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# TouchWorks® EHR Q1 Update Webinar

*Bringing next-level healthcare within reach*

Feb. 21, 2024

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Ask questions via  
Q&A panel



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email containing the  
webinar recording

# Agenda

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- 01 **Introduction**  
*Ben Scharfe, Executive Vice President*
- 02 **Release Updates**  
*Jeanne Armstrong, MD, CMO*
- 03 **New Professional Services Offering**  
*Sean Schulz, VP Professional Services*
- 04 **Q&A**

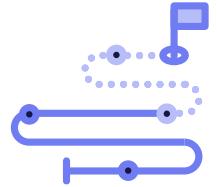
# Introduction

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TouchWorks EHR Mission and Strategy



# TOUCHWORKS EHR: MISSION



Our mission is our foundation.

It's our commitment to meet and exceed the needs of our clients.



***To provide healthcare organizations and professionals with reliable, innovative technology solutions that enhance patient care outcomes and operational efficiency.***

This defines our daily operations, ensuring every action we take is geared toward providing innovative solutions for enhanced patient care and operational efficiencies.

# Strategic framework for our blueprint



**Rebuilding an  
enduring, client-  
centric organization**



**Exceeding  
regulatory certification  
standards**



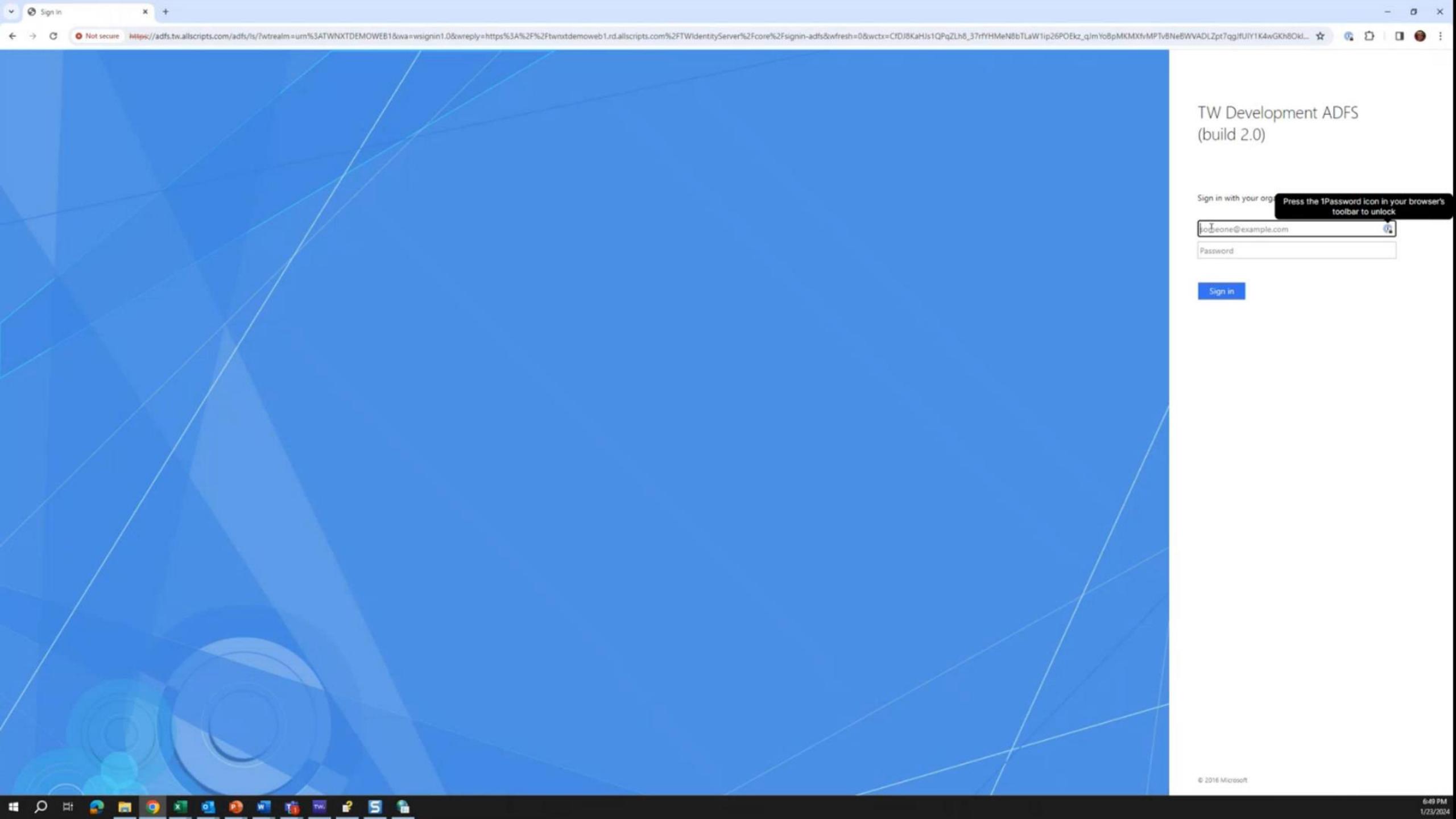
**Independence  
and innovation in EHR  
solutions**

