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Topic 1.2. International Patient Summary

Issue at stake

The aim of this agenda point is for eHealth Network to:

- Inform eHealth Network about the CEN standards for the International Patient Summary
- Discuss the possible boost of national and international Electronic Health Record interoperability by disseminating the CEN IPS standard at national level and evolving the eHealth Network Guideline on the electronic exchange of health data under Cross-Border Directive 2011/24/EU for Patient Summary for unscheduled care to CEN standard on health informatics — The International Patient Summary (FprEN 17269:2019).
- Take a decision on dividing the eHealth Network Guideline on the electronic exchange of health data under Cross-Border Directive 2011/24/EU for Patient Summary for unscheduled care into two parts: policy and datasets one.
- Give mandate to eHMSEG to investigate the possibility of replacing the datasets part of current guidelines with the referral to the CEN standard on Health informatics — The International Patient Summary (FprEN 17269:2019).

Summary

In November 2014, the eHealth Network decided to take a role in planning future EU standardisation activities for digital health, and welcomed the involvement of CEN, as well as other standardisation organisations, in the new action.

Both documents: (1) Health informatics — The International Patient Summary: Guideline for European Implementation (FprCEN/TS 17288:2019); (2) Health informatics — The International Patient Summary (FprEN 17269:2019) have been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 251 “Health Informatics”, and approved for an 8- week ballot by 15 September 2019.

The requirements for the CEN IPS’ deliverables come directly from the eHealth Network and their support for the ‘Specific Guidelines for Electronic Exchange of Health Data under the Cross border Directive 2011/24/EU’. “These guidelines, as adopted by the eHealth Network, are addressed to the Member States of the European Union and apply to the implementation of a patient dataset for cross border exchange.” These eHealth Network guidelines have supported the harmonization efforts made by CEN/TC 251 and HL7.

The specific use case is more general, but the scenario from the eHealth Network is to exchange a patient summary (PS) between countries, comprising an agreed minimal dataset. The required, core data elements in the eHealth Network guideline are the basis around which meaningful patient summary (PS) implementations can be built. These data, their descriptions and definitions, have been formalized and refined in prEN 17269 with the intention of making them usable and reusable, for different communication purposes in the healthcare domain at a global level.

The eHMSEG on its meeting on 17 May 2019 decided to further investigate the possibility of replacing the datasets part of current guidelines with the referral to the CEN standard on health informatics — The International Patient Summary (FprEN 17269:2019). At the same time, as envisaged in the eHDSI Work Plan 2019, the Commission, together with Member States experts, will work on evolving and releasing the eHDSI Clinical Documents Implementation Guides, also at aligning it to standards, such as International Patient Summary.

Format of procedure in the eHealth Network meeting

- The Member States co-chair introduces the agenda topic.
- The Member States co-chair invites the CEN representative to present the new CEN standards regarding the International Patient Summary.
- The Member States co-chair invites the eHMSEG co-chair to present the position of this body concerning the International Patient Summary.
- The Member States co-chair opens the discussion on the topic.
- The Member States co-chair asks eHN to take a decision on dividing the eHealth Network Guideline on the electronic exchange of health data under Cross-Border Directive 2011/24/EU for Patient Summary for unscheduled care into two parts: policy and datasets one.
- The Member States co-chair asks eHMSEG to investigate the changes in datasets entailed by replacing the datasets part of current guidelines with the referral to the CEN standard on Health informatics — The International Patient Summary (FprEN 17269:2019) and to report to the eHealth Network.