

### CARIN Community Meeting

May 9, 2019 | Seattle, WA

#### Objectives

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The CARIN community, made up of the CARIN Board, Affiliate Members, and Special Guests, met in Seattle, WA to discuss workgroup progress, current federal priorities on consumer directed exchange, including updates on the CMS proposed rule, “Patient Access and Interoperability,” and the ONC proposed rule, “21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act: Interoperability, Information Blocking, and the ONC Health IT Certification Program,” and to discuss the imminent release of the final version of the CARIN Code of Conduct and Common Payer Consumer Data Set.

#### Key Discussion

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##### *Leadership Perspectives – Aneesh Chopra, Care Journey*

- Aneesh noted that the country is entering a pivotal moment in the move to consumer directed exchange and suggested that the CARIN Code of conduct may become the industry standard, so now is a pivotal time for the community to provide input.

##### *Patient / Caregiver Story – Morgan Gleason*

- Morgan Gleason shared her story about living with her disease and the challenges she faced when trying to receive care.
- She noted that one significant challenge she has faced is the huge variability of the cost of care between different providers over the last several years.
- She explained that even though she has had the exact same treatments, the costs have varied dramatically based on her providers and insurance carrier. She suggests that providers publish the real prices of treatment, create apps and tools so the patient can get the best care, and that there be a method to easily shop for plans. She suggested that the tools be designed in a way that patients can easily access them even on their worst day.

##### *Industry Perspectives – Maura Little, Cambia Grove and Jessica Zeaske, Echo Health Ventures*

- Maura provided an overview of the Cambia Grove, explaining that it was set up 4 years ago with the goal of being a neutral convener that is free and open to health care changemakers and a catalyst for change towards the Cambia Cause. Their mission is to bridge the gap between entrepreneurs and the traditional health care sectors to drive health care transformation.
- Jessica shared her perspective from the venture capital view, providing an outline of what they look for when analyzing health care start-ups and HIT vendors.

##### *Opportunities to Collaborate*

- ACO API (Beneficiary Claims API or BCDA) project
  - Staff from CMS shared an overview of the Beneficiary Claims Data API (BCDA) Pilot explaining that it will enable Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) to retrieve Medicare Part A, Part B, and Part D claims data for their aligned beneficiaries. When it is in production, the API will provide similar data to Claim and Claim Line Feed (CCLF) files, currently provided monthly to Accountable Care Organizations by CMS. She asked that the community go to CMS sandbox located at: [sandbox.bcda.cms.gov](https://sandbox.bcda.cms.gov).
  - Staff provided a roadmap for 2019:
    - User Guide & Community February 2019
    - Sandbox Environment March 2019
    - Production SSP ACOs June 2019
    - Other Models Fall 2019

- Code of Conduct at VA, CMS, and Carebook (Group)
  - The Code of Conduct has been added to the VHA test environment and is part of their attesting process for apps.
  - CMS is looking to use the Code of Conduct and a questionnaire as part of the access process so that they can show how they would attest to the Code of Conduct.
  - There is a need for a scalable solution where a small app vendor does not need to hire a team to talk to hundreds of health care payers. Having an entity that could run an approval process could prove important.
- CARIN Blue Button 2.0 API (Group)
  - The Health Plan Workgroup mapped consumer data elements and now the community needs to determine the minimum required elements as the proposed rule does not list a minimum floor. This may be accomplished through the current required fields.
  - Need to leave the door open for when the IG is tested in case anything gets left out.

### **New Members**

- Allergan, Epic, Kaiser Permanente, and HealthMine are new members of the CARIN Alliance.

### **Next Steps**

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- The CARIN Community is requested to review the Blue Button 2.0 CPCDS and provide any missing data elements.
- CARIN is in need of a developer to create a neutral site that can host a list of vendors who have attested to the Code of Conduct, please let us know if you any recommendations.
- CARIN workgroups are in flight and progress report outs will occur at the next Community meeting.
- The Q3 Community meeting will take place in Chicago, Illinois on September 12. Additional details will follow.