

#### **Current Prior-Authorization Environment**



**Providers** 



PA Request



**Medical Records** 









Telephone



**Portals** 



**Electronic Transactions** 





Payers



Currently providers and payer exchange prior authorization requests and supporting medical records using a number of methods: telephone, fax, portals, and electronic transactions

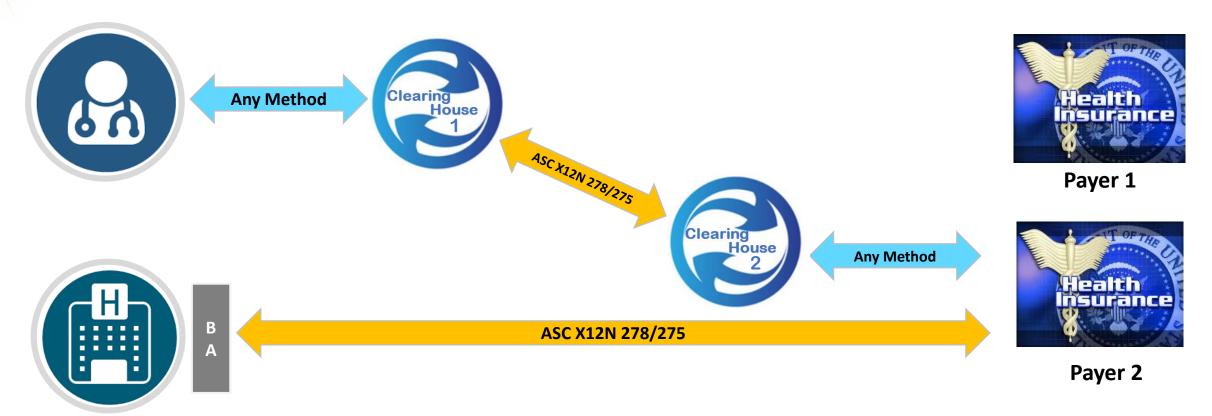
# Current HIPAA / Anticipated Attachment Approach Must be ASC X12N 278 (PA request) / 275 (attachment with CDA) (Portal is allowed under the direct data entry exception) May be any method (including ASC X12N) Clearing House **Any Method** ASC X12N 278/275 Payer 1 Clearing House **Any Method** ASC X12N 278/275 (or portal for DDE)

Payer 2

Regardless of transaction path, covered transactions must be in the "standard" format at some point between covered entities

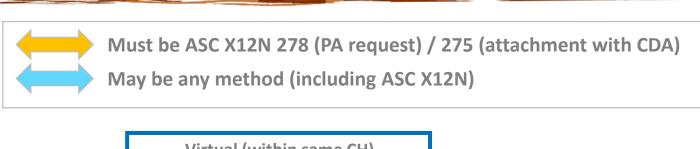
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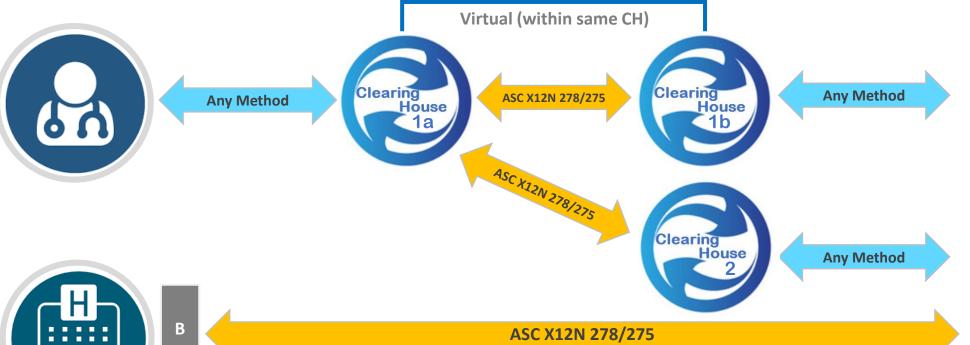




Covered entity may use a Business Associate (BA) to satisfy HIPAA requirements HIPAA requirements pass to the BA