# Responding to your feedback

OptimizeRx  
content removed  
from ACI

Opt-out  
available

Video available  
on Client  
Connect



## TW Development ADFS (build 2.0)

Sign in with your org Press the 1Password icon in your browser's toolbar to unlock

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## Scan: Storage in cloud

- Our strategy and vision
- Enables AI functionality
- Potential investment to help us build



# Release Updates

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# Product updates



## TouchWorks® EHR

- Current: 22.1.7
- Next: 2024.1, GA 5-Apr-2024
- Future: 2024.2, planned for July

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- Current: 19.4 WC 6
- Next/Future: None
- **19.4/20.1 end of life: 24-Feb-2025**



## Altera Prenatal™

- Current: 22.2.1 GA 6-Feb-2024
- Next/Future: 2024 TBD



## TouchWorks® EHR Mobile

- Current: 22.1.4 GA 8-Dec-2023
  - **Must take release before Mar. 1.**
- Next/Future: 2024 TBD

# Patient Safety Issue

- Affects all clients on v21.1 and higher
- Drug-drug interactions are not warning as expected
- Safety briefing on client portal 2/20/24
- Active medications with a therapy start date > than 1 year in the past are not being considered in the Drug Utilization Review (DUR) drug-drug interaction checking
- Clinicians creating a new RX or renewing a medication may not be alerted to potential drug – drug interactions
- Until the issue is corrected, Altera recommends that users manually evaluate for interactions outside of TW – **please alert all clinical staff ASAP**
- A stored procedure update will be available for all product versions v21.1 and higher TBD but targeting the end of the week

# Planned 2024 releases\*\* TouchWorks EHR



## 2024.1 – April 5

- Copy items in banner
- Schedule at a glance
- Records destruction feature
- DUR precautions-related condition correction
- DUR precautions configuration no FH and Social HX items
- EPAM recommended Clinical desktop click call improvements
- Time zone remediation C-CDAs



## 2024.2 – July 23

- Windows 11 support SES
- HTI-1: Decision Support Interventions Requirements
- HTI-1: Safety-Enhanced Design Standards
- HTI-1: FHIR Endpoints Cert
- Problem terminology uplift
- AI platform endpoints
- EPAM recommended Cache



## 2024.3 October 29

- HTI-1: Interoperability USCDI 3 \_ partial
  - SDOH
  - FHIR USCDI IG v 5.0.1
- *TBD: Scan replacement*
- Alpha release new note
- Questionnaires Part 1
- HTI-1: Insight Measures Frameworks

