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State HIE Grantees,

ONC is requesting public comments on its [Request for Information on Governance of the Nationwide Health Information Network](#), which was published in the Federal Register on May 15.

The key components of the proposed governance approach include:

- a focus on entities that facilitate electronic health information exchange;
- a set of conditions for trusted exchange (CTEs) in three areas: safeguards, interoperability, and business practices;
- a voluntary validation process for entities to demonstrate conformance to the CTEs and to increase provider confidence that the exchange entities meet these requirements;
- processes to regularly update and improve CTEs;
- a process to classify the readiness of technical standards and implementation specifications to support interoperability CTEs; and
- approaches for monitoring and transparent oversight

In order to receive the best input from all stakeholders on governance issues that HHS is considering, the RFI includes many questions about these proposals. The public comment period closes on June 14. We encourage all stakeholders, including consumers and patients, to provide feedback on these proposals. Read the [Health IT Buzz blog](#) for more information about the RFI and how to comment.

In addition, the National eHealth Collaborative is hosting a webinar overview of the Governance RFI on Thursday, May 17 at 11:30 am ET, with a presentation by Steven Posnack, Director of ONC's Federal Policy Division. Registration for the webinar is free, but there are a limited number of slots available. To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

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