Memorandum of Understanding
between CCHIT and HITSP
regarding Interoperability Specifications

1. HITSP and CCHIT will work together to ensure that HITSP interoperability specification recognition timelines and CCHIT certification timelines remain aligned to ensure seamless coordination of the entire interoperability process from AHIC use case development to product certification.

2. The CCHIT Interoperability Expert Panel will look first to HITSP Interoperability Specifications when developing interoperability certification criteria

3. If a HITSP Interoperability Specifications is not available/ready for a market need, CCHIT will request HITSP's opinion about candidate standards to serve as a "Roadmap standard" and the level of market readiness of those standards.

4. If HITSP cannot deliver a response to such a request within 90 days, HITSP will recommend an organization for CCHIT to work with directly.

5. If CCHIT works with an organization directly to name standards, this will be a temporary state until HITSP produces Interoperability Specifications that meet the market need

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