

Care in Motion



Opening Snapshot

As interoperability continues to mature, accessible data serves as the foundation that allows coordinated care delivery, operational efficiency, and continuity to function consistently across care settings.



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Preparing for CMS API Implementation & Interoperability Requirements (January 2027)

Preparing for the January 2027 interoperability requirements from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) means aligning API capabilities with workflows, governance, and infrastructure that can scale with evolving care delivery. APIs are not just compliance exercises. They are foundational to enabling real-time, standardized data exchange across payers and providers. Organizations that invest early in readiness, testing, and integration may be better positioned to reduce administrative burden and support more coordinated care delivery.

Key priorities include:

 <p>Patient Access API Enhancements</p> <p>Impacted payers must expand Patient Access APIs to include prior authorization data, excluding drugs, improve transparency, and provide patients with greater visibility into their care journey.</p>	 <p>Provider Access API Implementation</p> <p>Payers must enable in-network providers to access patient data, including claims, encounters, and prior authorization details, supporting more informed and timely clinical decision making.</p>
 <p>Payer to Payer API Implementation</p> <p>Structured data exchange between payers supports continuity of care when patients transition coverage, reducing gaps in information and minimizing duplication.</p>	 <p>Standards, Security, and Governance</p> <p>Use of HL7 FHIR®, along with OAuth 2.0 and HIPAA-aligned safeguards, supports secure data exchange. Strong governance supports data integrity, consent management, and scalable interoperability.</p>
 <p>Prior Authorization API Readiness</p> <p>Payers and providers are preparing APIs that support electronic prior authorization requests, status updates, and improved decision transparency, helping reduce delays and reliance on manual processes.</p>	

Early preparation supports more consistent decision-making and reduces reliance on reactive compliance efforts.



Thought Question

As payers actively test and deploy these APIs, how are provider organizations preparing EHR systems, workflows, and technical teams to adopt interoperability in practice, and where might gaps emerge if preparation lags?

What We Are Watching

Organizations are moving beyond viewing interoperability as a technical requirement and positioning it as part of how care delivery and operational performance are supported. The shift is moving from simply exchanging data to using data to inform real-time decisions.

Key signals include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A shift from data access to data usability, where information must be structured to support action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing emphasis on real-time decision support embedded within clinical and administrative workflows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement toward computability, where data can be interpreted by systems, not only viewed by users
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising expectations for APIs to enable automation and workflow integration, not just expose data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition that interoperability without context or action can introduce inefficiencies rather than resolve them 	

This transition reflects broader direction across CMS initiatives, where standards such as FHIR® are increasingly supporting the ability to embed intelligence into healthcare operations.

Interoperability is no longer the end goal. The ability to translate data into timely, actionable insights is becoming foundational to coordinate efficient care delivery.

Conference Spotlight




AaNeel will be attending to continue learning from industry leaders and better understand how organizations are approaching interoperability, regulatory readiness, and coordinated care delivery.



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Some key areas AHIP continues to focus on include:





-  **Payer-Provider Alignment**
-  **Prior Authorization Workflow Improvement**
-  **Longitudinal Member Data Access**

1 Minute Insight

Data access and operational confidence

Delayed or incomplete patient information continues to impact care delivery.

Accessible longitudinal data helps organizations:

 <p>Improve Performance Measurement</p>	 <p>Identify Care Gaps Earlier</p>	 <p>Support Continuity Across Providers</p>	 <p>Reduce Manual Record Retrieval</p>
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The priority is shifting from collecting data to ensuring information is usable within real workflows.



