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# Update on Health Information Technology from the Texas Department of State Health Services

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# Topics

- Federal Activities
- DSHS Program Activities
- Collaboration with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission



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# Federal Activities

- Public Health Data Systems Task Force (HITAC)
- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
- United States Core Data for Interoperability
- National Directory



# Public Health Data Systems (PHDS) Task Force 2022 Charge

## Overarching Charge:

The Public Health Data Systems Task Force 2022 will build upon recommendations from previous Health Information Technology Advisory Committee public health-focused task forces\* to inform ONC's continued collaborative work with CDC on improving public health data systems, and in support of CDC's greater Data Modernization Initiative (DMI) efforts.



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[\\*Public Health Data Systems Task Force 2021 Report](#)

# PHDS Task Force 2022 Approach

Review (f) criteria

Determine the key questions needed for each (f) criteria

Receive information from Subject Matter Experts

Develop recommendations

Draft Final Report



# PHDS Task Force 2022

## Public Health Reporting Criteria

Criterion Citation	Criterion Name
<u>§ 170.315(f)(1)</u>	<u>Transmission to immunization registries</u>
<u>§ 170.315(f)(2)</u>	<u>Transmission to public health agencies — syndromic surveillance</u>
<u>§ 170.315(f)(3)</u>	<u>Transmission to public health agencies — reportable laboratory tests and value/results</u>
<u>§ 170.315(f)(4)</u>	<u>Transmission to cancer registries</u>
<u>§ 170.315(f)(5)</u>	<u>Transmission to public health agencies — electronic case reporting</u>
<u>§ 170.315(f)(6)</u>	<u>Transmission to public health agencies — antimicrobial use and resistance reporting</u>
<u>§ 170.315(f)(7)</u>	<u>Transmission to public health agencies — health care surveys</u>

All criteria point to specific standards and implementation guides and are eligible for SVAP



# PHDS Task Force 2022

## Recommendations Summary

The PHDS Task Force recommended that the Office of the National Coordinator establish a certification program for technologies that are used by public health to enable the exchange, access, and use (inclusive of response to/acknowledgement) of (as appropriate) both correctly and not-correctly formatted/complete messages.

The PHDS Task Force specifically focused any certification on interoperability functions. It did not recommend that other functions and behavioral attributes of public health data systems outside of interoperability be certified or that public health programs or services be certified.





# PHDS Task Force 2022

## Recommendations Summary (Cont'd)

The Task Force recognized that public health responsibilities rest with public health authorities as created and directed by state, local, and territorial governments and federal law. Accordingly, the intent of certification criteria for public health technologies is not to limit or circumscribe public health authorities' right to request and receive in the manner it specifies. Rather, the **goal of certification criteria for public health technologies is to create a common floor to support data.**

- A properly constructed floor, supported by robust certification criteria for technologies and compliance with submitted message formatting and completeness requirements, will assist the health care system and public health authorities in fulfilling public health's missions at lower overall burden.
- The Task Force recognizes the need for standards or technologies adopted through Standards Version Advancement Process (SVAP) to support backwards compatibility to ensure interoperability.



# Additional Topics

- Other Federal Activities
- DSHS Program Activities
- Collaboration with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission



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# Questions, Discussion, and Contact Information

## Questions and Discussion

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