

ONC AND CMS RELEASE TWO PROPOSED RULES

Supporting Interoperability, Patient Access, and Information
Blocking Provisions of the 21st Century Cures Act

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CMS and ONC Issue Proposed Rules

- △ On February 11, 2019, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) proposed new rules to support seamless and secure access, exchange, and use of electronic health information. The rules, issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), would increase choice and competition while fostering innovation that promotes patient access to and control over their health information. The proposed ONC rule would require that patient electronic access to this electronic health information (EHI) be made available at no cost.
 - ❑ CMS Fact Sheet - <https://go.cms.gov/2E3dp5v>
 - ❑ ONC Fact Sheet - <https://bit.ly/2TJyRSG>
 - ❑ HHS Press Release - <https://bit.ly/2GCqggO>
 - ❑ Public comments will be accepted through **May 3, 2019**.
- △ In addition to the policy proposals, CMS released two Requests for Information (RFIs) to obtain feedback on interoperability and health information technology (health IT) adoption in Post-Acute Care (PAC) settings, and the role of patient matching in interoperability and improved patient care.

NPRMs Published in the Federal Register

- △ [CMS-9115-P / RIN 0938-AT79](#) - Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; [Interoperability and Patient Access](#) for Medicare Advantage Organization and Medicaid Managed Care Plans, State Medicaid Agencies, CHIP Agencies and CHIP Managed Care Entities, Issuers of Qualified Health Plans in the Federally-facilitated Exchanges and Health Care Providers
- △ [ONC RIN 0955-AA01](#) - 21st Century Cures Act: [Interoperability, Information Blocking, and the ONC Health IT Certification Program](#).

Click on the links above to review the NPRMs as published in the Federal Register.

Associated CMS RFIs

The following Requests for Information (RFIs) are also included in **CMS-9115-P / RIN 0938-AT79**:

- △ **Interoperability and Health Information Technology (Health IT) Adoption in Post-Acute Care (PAC) Settings**
 - See NPRM Section XI. Request for Information on Advancing Interoperability Across the Care Continuum
- △ **The Role of Patient Matching in Interoperability and Improved Patient Care**
 - See NPRM Section XIII. Request for Information on Policies To Improve Patient Matching
 - Specifically there are 7 questions posed in part B. Solicitation of Comments.

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