\*\* Nov/Dec release if needed

# Release Insights

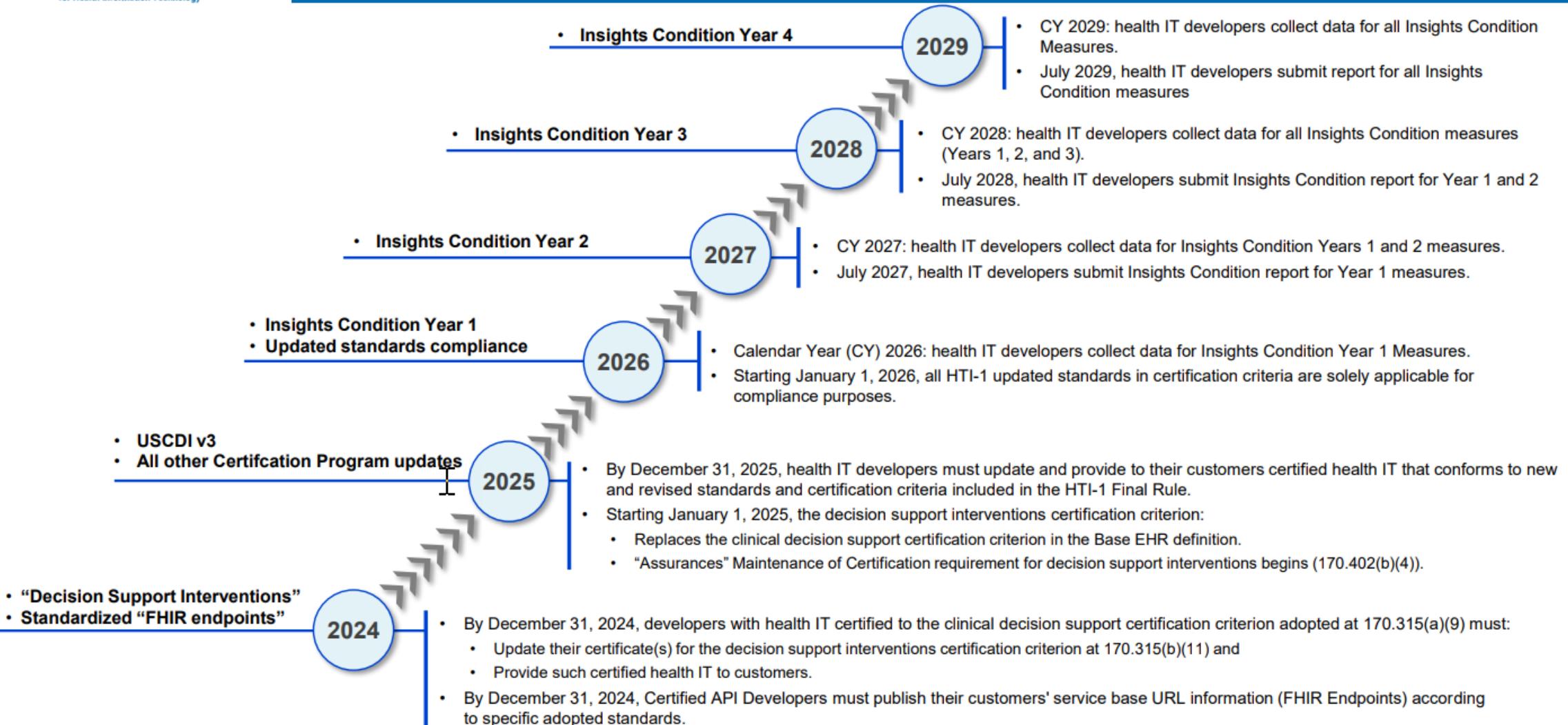
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- Beginning in 2024, the performance period for the PI Category will increase from a minimum of 90 continuous days to a minimum of 180 continuous days within the calendar year.
  - Key to considering release dates
  - Example DSI:
  - Certify by 12/1/2024
    - “Fully available” GA by 12/31/2024
    - CMS deadline for live, tested upgrades (live by) 7/4/2025 – Altera is calling it June 1.
- 2024 SES
  - Windows 11 support introduced with 2024.2
  - 2024.1 - taking advantage more in 2024.2 – Updated from Minimum monitor resolution support referenced in Client Web Workstation/Monitor section of the SES to 1920 x 1080
- Scan image hosting – Plan now
- 2025 – TBD targeting release in Feb/May/Aug/Nov
- 19.4/20.1/21.1 end of support 2/24/25



