



## HOW DOES CRISP PARTICIPATE IN NATION-WIDE EXCHANGE

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## WILL CRISP PROVIDE TEFCA CONNECTIVITY?

FAQs

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### 1. DOES CRISP INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN TEFCA?

**Yes!** CRISP Shared Services and our affiliate HIEs were the first HIEs in the country to announce our intent to participate in TEFCA through our close partner and leader in nation-wide interoperability, the eHealth Exchange. We are excited to work with Jay Nakashima and his team to leverage and build upon the TEFCA model to make even greater strides in interoperability.

### 2. HOW IS CRISP PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL CONNECTIVITY EFFORTS TODAY?

CRISP and its affiliates are the ONLY state-wide HIEs that are implementers of the Carequality Interoperability Framework, which is currently facilitating nation-wide health information exchange and serving as a model for technical connectivity under TEFCA. CRISP also participates in the CommonWell and, as noted above, eHealth Exchange networks.

While TEFCA brings a layer of governance and oversight to national health information exchange efforts, CRISP has long been at the forefront of exchange through our participation in these major national networks/frameworks.

### 3. HOW WILL CRISP PARTICIPATE IN TEFCA?

**CRISP intends to participate in TEFCA as a Participant in the eHealth Exchange QHIN.** TEFCA was specifically designed to allow organizations to leverage existing network connectivity to participate in TEFCA. In other words, TEFCA establishes common “rules of the road” to connect the various networks and their participants that exist today, versus attempting to recreate the wheel of health information exchange.

### 4. WHY DID CRISP CHOOSE TO BECOME PARTICIPANT IN A QHIN INSTEAD OF BECOMING A QHIN?

CRISP also does not believe in reinventing wheels. It is our belief that the best “on-ramps” to TEFCA are within the systems we use every day. With the eHealth Exchange on the path to QHIN Designation, we believe leveraging that existing connectivity and relationship offers an obvious path for CRISP and our affiliates to fully participate in TEFCA. EPIC and CommonWell, representing the major EMR systems, have also applied to become QHINs and are well positioned to serve a significant portion of the healthcare provider community. For those that may not have that connectivity option—including public health authorities and small and/or rural healthcare providers— they can use CRISP as their connection to TEFCA.



## 5. MAY CRISP PARTICIPANTS PARTICIPATE IN TEFCA?

**Yes!** Although CRISP has chosen not to seek QHIN status, that does not prevent any of our participants that want to participate in TEFCA from doing so, either through CRISP or through another participating network. Once TEFCA is operational, CRISP's participation in the eHealth Exchange QHIN will provide our participants with an "on ramp" that will allow them to fully participate in TEFCA. Our Participants may also use other "on ramps" to TEFCA while still participating in CRISP's HIE.