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Enabling Provider Communication Using a Standardized Provider Directory

Social Security Administration

Social Security Administration (SSA) will demonstrate interactions with a provider directory based on integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) interoperability profile, Healthcare Provider Directory (HPD), targeted to improve the efficiency of electronic medical records retrieval over the Nationwide Health Information Network. Through the HPD standardized interface, SSA systems will perform lookup queries to identify providers and their relationships, obtain demographic data, contact information, and medical records locations, including e-mail and electronic health record end points, enabling directed communication to providers, intended to reduce network traffic, minimize unnecessary transmissions of medical records, with the objective of improving efficiency of disability determination processes.