MITA Governance Board Newsletter

In March of 2023, the Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) Governance Board (MGB) reconvened and formed four work groups including:

- The State Self-Assessment (SS-A)
- Business Architecture (BA), Information Architecture (IA), and Technical Architecture (TA) in MITA (MITA NextGen)
- MITA Interoperability
- MITA Communications

The MGB and supporting work groups are reimagining the next generation of MITA to better align with Streamlined Modular Certification (SMC) with a focus on driving programmatic outcomes.

The MGB used the recent Medicaid Enterprise Systems Conference (MESC) in Denver, CO to gather key insights and input from states, vendors, and other interested stakeholders about how MITA can evolve to better meet the needs of states and align with SMC. MITA was the topic of many conversations throughout the conference including a focused MITA SS-A workshop, MGB meeting, poster session, and educational sessions. The MGB and work group members are using the feedback gathered to help MITA continue to evolve. At the MESC closing plenary, someone asked The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), "How can we get guidance for our systems and modules?" CMS responded with, "MITA is the answer."

Below are the MGB work group roles & updates:

State Self-Assessment (SS-A) Work Group

The SS-A work group is analyzing requirements and ideas for a re-imagined SS-A from several sources:

- Kentucky SS-A pilot
- Medicaid Enterprise Systems (MES) Investment Toolkit Proposal
- MESC SS-A workshop
- SS-A work group brainstorm sessions
- Regulations

Many thanks to those who provided their thoughts and experiences during the recent MESC SS-A workshop session!

BA/IA/TA in MITA (MITA NexGen) Work Group

The MITA NextGen work group recently kicked off and is early in the "Discovery" phase of business process re-engineering. After several meetings and a strong showing at the MESC, work group participants have agreed there are several recurring themes that need to be addressed. An early, high-level list includes:

- Organization
- Standardization
- Communication
- Business before technology

This list will continue to grow. The NextGen work group acknowledges from a sequence and timing perspective, our decisions and deliverables will be important inputs for other work groups. With this in mind, we intend to focus on planning exercises over the next several meetings to begin developing our work group roadmap.

MITA Interoperability Work Group

The MITA Interoperability work group is leveraging the MITA Technical and Information Architectures to promote the principles of interoperability and open standards in Medicaid. The work group plans on producing products and guidance to help State Medicaid Agencies (SMAs) along their journey towards interoperability to help them ensure compliance with related current and future regulatory requirements and standards. The work group is exploring how Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) standards can be incorporated into Medicaid interoperability guidance. In addition, the work group wants to ensure Medicaid is included and considered as a use case for FHIR standards.

MITA Communications Work Group

The MITA Communications work group is focused on promoting awareness of MITA by supporting MITA activities and sessions at conferences, distributing news about MITA changes, and determining an improved approach to publishing MITA guidance. Key accomplishments thus far include:

- Producing a poster for MESC, "Got MITA"
- Developing and distributing a frequently asked questions (FAQ) handout
- Coordinating MGB and working group coverage for MITA events
- Publishing first version of GitHub website for MITA: https://cmsgov.github.io/CMCS-DSG-DSS-Certification/MITA/

For those that attended the MITA sessions at MESC, thank you for your participation and input. The work group 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!