



Communiqué

Australian Digital Health Standards Advisory Group

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The fifth meeting of the Australian Digital Health Standards Advisory Group took place on 4 November 2024.

Professor Wendy Chapman opened the meeting with a warm welcome to members, noting the addition of new jurisdictions members eHealth Queensland, eHealth Victoria, NT Health, eHealth NSW and ACT Health, as well as the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority.

The Agency has incorporated member feedback to engage a broader range of healthcare, digital health and jurisdictional stakeholders as members of the Advisory Group to ensure there is greater collaboration and expertise available to advise on digital health standards work. The Agency also reported it has commenced planning a strategy for adoption and implementation of digital health standards and use case development to increase the utility of the Australian Digital Health Standards Catalogue.

Members reviewed outcomes of the Council for Connected Care meeting held on 8 August 2024, noting key interoperability achievements in 2023-24 and the Council's workplan for 2024-2025. Key achievements were noted in the establishment of strong governance, sharing resources in central locations, drafting a National Health Information Exchange architecture and roadmap, and building digital health capability through publication of roadmaps and resources for national coordination and collaboration.

Members endorsed an updated Terms of Reference to reflect an expanded membership, the current state of standards actions in the *National Healthcare Interoperability Plan 2023-28*, and increased focus on coordinating standards development activity and supporting standards adoption and implementation. Members also endorsed the Australian Digital Health Standards Advisory Group forward workplan for 2024-25 which was developed through a series of workshops held with Member organisations throughout October 2024. The workplan reflects current priority topics for Member organisations and provides opportunities for them to highlight current work and share information on supporting digital health standards.



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Members also participated in an interactive workshop on National Clinical Terminology Service adoption and mapping where they provided advice on the creation of a resource library of clinical terminology mapping tables hosted by the Agency.

A panel and Q&A session on maximising opportunities through collaboration explored how several member organisations contribute to different aspects of the standards development, adoption and implementation lifecycle. Key presentations were provided by:

- **CSIRO Sparked FHIR Accelerator program** – with a focus on development of Australian Core Data for Interoperability (AUCDI) standards and R1
- **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare** – with a focus on how standards can support the secondary use of data
- **Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care** – with a focus on digital health in the National Safety and Quality in Health Service Standards and the accreditation process.