MITA Governance Board Newsletter

Directors Corner –

It was great to see and meet with those who were able to attend the recent State Health Information Technology (HIT) Connect Summit. While I remain cautiously optimistic about the capacity for AI to drive innovation in the Medicaid Enterprise, it was encouraging to listen to state and vendor partners share ideas and early lessons learned.

The reconvened MITA Governance Board (MGB) celebrated its one-year anniversary by providing attendees with a sneak peek of the progress made by our workgroups and sub-workgroups. I want to give a huge shout out to the Workgroups Leads for their continued efforts and enthusiasm!

Summer is almost here, and with that I want to remind folks that while planning is already underway for our next interactive workshop, it is never too late to share your MITA recommendations, questions, or comments. If you are interested in sharing or participating you do not have to wait for the next Medicaid Enterprise System Conference (MESC), you can reach out to me directly or contact the Team at mitagovboard@cms.hhs.gov. As always, thank you for your partnership and I look forward to catching up again soon. – Ed

PS: When in doubt, reach out to your State Officer!

Get Involved: MITA 4.0 Logo Contest

Are you interested in helping to shape the future face of the Medicaid enterprise? The MGB is sponsoring a MITA 4.0 Logo Contest, and if you would like to design the new MITA 4.0 logo then this contest is for you! Here are the contest details:
- Anyone can participate
- Logos must be:
    - Scalable and legible at all sizes

- - - Source Sans Pro or Merriweather Regular 400 font style
  - Limited to 2-3 colors (The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) primary colors are: #026666, #17415f #046791, #565656, #000000, #ca4d22, #76bab2, #eefafe, #f7f7f7)
  - Original in their design and not leverage existing logos
  - Submitted in PDF, EPS, PSD, SVG, JPG, or PNG file types
  - Submitted as vector artwork or high resolution (300 dpi) raster files
  - Have contrasting colors and alternative text that describes the logo to ensure 508 compliance. Go here for a 508 checklist: [Accessibility Conformance Checklists | HHS.gov](#)
- Submitted as vector artwork or high resolution (300 dpi) raster files
- Logo submissions are due by 11:59pm ET Thursday, June 30, 2024
- Please submit your logo by emailing it to mitagovboard@cms.hhs.gov

Logo finalists will be voted upon at the MESC and the winning recipient will receive a free 2025 MESC registration for their own use or for donation to a recipient of their choosing! The winning recipient will be required to work with the CMS on finalizing the logo design.

Since the last newsletter was published in January of 2024, the MGB convened in February, March, and April of 2024 and is scheduled to convene again in May of 2024. Members from each of the MGB workgroups presented a Sneak Peak of MITA at the recent Healthcare IT (HIT) Connect Summit (the presentation can be found here). Below are some additional updates and information about the great work the MGB workgroups have been focused on recently:

MITA State Self-Assessment (SS-A) Workgroup

The MITA SS-A workgroup completed the final gap analysis against the requirements and design ideas gathered and presented recommendations to the MGB. Using the MGB's goals and information gathered from the gap analysis, it was recommended and approved that the SS-A work group focus on providing guidance and templates states may use to measure improvements in health outcomes while advancing in MITA maturity for business, architecture, and data. The SS-A workgroup is planning to showcase these ideas and templates during the MESC conference in August to gain feedback from stakeholders and to help with further refinement of the final MITA SS-A 4.0.

MITA: Your MES Journey Starts Here

MITA Communications Work Group

During the Sneak Peak of MITA presentation at HIT Connect, we heard from the stakeholder community the importance of helping some state staff understand what MITA is, impacts to State Medicaid Agencies, and the critical role organizational change management (OCM) plays throughout a state's journey to complete a SS-A, and more importantly, implement the plans identified in a state's SS-A. As the MGB continues development of MITA 4.0, the need to account for communication and OCM will continue to be a focus.

The MITA Communications workgroup recently helped develop a new MITA website available on GITHUB here and will continue refining this website as the MGB workgroups prepare and implement the new version of MITA, i.e., MITA 4.0. In addition, members of the MITA Communication workgroup prepared the MITA 4.0 logo contest rules and guidelines, supported planning for the groups MESC theme *"MITA: Your MES Journey Starts Here"*, poster, and workshop, and released the January 2024 MGT Newsletter which can be accessed by navigating to the following URL: https://cmsgov.github.io/Medicaid-Information-Technology-Architecture-MITA/ and scrolling to the top of the page and clicking download link for each document.

MITA NextGen Workgroup

The MITA NextGen workgroup kicked off using The Open Group Architecture Framework ([TOGAF)](https://) process, which provides a tested and repeatable process for developing architectures. TOGAF will be used to help identify the MITA components, sub-components, and the outputs that will be considered for inclusion in MITA 4.0.

There is a subgroup working through the TOGAF Preliminary Phase steps to provide the outputs needed to begin the next phase, Phase A: Architecture Vision. To date the MITA NextGen workgroup has identified the following outputs needed: scope of organizations impacted, key drivers and elements in the organizational context, and architecture governance organization and the related guidelines.

MITA NextGen is also working on developing a high-level aspiration vision of the capabilities and business value to be delivered as a result of the proposed enterprise architecture. A draft of the MITA NextGen architecture is planned to be ready in time for MESC 2024.

MITA Interoperability Workgroup

The Interoperability workgroup continues working on a Reference Implementation (RI) for the Prior Authorization Final Rule. The includes the DaVinci Implementation guides (IGs) for Coverage Requirements Discovery, Documents Templates and Rules, and Prior Authorization Support. Together, these IG's make a suite of use cases that could be used to implement the CMS Prior Authorization Final Rule. The workgroups RI work focuses on how an Electronic Health Record (EHR), utilizing Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) and Clinical Decisions Support Hooks (CDS Hooks), come together to demonstrate a prior authorization for an external Infusion Pump.

The Interoperability workgroup will showcase the proof of concept during the next CMS FHIR Connect-a-thon (July 16, 2024 – July 19, 2024).

The MGB workgroup members want your continued input. Please keep providing your feedback and input by sending ideas on how to evolve MITA to mitagovboard@cms.hhs.gov and be on the lookout for more news about MITA!

Specific feedback to CMS can be submitted to either statefeedback@cms.hhs.gov or vendorfeedback@cms.hhs.gov.

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