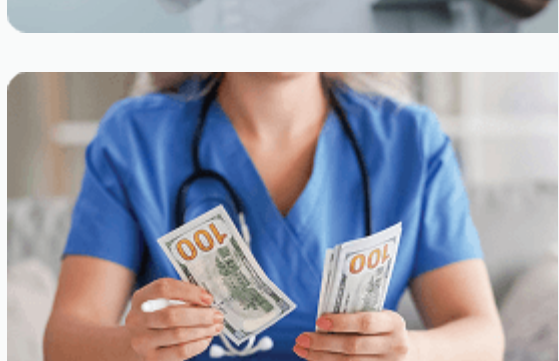

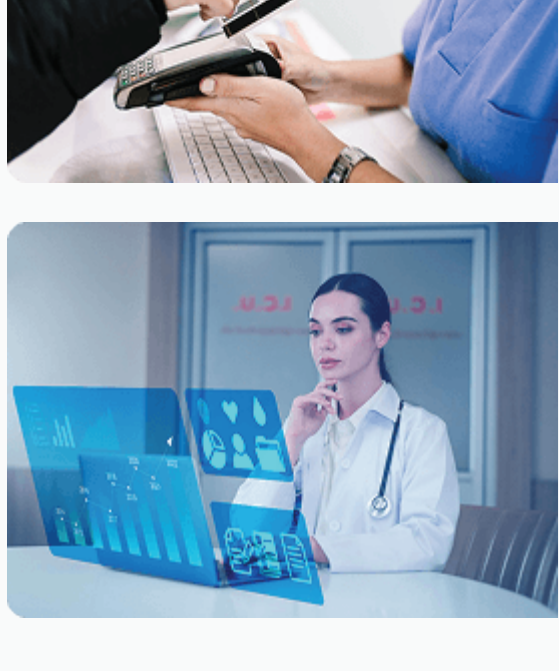


CMS Monthly Update

Recent CMS activity signals continued movement toward more connected, transparent, and operationally aligned care delivery environments. Across payment models and interoperability requirements, the direction is consistent: improve access to usable information, reduce administrative friction, and support more coordinated care experiences.



What does this mean right now

	<p>Prior authorization modernization continues to advance</p> <p>CMS is reinforcing expectations for more transparent, timely, and standardized prior authorization processes, supporting more predictable workflows for providers and clearer visibility for patients.</p> <p>Learn more →</p>
	<p>Interoperability standards remain a central policy priority</p> <p>Proposed updates continue strengthening expectations for standards-based data exchange, reinforcing the role of APIs in supporting continuity of patient information across care settings.</p> <p>Learn more →</p>
	<p>Payment models continue to align incentives with care coordination</p> <p>CMS innovation initiatives continue to evaluate approaches that support improved outcomes through stronger alignment between clinical workflows, patient engagement, and data accessibility.</p> <p>Learn more →</p>
	<p>Hospital payment updates reflect evolving cost environments</p> <p>CMS proposes a 2.4% increase in FY 2027 payment rates for inpatient and long-term care hospitals, reflecting updated cost data and continued adjustment across care delivery systems.</p> <p>Learn more →</p>
	<p>Quality reporting continues shaping care delivery expectations</p> <p>Updates to hospice payment and reporting programs reinforce continued emphasis on transparency and performance measurement across care settings.</p> <p>Learn more →</p>

Healthcare Industry Highlights

May marks Mental Health Awareness Month, reinforcing a clear industry shift as mental health becomes central to outcomes, care continuity, and cost management within value-based care.

As care models evolve, organizations are prioritizing earlier identification of behavioral health needs and more coordinated, data-driven care. Care managers are central to this effort, connecting behavioral health, medical providers, and support services to ensure timely, continuous care across the member journey.

Healthcare organizations continue aligning care delivery to provide more timely, coordinated, and cost-effective support across physical and behavioral health needs.

Key themes shaping healthcare strategy

- Mental health is essential to whole-person care and long-term outcomes
- Stronger coordination between behavioral health, care managers, and medical providers
- Greater emphasis on complete member context to support informed decisions
- Reducing delays that impact timely access to care
- Improving visibility into member needs across care settings

Closing Thought

As interoperability capabilities mature, the industry is entering a new phase where access to longitudinal, real-time data is no longer an advantage but an expectation. The organizations that translate accessible information into coordinated action will not only improve consistency in decision making but will fundamentally redefine how care is delivered, measured, and sustained across the healthcare ecosystem.