



Introduction to Civitas Networks for Health for the American Health Quality Association

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What is Civitas Networks for Health?

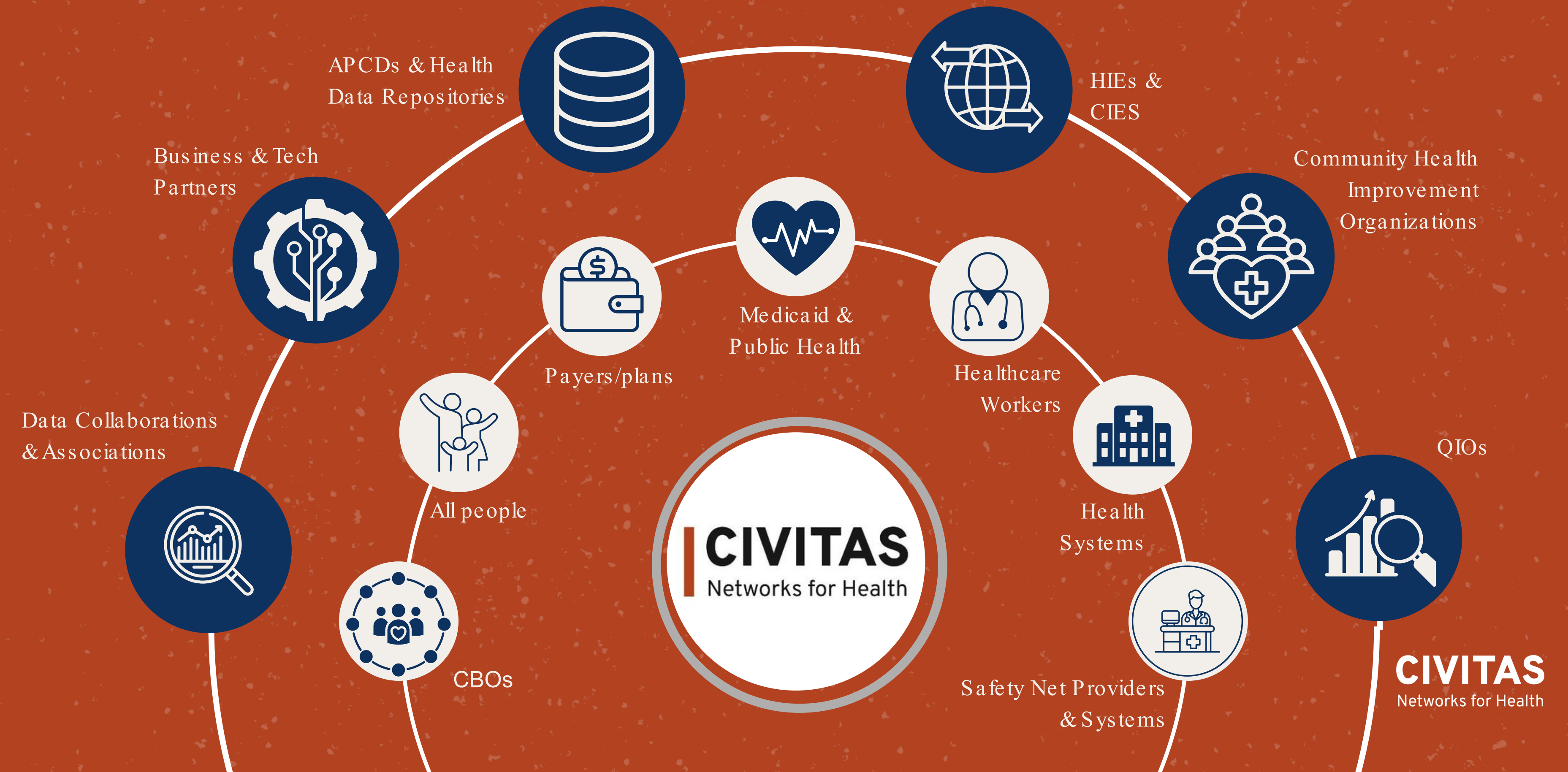


DATA



DOING

Who We Serve:



Civitas Networks for Health and QIOs

- Quality Improvement Organizations are eligible for “full” Civitas membership.
 - This means that Civitas prioritizes these organizations in its member programming, externally funded programs and projects, and advocates for and supports them individually and as a group.
 - They have voting rights to elect and serve on Civitas’ Board and Board Committees.
- Many QIOs were part of the Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement, and joined when Civitas was created through the de facto merger between NRHI and the Strategic Health Information Exchange Collaborative.
- Over the last two years, even more QIOs have joined Civitas as we have expanded our reach and solidified our mission.
- Civitas strongly encourages collaboration between Regional Health Improvement Collaboratives, QIOs, and Health Information Exchanges.

13th SOW Opportunities

- Civitas is already engaging with CMS and ONC representatives on the HIE/real time data components of the draft SOW. We have advised them informally and shared information where requested.
- We have already made connections for our QIO members where requested to HIE members, if not already connected.
- Our sweet spot as an organization (and community) is multistakeholder convening, training, technical assistance, and learning communities. We are very interested in partnering with AHQA and the QIO community to ensure that our federal partners invest in this important implementation work as they look to expand the next SOW to include real-time clinical (and other) data.



Join Civitas! Partner with Us!

- We are always happy to talk about membership options for QIOs.
- We also offer many resources to the public on our website, including the Health Data Utility Framework (www.civitasforhealth.org).
- We are also open to partnerships or collaborations on externally funded programs and projects.
- Our government relations team is happy to support shared initiatives with agencies and Congress.



What is a Health Data Utility (HDU)?

HDU: Civitas' Emerging Definition

HDUs are regional or statewide entities that combine, enhance, and exchange electronic health data across care and service settings for treatment, care coordination, quality improvement, and public and community health purposes. They serve as health equity infrastructure and enable specific, defined use cases with extra protections to ensure patient privacy and protection.

They build on existing technical, organizational, and trust infrastructure in states and regions.

HDU Characteristics



Neutrality and flexibility in meeting stakeholders' goals



Designated authority



Sustainable financing



Connected region or state geography



Multi-stakeholder, cross-sector participation



Modular infrastructure and advanced technical services



Public-private partnerships



Inclusive governance strategy



Leverage state and local authority

Why community governance?

Nationwide Interoperability
Networks & Frameworks

VS

Community Governed HIE/HDU
Organizations

Progress over the last two decades points to nationwide centralization, consolidation, and an EHR-centric view of interoperability and data exchange...

BUT

Data governance must happen at the community level with local stakeholders, in line with state laws and local needs. These organizations can co-exist with national exchanges and frameworks.



National networks and frameworks are like the interstate highway system. You can travel between cities, but what happens when you need to visit a town?

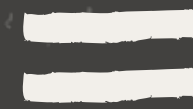
Without state and local networks, you'd exit I-95 onto a field.

The right equation for national, state, regional, & local HDU infrastructure

Robust HDUs
covering every
region and state
in the nation



High adoption of
national networks
and frameworks



Meeting health,
equity, quality, and
interoperability
needs for the US.



Thank you!

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