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## DxF Bi-Weekly Update

*This bi-weekly communication provides important updates and information on the Data Exchange Framework (DxF).*

### Highlights In This Update

- *Community Sandbox Update*
- *DSA and PD Portal Enhancements*
- *2026 Data Exchange Summit Registration Available*
- *DxF Listening Tour Summary Available*
- *Final DSA Signatory Grants Office Hour*

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## DxF Updates

### COMMUNITY SANDBOX:

- [Connecting for Better Health's Community Sandbox](#) is ready to support signatories onboarding to the new Event Notifications requirements per the amended [DxF Technical Requirements for Exchange P&P](#)
  - The Community Sandbox includes self-serve testing tools built around DxF minimum requirements for Event Notifications. These tools can assess how your systems send and/or receive admit and discharge notifications in alignment with DxF requirements and additional best practices to ignite high-quality, actionable workflows and alerts.
  - The Community Sandbox is free and available to all. [Check out the tools today!](#)

## DSA AND PD PORTAL ENHANCEMENTS:

- As of 2/2/26, the DSA and PD portal has had a few updates to enhance user experience and simplify portal navigation. These view changes should not interfere with any actions you need to take in the portal. Please reach out to [dxf@hcai.ca.gov](mailto:dxf@hcai.ca.gov) if you have any questions or concerns.

## 2026 DATA EXCHANGE SUMMIT:

- The 2026 Data Exchange Summit brings together the leaders, implementers, and partners advancing California's long-term vision for secure, connected, whole-person data sharing.
  - Last year's Summit convened nearly 250 stakeholders from across California and was anchored by The Road to Whole-Person Care, inspired by the Data Exchange Framework (DxF) Roadmap, exploring how six foundational pillars come together in practice.
- Registration is available now on [Connecting for Better Health's website](#).

## DxF LISTENING TOUR:

- HCAI and Freed Associates have completed the state-wide stakeholder listening tour. A summary of key findings is now available on the HCAI DxF website on [the DxF Participant Center](#).
- The DxF Stakeholder Advisory Committee will convene this year, and the feedback gathered will be used to guide discussions on the future direction of the framework. Thank you for your engagement! If you have any additional feedback to share, feel free to contact the DxF team at [dxf@hcai.ca.gov](mailto:dxf@hcai.ca.gov) or via [the feedback form](#) on the DxF Participant Center webpage.

## DSA SIGNATORY GRANTS:

- **The DSA Signatory Grants Program will end on March 31, 2026**
  - All Progress Reports indicating achievement of a Milestone must be submitted by **March 31, 2026**.
  - Grantees or their selected QHIO who do not submit a Milestone Progress Report by this date will no longer be eligible to receive any undisbursed grant funds.
- **Final DSA Signatory Grants Office Hour - (March 5, 2026, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT)**
  - Advanced registration is required.
- The DSA Grants Guidance Document has been updated and is available on the DxF website.
  - This update to the DSA Grants Guidance Document includes changes to the final progress report submission deadlines and changes to the rule for grantees to switch QHIOs.
- 2025 Quarter 4 Progress Reports are under review. If approved for a Milestone achievement, payment will be disbursed by **January 31, 2026**.
- HCAI and PCG will reach out to Grantees if additional information is needed. Grant questions may be directed to the following contacts:
  - HCAI Grant Support: [DxFGrants@hcai.ca.gov](mailto:DxFGrants@hcai.ca.gov)
  - PCG Grant Support: [dsagrants@pcgus.com](mailto:dsagrants@pcgus.com) or call [\(866\) 698-6525](tel:(866)698-6525)

## STANDARDS ADVANCEMENT:

- Reminder that HCAI has published an amendment to the Technical Requirements for Exchange P&P. This amendment is the result of deliberations of the Standards Committee in 2024, discussions with the Technical Advisory Committee and Implementation Advisory Committee in 2025, and recent public comment from our stakeholders. This amendment:
  - Removes requirements for the standards already specified by Nationwide Networks or Frameworks while clarifying that Nationwide Networks and Frameworks may be used to help meet DxF requirements;
  - Generalizes the language surrounding Event Notification;
  - Specifies the information that must be included in a request for Event Notifications;
  - Specifies the information and technical standards that must be used for Event Notifications; and
  - Clarifies the prohibition for using sex- and gender-related person attributes for Person Matching.

New provisions in the amended P&P become effective August 1, 2026. See the new amendment on the DxF website for more details.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Final DSA Signatory Grants Office Hour

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## Recent Meetings & Webinars

### IAC MEETINGS

- [Past IAC meetings](#)

### TAC MEETINGS

- [Past TAC meetings](#)

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