## HTI-1 Key Dates

December 2023



# Finalized ONC HTI-1 Certification Requirements

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## Development impact/Work effort:

High   Medium   Low

Dec. 2024

Dec. 1, 2024: Certification deadline

Dec. 31, 2024:  
GA deadline – ONC says  
software must be **“provided”**  
(meaning fully available to  
clients) by this date

July 4, 2025:  
CMS deadline for delivery of  
live, tested upgrades

### Decision Support Intervention (DSI) and Predictive Model Certification Criterion

- Includes Evidence-based DSI and Predictive DSI with Source Attributes
- Predictive DSI is limited to that "supplied by" the health IT vendor (created by or included in the solution)
- Safety-enhanced design study with client participants required for certification
- Intervention Risk Management practices required for Predictive DSI

### Standard for FHIR API-related Client URL Endpoints

- FHIR resource bundle format including the Endpoint and Organization resources is required to replace the machine-readable version of publicly posted client endpoints
- Development expected to be low
- Work effort to collect and configure required client organization information is likely high

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Dec 2025

High  
New Standard: USCDI v3 (and related standards and functionality)

- USCDI v3 finalized with no changes from proposal
- New standards versions finalized for majority of existing USCDI v1 data elements carried forward into v3
- Affects all certification criteria with C-CDA and FHIR R4 API touchpoints

Low  
Patient Demographics and Observation Certification Criterion

- Finalized 3 new sex/gender related data elements outside of USCDI v3 including:
  - Sex Parameter for Clinical Use
  - Name to Use
  - Pronouns
- These data elements are not intended for exchange

Medium  
Electronic Case Reporting standards added to Certification Criterion

- Establishes standards for ECR case report creation and reportability response using either HL7 CDA or FHIR R4 Implementation Guides

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Dec 2025

### Patient Requested Restrictions on Use and Disclosure of Health Info

- Proposed requirements pared down significantly
- Development impact is to patient portals only
- Internet-based solution required to capture patient requests for restrictions on use and disclosure

### Updated C-CDA and FHIR R4 Standards

- C-CDA Companion Guide version 4.1
- FHIR US Core 6.1.0
- SMART App Launch 2.0
- Application access token revocation within one hour of patient request

### Insights Measures

- Seven measures with a total of 32 metrics finalized
- Requires development to capture any gap countable events and reports
- Initial data collection must begin 1/1/2026 with all updates to capture gap countable events and reports in place

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# HTI-1 expansion of vendor administrative burden

## Safety Enhanced Design

- Must complete testing of functionality by client users *prior to certification*
- Related to Decision Support Intervention requirement

## Real-world Testing

- Must add Decision Support Interventions functionality into annual RWT Plan, Measures and Report

## API URL Endpoint Review

- Quarterly review of published client API URL endpoints to ensure they are error free related to endpoints or organization information (out of date, incomplete or unusable for 90+ days)

## Predictive DSI Intervention Risk Management Practices

- Annual process including Risk Analysis and Risk Mitigation
- Update of individual Predictive DSI source attributes

## Insights Measures (explicitly required by Congress)

- Annual dev and deployment required to deliver new/revised countable events and reports
- Annual data validation and aggregation of results across clients to occur January to June
- Annual data submission each July

Note: Changes and functionality will be necessary on corporate solution/website for some requirements, e.g., publication of FHIR R4 API URL endpoints, specifications, sandbox, etc.

# Call to action

Schedule today!

