

# Interoperability Solution with FHIR

A simplified approach to meeting compliance with the CMS Interoperability & Patient Access Final Rule and the ONC 21st Century CURES Act Final Rule

## Introduction

On March 9, 2020, CMS released The Interoperability & Patient Access Final Rule (CMS-9115-F) and ONC finalized technical, content and vocabulary standards in the 21st Century Cures Act Final Rule. The rules advance the efforts to make health information more easily available to patients and improve coordination of care.

Edifecs fully supports the tremendous work of the ONC and CMS to move both our healthcare system and the

state of patient data access into the future. With an industry focused on patient-centered care, the exchange of healthcare information beyond just payers and providers is the new frontier – one that Edifecs is ready for.

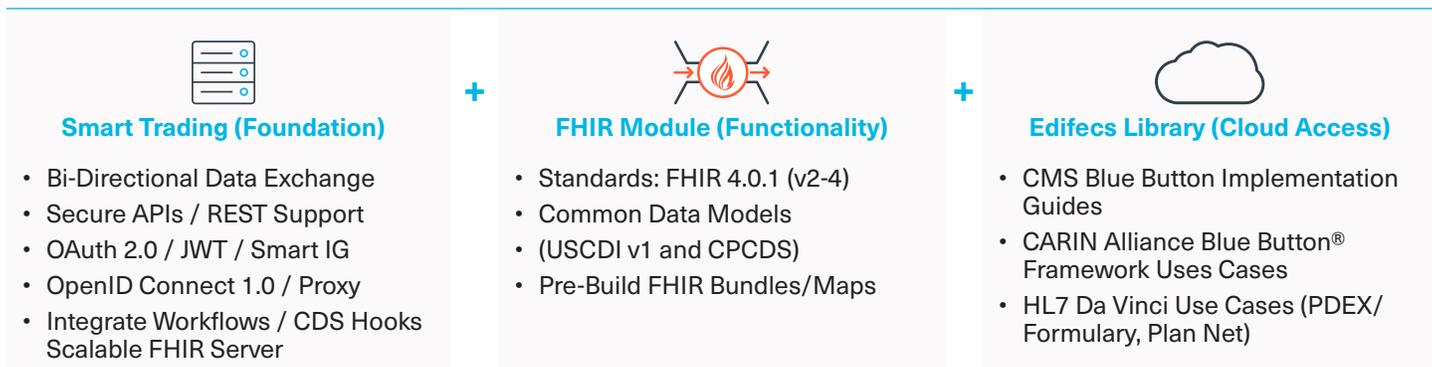
These final rules mark the next wave of standards that are critical to achieving many goals in healthcare, including member empowerment, quality improvement, and fostering innovation.

## CMS Interoperability Final Rule: Payer Requirements

CMS Policy	Patient Access APIs	Provider Directory API	Payer-to-Payer Data Exchange
	FHIR-based API to share the following data with members	FHIR-based APIs to make the following provider directory info available	Send and receive patient data at the request of members using common data classes and data elements from USCDI
Patient Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjudicated Claims</li> <li>Provider Remittances</li> <li>Enrollee Cost-Sharing</li> <li>Encounters</li> <li>Clinical Data</li> <li>Formulary Data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provider names</li> <li>Address</li> <li>Phone numbers</li> <li>Specialties</li> <li>Pharmacy directory (MA only)</li> </ul>	USCDI v1 (examples) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allergies and Immunizations</li> <li>Problems/Procedures</li> <li>Care Team Members</li> <li>Clinical Notes/Goals</li> <li>Goals/Concerns</li> <li>Medications/Vitals</li> <li>Provenance</li> </ul>
Compliance	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022
Interoperability Support	Edifecs Smart Trading + FHIR Module (Server + Reference Library)		

## Interoperability Solution

Edifecs has a complete solution to comply with all payer requirements set forth by the CMS Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule. The solution supports a broad array of standards-based exchanges of healthcare data including those defined by the HL7 Da Vinci Project, enabling payers to empower their members with health information via cutting-edge technology. Edifecs offers a complete package that fully aligns with technical standards, content standards, and implementation guidance by CMS:



## Key Value

Edifecs offers an out-of-the-box interoperability solution with modular components and reusable reference implementations. Our solution delivers best-of-breed FHIR-based interoperability – enabling payer compliance with all relevant CMS interoperability final rule requirements including patient access APIs, provider directory API, and payer-to-payer data exchange. The solution is future-proof and ready to meet any additional requirements for FHIR-based interoperability that CMS releases going forward. As a founding member of the HL7 Da Vinci project, Edifecs is committed to supporting all current and future Da Vinci use cases – ensuring time-to-market acceleration for FHIR implementations that improve outcomes across various value-based care areas.

## Benefits

- One platform for both patient access, provider/pharmacy directory access, and payer-to-payer data exchange
- Shared cloud repository of artifacts and reference guides to jump-start projects
- Proven Da Vinci + CARIN implementation guides that have been tested with CMS and real-world payers
- Full support for USCDI v1 and CPCDS data sets
- Patient data correlation and de-duplication capabilities built into the platform
- Pre-built maps from the CMS provider directory format to FHIR 4.0.1
- Flexible implementation options including on-premise, hosted, and cloud

## Why Edifecs

Edifecs has been the trusted partner and leader in compliance and interoperability in the healthcare market for 24 years. As health plans move forward to tackle these challenges, Edifecs will be ready to engage as the premier technology partner to ensure success and scalability for the future. Edifecs has already developed and integrated all published Da Vinci use cases into our current FHIR solution. We have the maps, the APIs, the provisioning, the profiles, the use cases, the resource server, and the FHIR data repository ready to go. Contact us today to find out how we can help you meet interoperability deadlines at [info@edifecs.com](mailto:info@edifecs.com)



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