

§ 172.100 Basis, purpose, and scope.

(a) *Basis and authority.* The provisions of this part implement section 3001(c)(9) of the Public Health Service Act.

(b) *Purpose.* The purpose of this part is to:

(1) Ensure full network-to-network exchange of health information; and

(2) Establish a voluntary process for a Qualified Health Information Network TM (QHIN TM) to attest to adoption of the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement TM (TEFCA TM).

(c) *Scope.* This part addresses:

(1) Minimum qualifications needed for a health information network to be Designated as a QHIN capable of trusted exchange under TEFCA.

(2) Procedures governing QHIN Onboarding and Designation, suspension, termination, and further administrative review.

(3) Attestation submission requirements for a QHIN to attest to its adoption of TEFCA.

(4) ASTP/ONC attestation acceptance and removal processes for publication of attesting QHINs in the QHIN Attestation Directory.