Beginning in 2024, the performance period for the PI Category will increase from a minimum of 90 continuous days to a minimum of 180 continuous days within the calendar year.

EHI export released in patch 6.

***Client must have patch 6 or higher by their July 2024 reporting period, which means you must take patch 7 – 22.1.7 by April 4 or plan for 2024.1 before July 4, 2024.***

# Federal regulatory calendar – What's coming?

## Recently Released Final Rules

- ONC HTI-1 Rule: Interoperability, Information Blocking and Certification (Jan. 9, 2024)
- CMS ePrior Authorization (ePA) for items and services (Jan. 17, 2024)
  - The CMS Rule for Electronic Prior Authorization (ePA) for items and services finalized; CLIENT deadline 1/1/27

## Pending Final Rules in 2024

- HHS Disincentives for Providers Who Block Information (*expected Mar or April*)

## Expected Proposed Rules in 2024

- ONC Patient Access, Public Health and Prior Authorization (HTI-2) (*expected Mar or April*)
- CMS Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) (*expected April*)
- CMS Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) (*expected June*)
- CMS Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) (*expected June*)

# Identify Care Gaps with VPI

Care Organizations can earn \$50–75 per patient per year for completing an assessment through VPI.



## VERADIGM® PAYER INSIGHTS

Help improve outcomes and minimize risk for patients with seamless care gap alerting in your EHR workflow

Gap closure is a key component of improving overall patient care and outcomes, but healthcare providers aren't always aware of every gap that exists for their patients. If documentation of those gaps is not accessible at the point of care, during the provider's normal workflow for the patient visit, the potential for positive impact on care is reduced.



Easy to use to help close the gap in care for Health Maintenance or other gaps that the insurance is missing on the patient.



The task that is sent is a great way to help do some pre-planning for the patient.

# 2024 Feedback and Mastermind Dates

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- Reminder to block your calendar now for the second Wednesday of every month
- Sign up on Client Portal

- December 2023 – no meeting
- 2024
  - January 10, 2024 – Feature feedback
  - February 14, 2024 – View recording discussing our AI strategies
  - March 13, 2024 – Feature feedback
  - April 10
  - May 8
  - June 12
  - July 10
  - August 14
  - September 11
  - October 9
  - November 13
  - December 11
- Jan. 8, 2025



# What if...

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# Professional Services Subscription

Designed to bring you maximum value with minimal effort



## Dedicated experts anytime

- Supports system administration
- Helps with application configuration
- Provides user training and support
- Delivers project assistance



## Easy adoption of iterative releases

- Enables shorter projects
- Provides predictable timing
- Helps outpace regulatory deadlines
- Delivers easier training



## Faster product advancements

- Eliminates back-porting
- Increases feature pacing
- Reduces defect injection
- Focuses the maintenance cost

