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Netsmart TEFCA Statement

Netsmart supports ONC's release of the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA). TEFCA supports our view that integrated care can best be achieved through the adoption of IT standards that facilitate the sharing of clinical data to improve care.

We had the privilege to provide feedback on what the framework should look like based on our experience building our national Netsmart CareConnect HIE network and the work we have done integrating behavioral health, home care and long-term care providers with health systems that refer individuals to them. Our role as an implementer of the [Carequality](#) interoperability framework affords us an on ramp to support the TEFCA framework, and the requirements of both the Principles for Trusted Exchange and Minimum Required Terms and Conditions for Trusted Exchange.

Additionally, Netsmart attained 2015 ONC Certification of the Common Clinical Data Set as well as Open Application Program Interfaces (APIs), and is ready to deploy updates so our clients are compliant with the data requirements of TEFCA. The principles of TEFCA, supported by the Netsmart network, will expand our clients' current access to actionable data and secure connectivity to other provider networks across the care continuum.

The behavioral health, social services and post-acute provider communities we serve are critical to improving the health of all populations, while also decreasing cost of care. We look forward to providing comments on TEFCA and continuing our proven commitment to adopt, scale and optimize national HIT standards and protocols to impact outcomes via interoperable data exchange, care coordination and data integration.

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