

Development of a Health Level Seven International (HL7) Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) Implementation Guide (IG) for Birth and Fetal Death Reporting (BFDR)

Call for Participation of Vital Records State Representatives

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The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) is recruiting volunteer vital records representatives from 3 states/jurisdictions to join a new workgroup in the development and testing of a Health Level Seven International (HL7) Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) Implementation Guide (IG) for Birth and Fetal Death Reporting (BFDR). The purpose of participation will be to provide subject matter expertise and technical guidance during development, and to perform testing of the IG at the HL7 FHIR Connectathon in September 19-20, 2020 in Baltimore, MD, prior to its submission to HL7 for formal balloting and publication.

Participants will join a weekly one-hour conference call beginning in May, 2020; the date and time still to be determined. They will review the IG as it is being developed and engage in discussions of subject matter and technical issues as needed. They will perform a final review of the entire IG prior to the formal testing at the September 2020 HL7 FHIR Connectathon. Preparations for the Connectathon will be guided by the developer of the IG and will occur during the weekly conference calls until the September Connectathon testing. They will travel to Baltimore, MD in September to participate in the testing of the IG.

NCHS is prepared to provide travel, per diem, hotel and Connectathon registration support for the 3 jurisdictions from this workgroup (2 representatives from each of these 3 states) to the HL7 Connectathon. Additional states are welcome to participate in the testing of the IG and may also be supported by NCHS if funding is available. States involved in the Implementers' Community Workgroup are welcome to participate but will not be provided with additional funding if they are already being funded to attend the September Connectathon to test the FHIR VRDR, unless different state representatives will be travelling to support the birth FHIR IG.

Please send your name and email address to Cindy Bush (pdz1@cdc.gov) no later than April 10, 2020. Please indicate if you are interested in participating in this development and testing effort. We must submit all travel requests to our NCHS travel system by April 14, 2020 for approvals.

States/jurisdictions who are interested in only testing the BFDR FHIR IG in September 2020 please submit your names now for travel approval by the above deadline, pending funding availability.

Thank you for your willingness to support the NCHS in this effort.

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