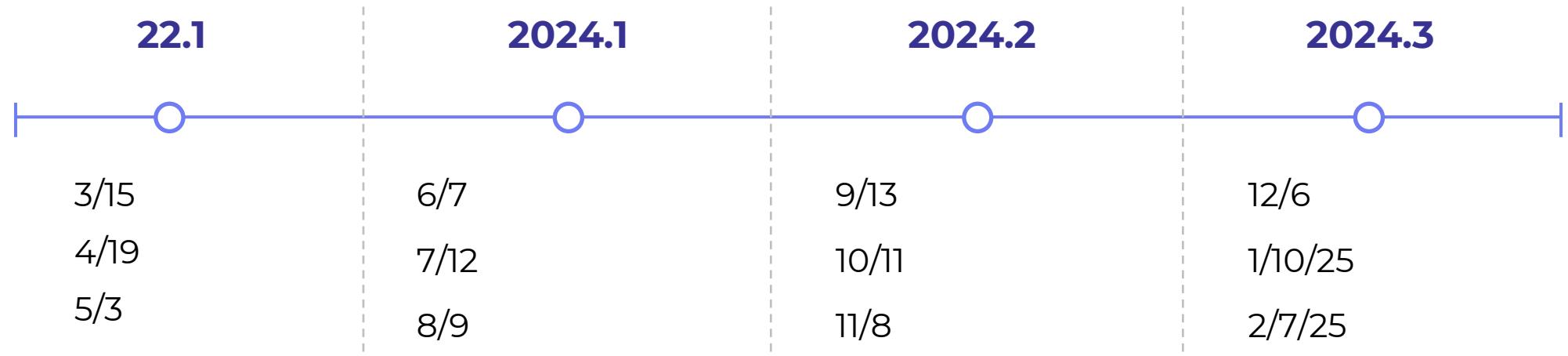
# Professional Services Subscription

Subscription		
Release Services	Application Consulting	DR Consulting
Unlimited updates with staging and installation	Assigned technical and application liaison for testing, training or project assistance	Disaster recovery planning, testing and rapid recovery

# Timing

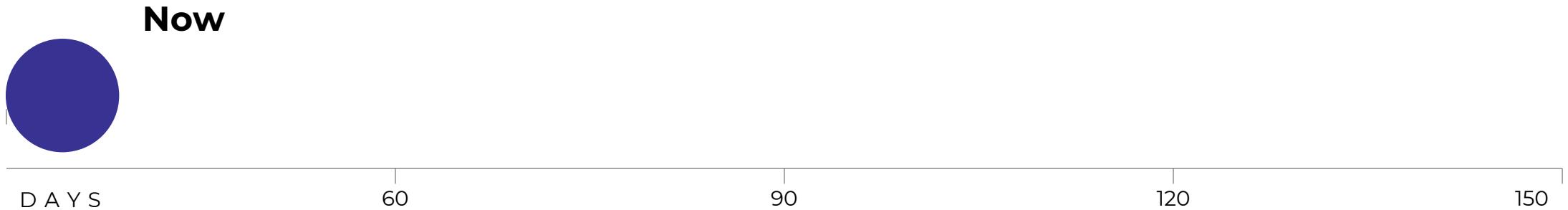


# Available go-live weekends



Reminders: 19.4, 20.1, 21.1 End of Life: 2/24/25

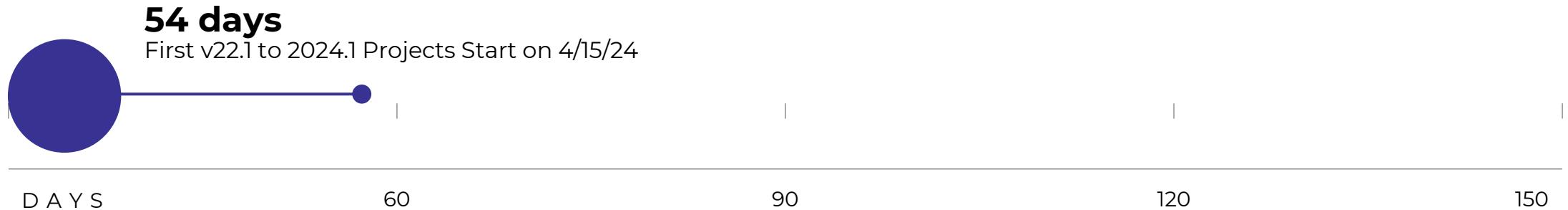
# Cautions



Server 2016 is in Microsoft Extended Support

- Extended Support can be 2.5x the normal price
- 45% of TouchWorks EHR Clients have 2016 servers
- Totaling 716 servers on 2016
- Server replacements are included in the subscription as a separate project

# Incentives



Subscription clients on v20 or higher that schedule a 6/7 or 7/12 activation on 2024.1 before 4/15

- No-cost onsite project visit
- Guaranteed slotting for 2024.2 and 2024.3
- Priority slotting for 2025
- 10% Percent Discount on any additional PS contracts signed in 2024

# What's next?

By the end of February, determine your path.

