OCR.



WEDI has 18 workgroups and conducts educational programming on a wide array of health IT topics.



Current BCBS Involvement



Association and 10 Plans Current Members



Several plans serve in workgroup co-chair roles: **Amanda Abbott** (BCBS Kansas), **Donna Boyle-Campbell** (HCSC-BCBSIL), **Jessica Malsom** (BCBS of Kansas), **Susan Langford** (BCBS TN)



Board Members: **Gail Kocher** (BCBSA), **Christol Green** (Elevance Health), **Steven Johnson** (HCSC)



Several Speakers at our Summer Forum: **BCBSA**, **FL Blue**, **HCSC**

Getting Involved



Opportunities

WEDI presents a unique venue for Blues Plans to interact with colleagues from payer, provider, SDO, and vendor organizations on critical health IT issues

Opportunity to raise issues for group discussion, provide your company's perspectives

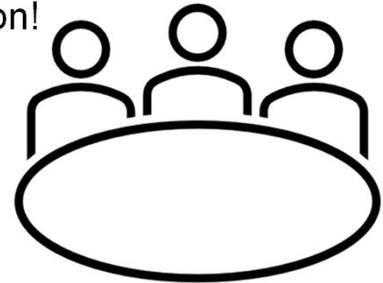
Influence industry direction on policies that impact your company

Getting Involved



Membership = Organization-Wide Access

- WEDI membership is required to participate
- Membership applies to *everyone* at your organization!



No Limits on Participation

- There is **no cap** on how many member company employees can join

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WEDI VOLUNTEER GROUPS



WEDI workgroups, sub-workgroups and task group provide thoughtful leadership and common-sense approaches that enhance the exchange of clinical and administrative healthcare information. They collect input, exchange ideas, and make recommendations that inspire impactful and far-reaching change in our industry. Visit our [Workgroup Community Homepage](#) to learn more.

WEDI WORKGROUPS, SUBWORKGROUPS AND TASKGROUPS

 Valu-Based Care	 Privacy & Security	 Data Exchange	 Remittance Advice & Payment	 Claims	 Attachments
 Health Equity	 Acknowledgements	 Eligibility & Benefits	 Prior Authorization	 Dental	 Claims Status
 Provider Information	 Property & Casualty	 Genomics	 Emerging Technology	 No Surprises Act TG	 Patient Experience

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What do Workgroups Produce?



- **Fact Sheets & Whitepapers**
 - Our most common work product
 - Documents that presents key information about a specific topic or issue
 - Designed to provide quick, essential facts or industry guidance
- **Surveys**
 - Useful for collecting data on a specific issue facing the industry
 - We use results to assist with recommendations and get a better understanding of what additional training/guidance the industry needs
- **SMEs/Education/Podcasts**
 - Invite outside experts to discuss issues of importance, emerging tech
 - Develop educational sessions (and serve as faculty) at WEDI spotlights/conferences
 - WEDI highlights relevant topics on “The Collective Voice of Health IT” podcast, discuss relevant topics and reach a broader audience

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Member Policy Engagement

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2025 Listening Sessions-Federal Govt



Listening session with the CMS Health Informatics and Interoperability Group
Office of Healthcare Experience & Interoperability

Topic: **0057-F Final Rule**

August

Listening session with the CMS National Standards Group.

Topic: **008060 Version of the HIPAA Transactions**

November

WEDI Member Position Advisory Events



❖ Member Position Advisory Sessions (MPAs): virtual sessions designed to collect input from members on proposed rules/RFIs

- **May 14, 2025**, CMS Deregulation RFI
- **May 28, 2025**, HHS Health Ecosystem RFI
- **February 11, 2025**, HIPAA Security Rule NPRM
- **April 25, 2024**, From Crisis to Continuity: Maintaining Data Exchange Following a Cyber Attack
- **September 21, 2024**, Decoding the ASTP/ONC HTI-2 Rule: Key Elements and Implications for Health IT

Recent Comments/Letters (WEDI.org)



- **June 17, 2025:** [WEDI submitted comments in response to the RFI entitled “Health Technology Ecosystem Request for Information”](#)
- **June 10, 2025:** [WEDI Submits CMS Medicare Deregulation RFI Response](#)
- **Mar. 7, 2025:** [WEDI submitted comments to HHS Sec. Kennedy on the Cyber Security Proposed Rule](#)
- **Oct. 4, 2024:** [WEDI's Comment Letter to ASTP/ONC on HTI-2](#)
- **Sept. 4, 2024:** [WEDI Letter on the No Surprises Act](#)
- **July 3, 2024:** [WEDI Letter to CISA](#)
- **May 28, 2024:** [WEDI Letter in response to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology \(ONC\) proposed 2024-2030 Federal Health IT Strategic Plan](#)
- **May 16, 2024:** [WEDI Letter to HHS on Cyberattacks](#)