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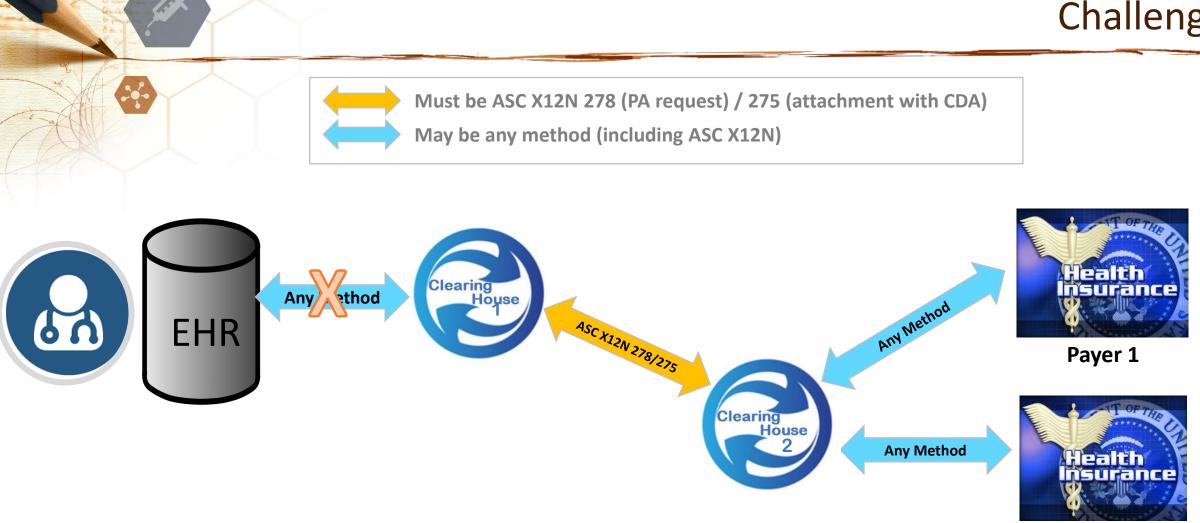
Payer 1



Payer 2

Per the reqs (i.e. §162.923 Requirements for covered entities), if the Clearinghouse services both payer and provider, they must act as two virtual clearinghouses and must provide the transaction as a HIPAA compliant standard transaction internally – not currently enforced by CMS

# Challenge

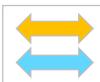


Payer 2

Most EHRs do not directly support ASC X12N 278 / 275

# Challenge





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Clearing House Any thod Any Method ASC X12N 278/275 EHR Payer 1 Clearing House **Any Method** Usually not Real-time Pat Adm/ Payer 2 Payer 2 for PA / attachments Practice Mgmt./BA

Only 8% of PA and < 6% of attachments are electronic end to end (based on 2017 CAQH INDEX Report)

# 2018/2019 Use Cases and Project Deliverables



Data Exchange for Quality Measures (30 Day Medication Reconciliation)\*

Coverage Requirements Discovery\*

Documentation
Templates and
Coverage Rules\*\*

eHealth Record
Exchange: Quality
Data, Provider Data,
and Payer Data
Exchange \*\*

Authorization Support

Gaps in Care

Alerts:
Notification (ADT),
Transitions in Care,
ER admit/discharge

Risk Based Contract
Member
Identification

#### **Project Deliverables**

- Define requirements (technical, business and testing)
- Create Implementation Guide
- Create and test Reference Implementation (prove the guide works
- Pilot the solution
- Deploy the solution
  - \* Initial use cases
  - \*\* Current use cases





