

FHIR Application Certification

Validate third-party applications quickly, cost-effectively, and at scale

Introduction

Under the CMS Interoperability and Patient Access final rule, CMS-regulated payers must implement FHIR-based APIs that allow beneficiaries to access their health data using any third-party application of their choice. While this requirement will greatly improve members' access to personal health information, many payers worry that Protected Health Information (PHI) might fall into the wrong hands, since third-party applications are not covered entities under HIPAA.

To mitigate this risk, CMS encourages payers to request confirmation from third-party vendors that their applications include specific, realistic privacy and security provisions that protect patient data. However, with more than a thousand health data applications currently on the market, the logistics of certifying each app is daunting, both in terms of time and cost.

Fortunately for Edifecs FHIR Solution customers, our FHIR Application Certification process alleviates this heavy financial burden by certifying third-party apps quickly and at scale so you don't have to.

Why Edifecs?

Edifecs is a leader in compliance and interoperability and has been a trusted partner in the healthcare market for 24 years. Through our work as a founding member of the Da Vinci Project, we have developed and integrated all published Da Vinci use cases and CMS-recommended implementation guides into our solution, and have tested various consumer-facing applications and prototypes. We also have years of experience in testing and certification as the only CAQH CORE-authorized Testing Vendor.

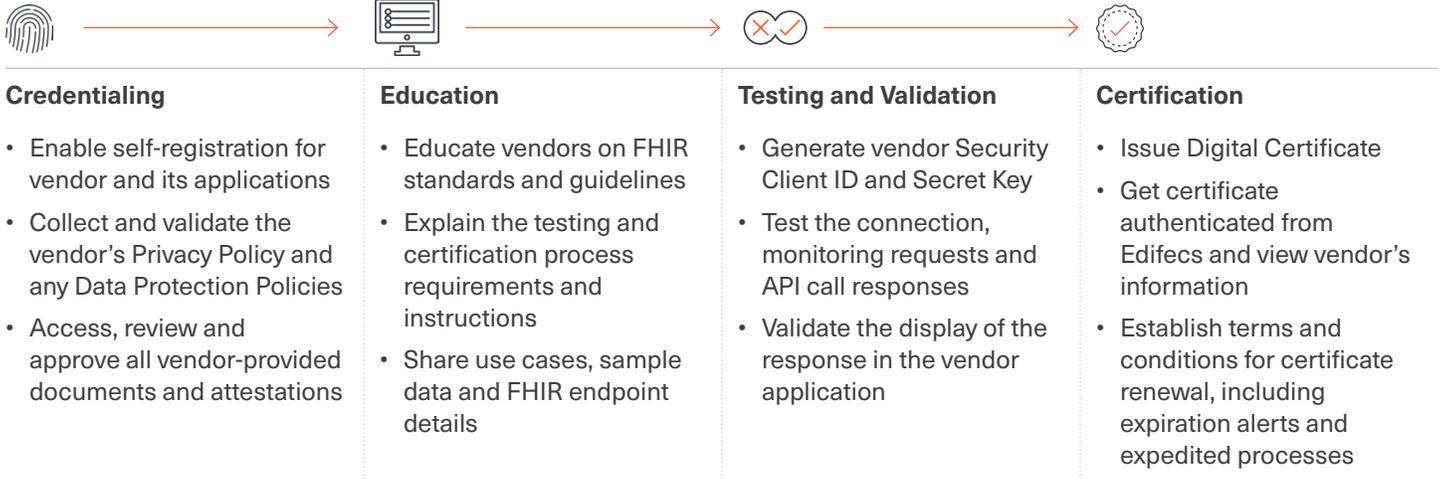
Value for Edifecs FHIR Solution Customers:

- **Consistent approach** across multiple vendor applications and participating plans
- **Access to all vendor-attested material** on privacy and data security provisions, terms of service, etc.
- **Self-Service certification process** including self-registration and vendor education
- **Improved member satisfaction** from quick and easy access to health data from their application of choice
- **Significant savings** in both time and cost compared to performing this certification independently

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FHIR Application Certification Process



Benefits

Improve Overall Costs

- Eliminate IT costs associated with in-house certification and validation, including education and troubleshooting
- Reduce operational costs by enabling self-registration and self-service certification

Scale and Grow Application Ecosystem

- Standardize the certification process across all vendor applications
- Certify and enable more vendor applications quickly and efficiently
- Execute multiple vendor certifications simultaneously without investing additional resources
- Improve member satisfaction by enabling them to use the health data applications of their choice

Maintain Control and Visibility

- Mitigate risk by validating the Privacy and Data Protection policies of vendor applications
- Monitor and track the certification process
- Access vendor information at any time using the digital certificate key
- Manage re-certification of newer versions of applications



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