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Re: Standards Version Advancement Process 2024

Dear Dr. Tripathi,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the 2024 cycle of ONC's Standards Version Advancement Process (SVAP). As a leading developer of health IT, Epic appreciates ONC's use of a collaborative feedback process when considering new standards and implementation specifications to approve for industry adoption.

Epic supports the versions proposed for approval in SVAP 2024. We appreciate ONC's inclusion of up-to-date US Core and C-CDA Implementation Guides in the current SVAP cycle since the representation of USCDI v4 in FHIR hinges on leveraging these standards. ONC should continue including future versions of USCDI in SVAP alongside their associated US Core and C-CDA standards.

What's more, while Epic supports the addition of HL7 FHIR SMART Application Launch Framework Implementation Guide Release 2.2.0 in SVAP 2024, we want to ensure ONC notes that this version includes sections labeled as "experimental" by HL7. As this and similar other Guides are incorporated into certification and SVAP, it would be helpful for ONC to specify which components of the Guide are required.

As always, we would be happy to answer any questions you might have on our feedback, and we look forward to continuing to work with ONC to improve standards-based health information exchange across the country.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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