



March 22, 2023
Weekly Round-Up

Join us for C4BH's 3/23 meeting

Don't miss C4BH's Mar. 23 meeting! We'll feature a discussion with Alissa Weiss and Jeneé Saffold from Benefits Data Trust about their organization's new [data-sharing playbook](#). Marilee Benson, president and co-founder of interoperability solutions provider Zen Healthcare IT, and Jim St. Clair, customer innovation advisor at the Ann Arbor, Mich.-based Interoperability Institute, will join us to provide a pulse on recent Carequality Advisory Council updates.

Also, C4BH's Timi Leslie is moderating a Mar. 29 panel for California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) called "Data Sharing Across Sectors to Support the Whole Person." We hope you can join us for this in-person event at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport. Registration details are [here](#).

If you're not registered for C4BH's twice-monthly meetings, send an email to info@connectingforbetterhealth.com.

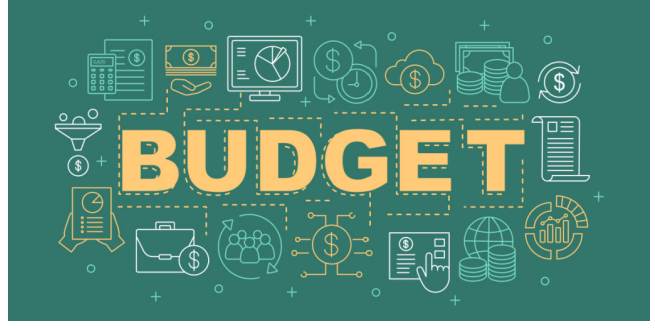
Read: TEFCA Will Be a 'Game Changer,' Per ONC

A recent blog by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) commented that the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) will be a "game changer" in health care interoperability. "Ultimately, the public-private governance mode of TEFCA enables a trust and technical foundation that will provide a mechanism for the health care community to get better, more efficient access to the information needed to improve patient care and public health....It's the next evolution of health interoperability and the basis of the truly digital health care system," wrote Elise Sweeney Anthony, executive director of policy, John Rancourt, director of interoperability, and Mark Knee, deputy director, at ONC

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Learn: President Biden Asks for Boost in HHS' Budget

President Joseph Biden's budget proposal nearly doubles the budget for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Civil Rights (OCR), according to reporting by Daniel Payne and Krista Mar for *POLITICO*. The additional funding would be used, in part, to cover the loss in civil monetary settlement funds typically paid by companies that violate agency regulations.



[Read the Budget Proposal](#)

Read: Arkansas HIE Enables Data Sharing in Foster Care

Kaitlyn Levinson reported for *GCN* that the Arkansas State Health Alliance for Records Exchange (SHARE) reduces data gaps and boosts the sharing of critical health information, while increasing workflow efficiency; SHARE serves as the state's HIE. "Our mission is to improve the delivery of information and the quality of health care for Arkansas....We do that [by] creating a secure suite so we can share clinical data," said Justin Villines, policy director for the state's Office of Health IT, at the 2023 State Healthcare IT Connect Summit.

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Learn: Health & Social Services Data Sharing Improves Members' SDOH

A white paper published by Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY), the state's HIE, found that the exchange of health care data and social services data was vital to improving the social determinants of health (SDOH) of New York State's Medicaid enrollees.



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Tell Us: Has Your Organization Signed the DSA?

Has your organization signed the DSA using the new online signing portal? If you have, send an email to [Robby Franceschini](mailto:Robby.Franceschini); we'd like to celebrate your accomplishment on our social media channels.

Sign Up: C4BH Event Roundup

We have curated a list of upcoming events, which includes:

- **Mar. 23:** Healthcare Reimagined: 10th Annual Innovation Conference and Expo. Organized by HIMSS Northern California Chapter. Register [here](#).
- **Mar. 28 at 5 PM PT:** ONC's SDOH Learning Forum. Register [here](#).
- **Apr. 13 at 12:15 pm PT:** California Medical Association (CMA) Data Exchange Explainer Series #2: Data Exchange Policy and Legal Environment. Register [here](#).
- **May 23:** 2023 North California State of Reform Health Policy Conference. Located at SAFE Credit Union Convention Center. Register [here](#).

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