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WEDI Education

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WEDI Education: 2025 Anchor Events



WEDI Winter Forum, Leveraging the Power of Health IT: Addressing Care Delivery and Accessibility (virtual)

WEDI Summer Forum (hybrid)

19–21 May

Nov 3-6

12-13 Feb

5–6 Aug

WEDI Spring Conference (virtual)

WEDI National Conference (hybrid)

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Recent WEDI Education



Workgroup Events

- February 27, Exploring Genomic Data Exchange: A Deep Dive into FHIR Integration and Interoperability (**Genomics WG**)
- March 20, Distributed Streaming for Health Care Ecosystems Interoperability (**Emerging Tech WG**)
- May 14 Inside WEDI: Exploring Workgroups
- May 19 Workgroup Open House

Sponsored Events

- March 25, Managing Consent in the Age of Interoperability (**Edifecs**)
- March 26, Beyond Connectathons: How Scalable FHIR Testing is Possible with FHIRPlace (**Drummond Group**)
- June 5, Navigating GenAI in Health Care: Why Clinical Guidelines Matter More Than Ever (**MCG Health**)
- June 18, Live Demo: How an Interoperability Server and Prior Authorization Solution Work Together for CMS 0057 Compliance (**Itility Health and Onyx**)
- August 21, CMS-0057: Streamlining Prior Authorization and Delegated Vendor Collaboration (**Part 1 of 2 Itility Health**)

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Recent WEDI Education: Spotlights



- March 18, **CMS 0057 Implementation Update: Payers and Prior Authorization**
- March 27, **From Data to Decisions: Leveraging AI for Smarter Health Care Solutions**
- April 9, **Survey Insights: The State of Interoperability and PA in Health Care**
- April 30, **NEHEN 3.0**
- June 11, **CMS 0057 Implementation Update: Provider and EHR Perspective**
- June 20, **Smarter Care: How Health Care Providers Are Harnessing AI for Efficiency and Impact**
- June 26, **The Road to 0057-F Readiness: Digitizing Prior Authorization Policies for Health Plans**
- July 15, **Securing Health Care: Federal Insights on Today's Cyber Threat Landscape**

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Upcoming Events



Connecting the Dots – Integrating Electronic Prior Auth with External Care Guideline Vendors, UM, Case Management & Claims Systems (Part 2 of 2), sponsored by Itiliti Health | Thursday, September 4, 2025

Part 2 of 2: As CMS-0057 drives payers toward end-to-end prior auth automation, seamless integration across core systems is no longer optional—it's essential.

[Register for Event](#)
[Learn More](#)

Spotlight on Medicaid: Strategies for CMS-0057-F Implementation | Thursday, September 25, 2025

Since January 2024, WEDI has hosted nearly a dozen virtual educational events focusing on the planning, testing, and overall implementation of CMS-0057F. The spotlights, which has attracted thousands of health care stakeholders, have focused on ...

[Register for Event](#)
[Learn More](#)

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Upcoming Events



- **Sept. 4** (1-2 pm ET): Connecting the Dots — Integrating Electronic Prior Auth with External Care Guideline Vendors, UM, Case Management & Claims Systems (Part 2 of 2), sponsored by Itiliti Health
- **Sept. 25** (1-3:30 PM ET): Spotlight on Medicaid: Strategies for CMS-0057-F Implementation

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WEDI Podcasts



- ❖ 22,800 all-time downloads
- ❖ 213 all-time episodes
- ❖ 30 episodes in 2025
- ❖ 3000 downloads in 2025
- ❖ Special guest for #200: Charles Stellar!



Top 5 Most Downloaded Episodes, Jan 1, 2025- July 31, 2025

1. Episode 188- Bridging the Data Gap: The Role of Standards & Technology in Genomic Data Exchange (**Dr. Sandy Rolfe**, WEDI Genomics Workgroup Chair, Optum)
2. Episode 189- EHRs: An Integral Partner in Health Care Accessibility (**Prerana Laddha**, Epic)
3. Episode 190- Leveraging Data to Provide Better Care (**Dr. Hamad Husainy**, PointClickCare)
4. Episode 187- Technology, Policy, and the Future of Rural Health Care (**Neal Neuberger**, Health Tech Strategies)
5. Episode 168- Understanding the Basics of CMS' Administrative Simplification Enforcement (**Paul Anderson and Jamie Lookabill**, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)

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2025 Issue

Implementation of the CMS Advancing Interoperability and Improving Prior Authorization Final Rule (CMS-0057-F)

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WEDI 0057-F Survey (Jan-Feb)



Survey was in response to the CMS 2.8.24 [0057-F Final Rule](#)



Requirements include Patient Access, Provider Access, Payer-to-Payer, and Prior Authorization application programming interface (API) requirements.