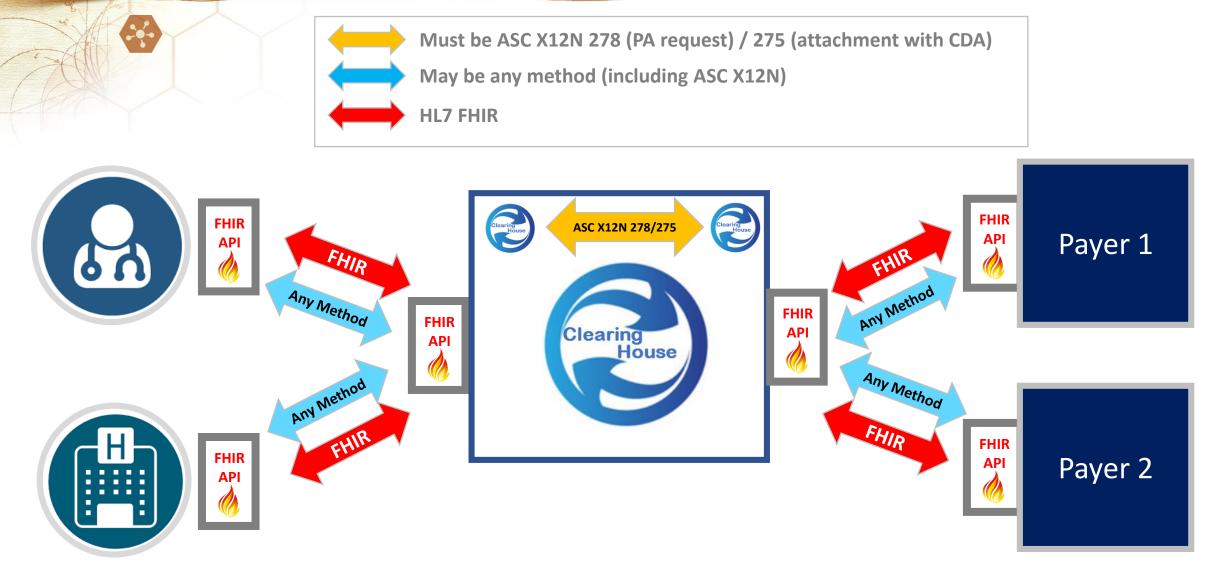
#### **SUMMARY**

- A FHIR-based B2B process to allow implementers to use existing IT infrastructure resources for exchanging prior authorization. Existing business agreements can also be reused.
- This use case assumes that the goal is define API services to enable provider, at point of service, to request authorization (including all necessary clinical information to support the request) and receive immediate authorization.
- The assumption is that this use case will leverage the ASC X12N 278 and 275 for compliance with HIPAA.
- Clearinghouses can continue to route and translate data as appropriate.
- Investigate ability to enable translation layer to convert FHIR resources to HIPAA format.

Category	Level of Effort
Effort	Medium-High
Complexity	High
Time to Ref Imp	9-12 limited scope, 12-24 full scope
Source/HL7 WG	Finance
FHIR Fitness	Good-Excellent
Standards Dev Scope (including IG)	Complex
Implementation Challenges	Complex



#### FHIR Supported Prior-Authorization Environment



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(BA is optional)

**Future FHIR Enabled Solution** 

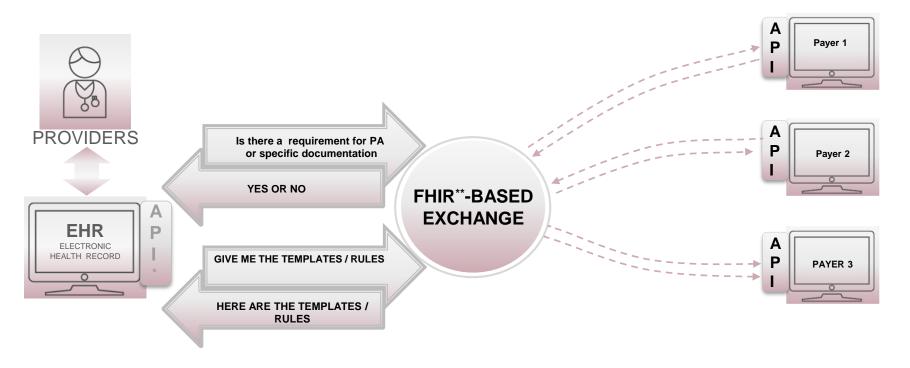


### Documentation Requirements Look-up Service (DRLS)



#### Based on a specific clinical workflow event:

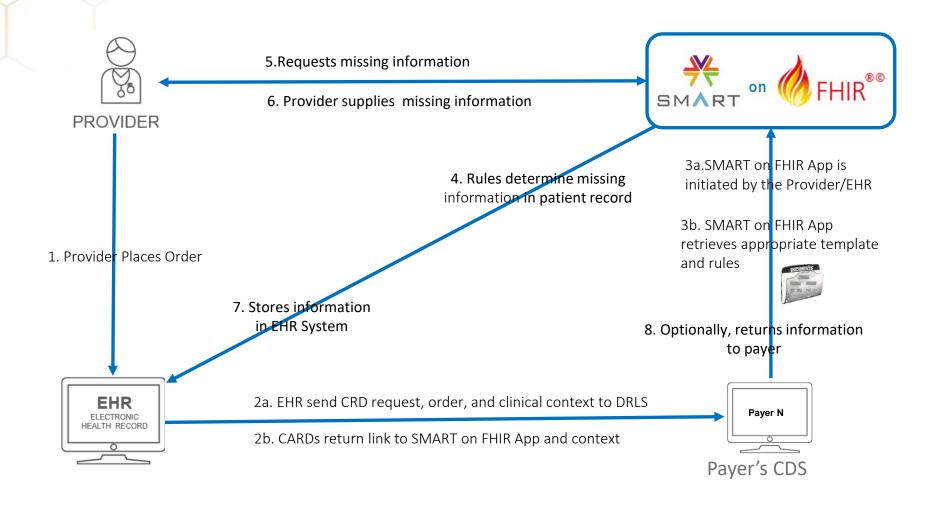
- scheduling
- start of encounter
- ordering or planning treatment
- discharge



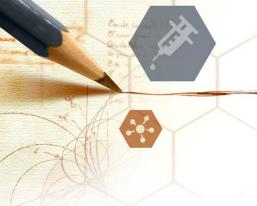
DRLS is the CMS instantiation of the Da Vinci Coverage Requirements Discovery (CRD) use case Graphic taken from the CMS Special Open Door Forum (SODF) presentation



# Concept for Documentation Templates and Rules (DTR)



Note: The SMART standard was created by Boston Children's Hospital Computational Health Informatics Program and the Harvard Medical School Department for Biomedical Informatics.



# Questions?