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HL7 Publishes Plan-to-Plan Personal Health Record (PHR) Data Transfer Implementation Guide

HL7 Continuity of Care Document (CCD®) Implementation Guide, paired with the ASC X12 275 Personal Health Record Transfer Between Health Plans, facilitates PHR data portability between health plans so that the member’s PHR information can move electronically when changing health plans.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. / FALLS CHURCH, Virginia — May 2, 2011—Health Level Seven International (HL7®) today announced the release of the Plan-to-Plan Personal Health Record (PHR) Data Transfer Implementation Guide. The HL7 CCD guide was created for the U.S. payer stakeholder community and is intended to be used with the Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 Patient Information (275) Implementation Guide, to ensure consistency in the implementation of U.S. realm PHR data transfer functions between health plans.

Based on the HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA®) and the CCD, this implementation guide will provide health plans, with member consent, the ability to move the member’s payer-linked PHR information from the previous plan to the new plan when their health coverage changes. These exchanged documents will be known as “Plan to Plan Personal Health Record” or P2PPHR documents. The exchange of a P2PPHR could be initiated by a single member of an insurance plan or via a batch of records, if an insurance plan sponsor (i.e. employer) chose to change plans. This implementation guide also provides a potential framework for greater standards-based interoperability of PHRs between the consumer and the provider.

“PHRs will give consumers the power to integrate and manage their personal healthcare information. The combination of the ASC X12 transmission envelope and the HL7 clinical payload provides a structure for effective information exchange,” said Bob Dolin, MD, chair of Health Level Seven International.
International and president of the Lantana Group. “This new standard demonstrates how CDA and CCD can be used to support the various needs of the healthcare industry.”

This HL7 implementation guide provides the clinical payload portion of the guidance for the exchange of PHRs between health insurance plans. Information regarding the transport approach for PHR data transfers is contained in ASC X12’s 275 Type 3 Technical Report 005050X274.

The ASC X12 005050 275 Implementation Guide, *Personal Health Record Transfer Between Health Plans*, describes the use of the ASC X12 Patient Information (275) transaction set to transfer PHR between different health plans, for purposes of transferring PHR when an employer group or single member changes from one health plan to another, when an individual changes jobs and elects coverage under a new plan, and when a health plan requests information on individuals transferring from another plan.

“The ASC X12 Insurance Health Care Patient Information Work Group (X12N TG2 WG9) and the HL7 Attachment Work Group members collaborated to identify consistent core data content, such as patient histories, medications and allergies, in response to the industry stakeholders we serve and support, which includes providers, payers and software vendors,” said Margaret Weiker, ASC X12N (Insurance) Chair and Chair-elect of the Standards Development Charter Organization (SCO). “The P2PPHR data transfer provides guidance for a more seamless, efficient, standards-based interoperable information exchange of personal health records.”


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