

## Interoperability Workgroup Announces Compliance Testing Specifications, Releases RFP

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## EHR | HIE Interoperability WORKGROUP

The EHR/HIE Interoperability Workgroup has completed a set of test specifications to evaluate whether an EHR or HIE vendor's products align with the interoperability specifications the group developed earlier this year.

The workgroup, founded by NYeC in 2011, has grown dramatically in recent months and now includes 31 vendors and 14 states, representing 45% of the United States' population.

"We want to stand up a process that rigorously ensures a product's compliance with our technical and functional specifications," said John Donnelly, who represents the State of New Jersey in the workgroup. "This is something many clients, many states, many vendors will be able to use with confidence."

The workgroup decided that an independent third party organization will set up the compliance testing process and earlier this month released an RFP seeking proposals from testing bodies certified by the Office of the National Coordinator. Proposals are due this Friday, July 20. [[Download RFP](#)]

The goal of the EHR/HIE Interoperability Workgroup is to create an integrated marketplace of EHR capabilities, in which interfaces will be compatible more easily across and between states. The completion of the group's functional and technical specifications was a giant step towards this, and new testing specifications will create a level of accountability never before seen in the health IT industry.

"You have the recipe, with the technical and functional specifications we developed," said Anuj Desai, Director of Business Development at NYeC. "Now we'll have a testing process to prove there's real chocolate in that chocolate cake. Customers will be able to buy products with confidence.

This is great for the vendor community because they have a clearer development roadmap and a national pool of providers ready to buy what they build. It's great for the providers and for the states because the vendors will be building products with the standardized interoperability they want and need."

The achievements of the workgroup closely align with the development of the Statewide Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY). The timing of this new compliance program is significant because it ensures that providers will soon be able to buy certified products that can connect to that rapidly advancing network.

### Learn more about the SHIN-NY

[http://nyehealth.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=255](http://nyehealth.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=255)

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