Impacted payers are required to implement the API requirements in the Final Rule by **January 1, 2027**.



Survey received 243 responses

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Survey Highlights (Full Results [Here](#))



For the API requirements, **43%** of payers have not yet started work and **31%** are one quarter completed.



Top 3 payer challenges: 1) determining a cohesive enterprise strategy for interoperability; 2) digitizing prior authorization policies; and 3) sufficient funding.



For the API requirements, **52%** of providers reported they had not yet started work, **14%** are one quarter completed.



Top 3 provider challenges: 1) Sufficient funding, 2) Determining a cohesive enterprise strategy for interoperability, and 3) Sorting out various networks and how they interplay (e.g., TEFCA/QHIN/HIE, etc.)

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Key CMS-0057 Questions



How will the industry/regulators react to the IGs being recommended?



What role will intermediaries (CHs, QHINs) play in supporting APIs?



Will CMS move forward with [RIN-0938-AV44](#) (including drugs in 0057)?



How will commercial payers (not required to comply) react to the APIs?

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CMS-0057-F: Uncertainty Reduced



June 23rd Health Plan Pledge to Support APIs

Release of the HTI-4 Final Rule-APIs Included in EHR Certification

HTI-4 Requires Adherence to the IGs

HHS Focus on Patient-Centered Health Care (Including APIs)

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WEDI PA Subworkgroup

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SWG Co-Chairs



Janice Bakos, CVS Aetna

Raj Godavarthi, MCG

Michael Lunzer, Itiliti Health

Heather McComas, AMA

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Potential Prior Authorization SWG Work Products



Reprise the survey: potentially add new questions



Podcasts: highlighting success stories, identified challenges



Develop industry guidance/best practices



Develop industry timelines/milestones



Plan/Provider/CH Directory: Readiness, Testing

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No Surprises Act: Data Exchange Requirements

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WEDI NSA Task Group



Good Faith Estimate/Advanced Explanation of Benefits

Task Group identifying challenges associated with meeting the statutory requirements (not least of all, the lack of standards for NSA data exchange)

Task Group recommends alternative approaches (multiple letters sent to feds). One in development currently. Letters posted at wedi.org

CMS participates in the Task Group

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National Provider Directory

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National Provider Directory



Capturing accurate and timing provider information has been a constant challenge for both plans and providers, and a headache for patients

Congress concerned, CMS issued an RFI in 2022 exploring the development of a "National Data Hub"

CMS initiated NPD pilot in OK. June 3, Administrator Oz signaled support for "Building a dynamic, interoperable national provider directory"

WEDI Provider Information SWG focused on NPD issue. We have CMS speaking at our Nov. conference on the OK pilot and future NPD plans

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New Version of HIPAA EDI Transactions

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HIPAA EDI Transactions



HIPAA Version 005010 implemented in 2012

X12 has been developing updated versions ever since, now expected to release Version 008060

CMS has signaled its interest in updating the standards and is expected to seek public input on the business process improvements associated with the new version

WEDI has workgroups on: Acknowledgements, Attachments, Claims, Claim Status, Dental, Eligibility, Prior Authorization, and Remittance Advice/Payments. MPA likely to be held

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2025 WEDI Watchlist

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WEDI Watch List

Regulations

CMS-0057-F Phased or Delayed Implementation?

Adding Drugs to 0057-F

Additional No Surprises Act Rules

008060 Transactions / New Operating Rules/ Attachments

Guidance

Cybersecurity

HIPAA Exceptions

No Surprises Act GFE/AEOB

Enforcement Process (New Asst Sec for Enforcement)

Under Discussion

TEFCA/HIEs

Standardizing DTR Content

New Process for Vetting/Approving Administrative Standards

National Patient Identifier

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Final Thoughts



Based on previous mandates (Version 4010, 5010, ICD-10) many in the industry do not get an early start on implementation. Same appears to apply to 0057-F

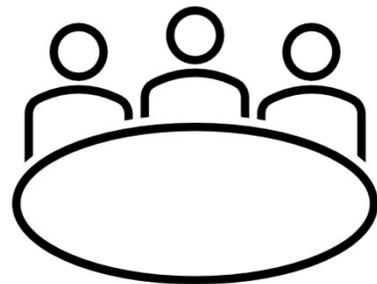
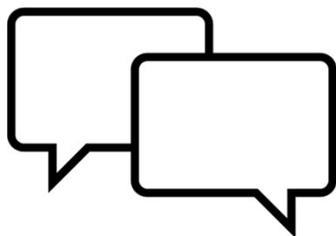
We are watching for any regulatory actions from the new Administration, including any changes to the 0057-F compliance date and release of 008060

WEDI will host MPAs on critical federal health IT actions

Reach out to me at rtenant@wedi.org with any questions

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Questions/Discussion

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