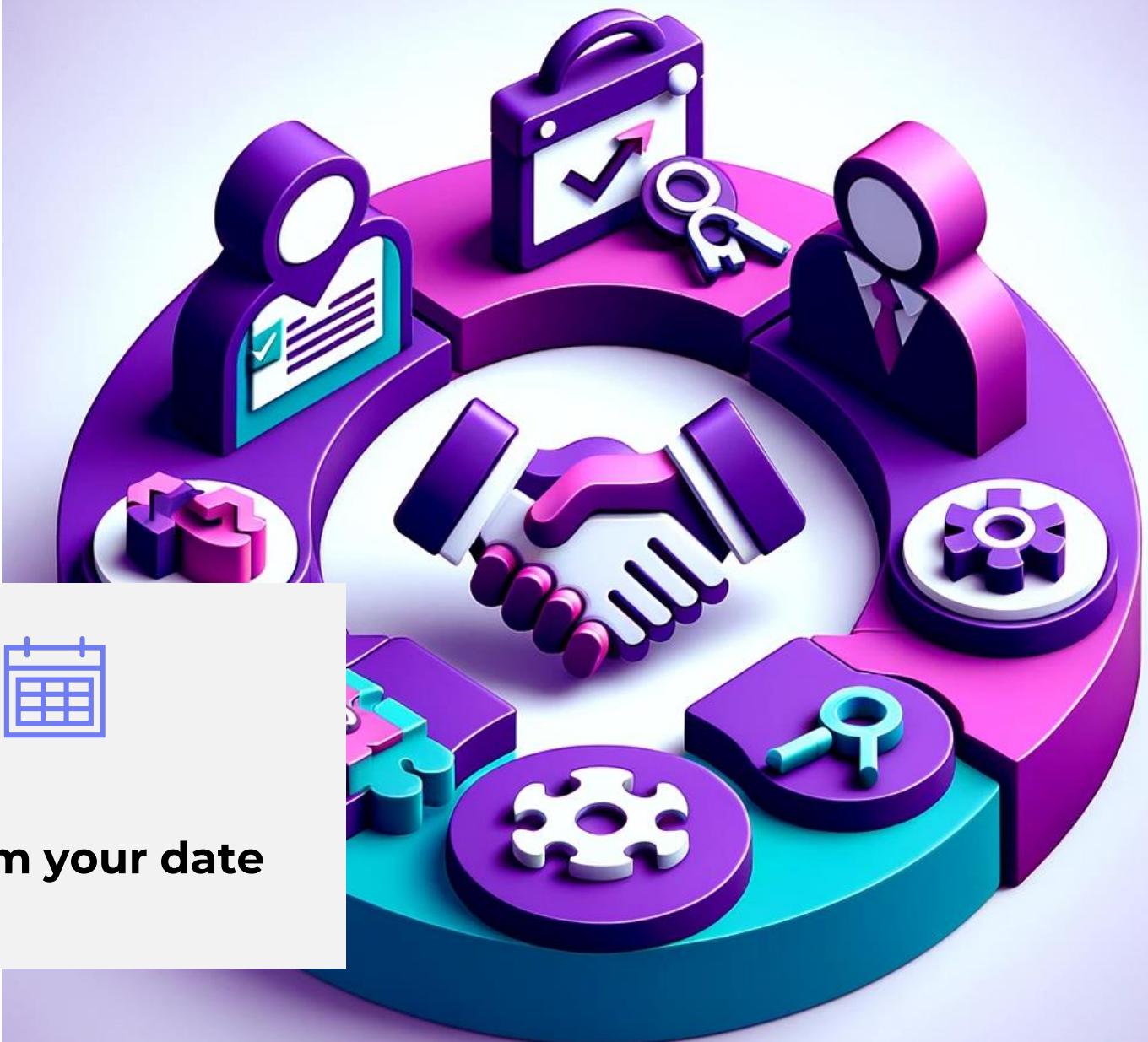
By the end of March, formalize your path.



**Review your quote**



**Confirm your date**





# QUESTIONS?



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