

CommonWell Carequality Connection General Availability FAQ

On November 16, 2018, [CommonWell Health Alliance[®]](#) announced the rollout of its connection to the [Carequality framework](#), making the connection Generally Available to CommonWell members. The connection allows CommonWell- and Carequality-enabled health care providers, through some of the industry's largest participating EHR vendors, to connect and bilaterally exchange health data to improve care coordination and delivery.

This marks a significant milestone on the path to achieving true nationwide health IT interoperability, advancing the vision of the Alliance to make health data available to individuals and providers regardless of where care occurs. Connecting large health systems, clinics, specialists and many more care venues, the CommonWell-Carequality connection will offer valuable patient insights to providers as they strive to deliver the best care possible to their patients.

1. What does General Availability mean?

General Availability (GA) means that CommonWell has completed all its necessary technological, legal and operational efforts to deem it feasible to extend the CommonWell Carequality Connection offering to its Members and their clients. In turn, participating CommonWell members will determine when they are comfortable making the CommonWell Carequality connection GA for their clients.

2. When will the CommonWell-Carequality connection be generally available?

The connection to Carequality via CommonWell is now generally available for deploying CommonWell members to subscribe to and, in turn, offer it to their participating providers.

3. Are there any providers currently live on the CommonWell Carequality Connection?

Yes, there are several provider sites who participated in the initial deployment of the connection and continue to leverage the connection today. All current Carequality-enabled providers will automatically have the ability to exchange with CommonWell-enabled providers as they opt-in to participate in the CommonWell-Carequality Connection.

4. Will all CommonWell Adopters (those who are currently offering CommonWell services) be able to immediately use the connectivity?

As with any Carequality implementer, CommonWell is required to pass down terms to end users. As a member-driven organization, CommonWell is passing these terms through to its members, who in turn, offer the CommonWell-Carequality connectivity to their participating providers. CommonWell Members who currently have agreed to utilize the CommonWell-Carequality Connection include Brightree, Cerner, Evident, Greenway Health and MEDITECH.

5. Will participating CommonWell Adopters' provider clients be able to immediately use the connectivity?

There are likely to be software configuration steps that would need to be completed for each Member's clients to utilize the service and exchange data. While timeframe may vary, once those steps are completed, the CommonWell-enabled providers will be able to bi-directionally share data through directed queries with Carequality-enabled providers. For CommonWell-enabled providers, data exchanged through the CommonWell Carequality Connection will seamlessly appear alongside data received from within CommonWell.

6. Will all other Carequality Implementers and their clients – known as Carequality Connections – be able to immediately use the connectivity?

Current and future Carequality Connections do not need to take any special action to connect to CommonWell sites beyond their normal workflow to share with any other Carequality Connection.