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Current Status and Desired State

- Not altered from distributed materials
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Recommendations

- Presentation Grouping in logical – flow order
- Each assigned responsible party
- Note time frame and urgency
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1. Examine and describe the business process models for NHII stakeholders:
   - (Joint Public and Private) (Short)
   - Identify best fits for NHII standards.
   - Recommend best ways for adopting standards.
   - Ensure that lessons learned can be shared and generalized, including those learned from HIPAA implementation.
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Secure reliable funding sources and resources for standard and vocabulary developers. (Joint) (Short)

- Develop implementation guides
- Develop conformance tests and associated tools
- Involve all stakeholders in these activities
- Undertake rapid development, incorporation, and dissemination of new content to accommodate health technology, procedure, and diagnostic advances.
- Extend and maintain the standard in a manner that is responsive to user needs.
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3 Decrease barriers and increase benefits to standards adoption and implementation. (Federal) (Medium)

- Expand educational initiatives to explain what the standards are and how they can be implemented.
- Establish financial models to make cost affordable and benefits attractive; eliminate cost as a barrier to adoption. (Possible models include government or foundation underwriting.)
- Promote standards for the format and distribution of content, including versioning mechanisms, to simplify adoption.
- Refine and implement standards for common terminology services (middleware).
- Provide funding to study, promote, monitor, and improve standards implementation, including demonstrations.
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4. Standardize procedures for maintaining, updating, and distributing standards content. (Joint) (Medium)

- Ensure that all terminology content is machine readable in common formats and has internet availability (e.g. accessible via Common Terminology Services).
- Format standard specifications electronically and in a manner that enhance automation of deployment and use.
- Establish a process to make all versions and updates readily available.
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5 Impartial certification of standards and vocabulary implementations. (Private) (Medium)
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6 Designate a core set of clinical reference terminologies that are:
(Federal) (Short)
- Interlocking,
- Non-overlapping, and are
- Unbiased and impartial.
- Develop an open process for extending core set.
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7 Improve the process for extending administrative terminologies. (Federal) (Short)
- Ensure that it is more open
- Ensure that it is impartial.
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Define connections between clinical and administrative terminologies to promote interoperability and data re-use. (Joint) (Medium)

- Build simple mapping where appropriate (synonymy or term-to-term connections)
- Define aggregation logics and implement tools. (e.g. ICD-9-CM coding rules)
- Include in UMLS the ability for simple mapping and logic driven aggregations.
- Ensure that mechanisms are unbiased and impartial.
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Achieve agreement on a Concept to Model Continuum (Joint) (Long)

- Define the nomenclature to classification to groups (e.g. DRG) continuum as a subset.
- Explicitly include a practical merger of terminology, information, and process models.
- Study real-world business models to identify standards development needs.
- Agree upon mechanisms for all stakeholders to jointly create the model.
- Designate NLM as the coordinating body, serving the public interest.
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Promote specific Federal actions. (Short)

- Continue the CHI process beyond two-year mandate, to maintain and extend designations.
- Specify that CHI specified standards be used in government funding and contract instruments, including all Medicaid programs.
- Conduct cost, benefit, and implementation analysis for adopting and not adopting new standards, specifically including HL7 V3.
- Monitor and report where the standards adopted by HHS are used.
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