

MITA Governance Board Newsletter

Director's Corner -

It was good to see so many folks at MESC showing interest and asking questions about the evolution of MITA. The MITA Governance Board and working groups are currently collecting and evaluating ideas to move MITA forward and remove barriers and burdens for both States and their Vendor partners. I want to encourage you to continue to share your recommendations and questions at conferences, during any meetings we have, and by participating in work groups. You can reach out to me or send your ideas to mitagovboard@cms.hhs.gov.

– Ed



Since our last newsletter, published in September of 2023, the Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) Governance Board (MGB) has continued to meet monthly. Major decisions that came out of the meetings thus far include the version of MITA will be branded as MITA 4.0 and that we intend to have MGB presence at the following conferences in 2024:

- Medicaid Enterprise Systems Conference (MESC)
- Information Technology Solutions Management for Human Services (ISM)

The MGB originally charged each of the workgroups to focus immediate efforts on developing roadmaps for the coming year. The roadmaps were all finalized by each workgroup and presented to the MGB in October and November of 2023.

As a part of the December MGB meeting and any future MGB agendas, each workgroup will provide a monthly update presentation on where the workgroup is with respect to their roadmaps.

A new sub-group was created called Cross-Workgroup Integration. The new sub-group members include all the leads from each of the four workgroups. This will help facilitate communication and maintain consistency across all the workgroups. It will also help streamline the decision-making process when the workgroups need action from the MGB. The initial focus is to create an integrated roadmap for all of MITA to assist in ensuring the workgroups remain in alignment.

Please see below for workgroup updates this quarter.

MITA State Self-Assessment (SS-A) Workgroup

The MITA SS-A workgroup has made great progress on its roadmap, completing the Discovery Phase, and heading into the Design Phase. The workgroup gathered ideas from a wide range of viewpoints, inventoried design ideas, and identified a desired set of outcomes for the MITA 4.0 version of the SS-A.

Before moving into the Design Phase, the workgroup decided that vision and mission statements were necessary to guide future development. A sub-group was formed to draft them and the answers to the following questions helped inform the development of the vision and mission:

1. What is the main goal we want the SS-A to accomplish in the next five years?
2. What positive changes should the SS-A drive in the Medicaid Enterprise?

3. What is the best possible outcome for states and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) from the SS-A?

Using the MGB's goals for MITA and the ideas gathered in the Discovery Phase, the sub-group drafted the vision and mission statements for presentation to the entire workgroup. We are pleased to share the results from this initiative below:

MITA 4.0 SS-A Workgroup Vision Statement

States, territories, and CMS continuously assess, align, and collaborate on Medicaid Enterprise strategy and investments to better drive and demonstrate program outcomes.

MITA 4.0 SS-A Workgroup Mission Statement

To produce an approach and supporting toolkit that contains guidance and templates that states, territories, and CMS use to assess, align, and monitor outcomes and investment performance.

The members believe that the statements capture the essence of the summary goals stakeholders have for the MITA 4.0 version of the SS-A, which are, to make it relevant, connected to the lifecycle of investment activities, and aligned to outcomes from these investments.

BA/IA/TA in MITA (MITA NextGen) Workgroup

The MITA NextGen workgroup continues its journey to streamline, re-organize, and improve the business process areas. The initial draft roadmap is complete and has been shared with the MGB. The workgroup will soon form sub-groups to begin substantive work in the following areas:

- Gap Analysis
- Architecture
- Provider Business Area

For those who haven't volunteered yet, or maybe know someone who may be interested, please look for an email soon detailing additional opportunities to help out in any of the areas that you are willing to contribute to. There will be other sub-groups formed over the next several months as other business areas are identified.

Also, the 2024 State HIT Connect Summit abstract submission was approved. There could be a sub-group forming to prepare for the "Sneak Peek of MITA" presentation scheduled to take place on 4/2/2024 at 1 pm.

MITA Interoperability Workgroup

The Interoperability workgroup is refining priorities and action plans to pursue between now and the 2024 MESG. Consensus-seeking surveys and Doodle Polls have helped shape the key focus to two overarching topics:

1. Identify business processes, such as provider enrollment screening and license verification tasks, which would benefit from standard interfaces. Once identified, begin taking steps to define Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) messaging which could be developed, approved, and lead to an industry standard that directly supports other MITA business processes.
2. Create Application Programming Interface (API) Regulation Guidance to provide support for the Medicaid-specific requirements for compliance and implementation of the regulations. This

could include checklists, toolkits, a repository, education, and communication. It could also be supported with a proof-of-concept demonstration of an actual reference implementation of the Prior Authorization Requirements, Documentation, and Decision (PARDD) workflow and messaging.

This quarter, the Interoperability workgroup reviewed two presentations on interoperability and the specifics of the legislation to help ground the members in the current legislative state of the nation.

MITA Communications Workgroup

The MITA Communications Workgroup continues focusing on promoting awareness of MITA by supporting MITA activities including engaging stakeholders, sessions at conferences, distributing news about MITA changes, and determining an improved approach to publishing MITA guidance. Key accomplishments this quarter include:

- Publishing the first issue of the [MITA Newsletter](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) handout](#) that can both be accessed by navigating to the following URL <https://cmsgov.github.io/CMCS-DSG-DSS-Certification-Staging/MITA/> and scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking download link for each document.
- Collaborating with the MGB workgroups to prepare an initial integrated roadmap that includes the high-level activities, milestones, and work products across the workgroups

The 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.