ONC Issues Final Rule on Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability

- The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) issued a final rule on Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Certification Program Updates, Algorithm Transparency, and Information Sharing (Final Rule), which is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on Jan. 9, 2024.

- This Final Rule adopts new and revised standards and requirements for the certification of health information technology (IT) under the ONC Health IT Certification Program and implements key provisions of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Reporting Program.

- The Final Rule adopts USCDI v3 to facilitate the gathering, sharing, and publication of public health and emergency response data (e.g., the COVID-19 pandemic). This includes information about patient demographics and social determinants of health to help identify, assess, and analyze gaps in care. This is intended to improve the standardization of health information and promote equity in health outcomes.

- ONC finalized the requirements for the standardized API for patient and population services, including a requirement that a certified Health IT Module's authorization server issues a refresh token according to ONC's implementation specifications.

- ONC intends to propose the establishment of a real-time prescription benefit health IT certification criterion within the program in future rulemaking.

- Effective on or about Feb. 8, 2024 (30 days from the date of publication).

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