Section 4 – Data standards

Each participating agency shall use the Health Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP) C-32 interoperability component for transfer of clinical patient summary information. The C-32 component was developed to facilitate the communication of patient summary information from one electronic system to another, is built on one of the most common health information messaging standards (Health Level 7 [HL7]), and leverages another standard (Continuity of Care Document [CCD]) which represents a convergence of two of the most widely used clinical document standards (Continuity of Care Record [CCR] and Clinical Data Architecture [CDA].)

Extensions to the C-32 standard in a fashion consistent with the HL7 CCD may be utilized when agencies participating in the exchange of data mutually agree that this modification will improve coordination of care and/or administrative activities. Any extensions to the C-32 standard identified by agencies should continue to support broad compatibility.

The data standards identified above should not be considered in isolation from other applicable data and security standards. Participating agencies should closely consider individual agency infrastructure, applications, and information security capabilities such that they conform to base standards.