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Draft USCDI v7 and Standards Bulletin 2026-1 Open for Comment

ASTP/ONC has released Draft USCDI v7 for public comment, proposing 30 new data elements aimed at advancing interoperable health data exchange and improving the usability of health IT. The proposed additions span adverse health and safety events, care coordination and patient context, and clinical care, signaling continued federal emphasis on more actionable data sharing to support care coordination. The accompanying Standards Bulletin 2026-1 provides important context on how these proposed elements fit within ONC's broader standards strategy and highlights key changes stakeholders should review closely. The public comment period is open through April 13, 2026. Draft USCDI v7 and the Standards Bulletin are available [here](#) and [here](#).

ASTP/ONC Seeks Input on Diagnostic Imaging Interoperability

ASTP/ONC has also issued a new Request for Information focused on diagnostic imaging interoperability standards and certification, reflecting the growing centrality of imaging to patient care and clinical decision-making. The RFI seeks feedback on how standards and ONC Health IT Certification Program criteria can better support access to and exchange of diagnostic images as part of electronic health information, with the goal of improving care coordination, reducing costs, and accelerating diagnosis and treatment. Comments will be due March 16, 2026. The RFI is available in the [Federal Register](#).

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