

ITEM 6.4.0 | REQUIREMENTS FOR INTEROPERABILITY & DATA EXCHANGE

New applications being developed must have web-based capabilities for record viewing. Any enhancements or upgrades to existing applications must include support for access through a web browser for viewing of records. To the extent possible, access to add, change, and delete information must migrate toward web-based interfaces. Scanning systems and other applications that directly interface with peripherals are more difficult to move to web-based applications, but it is possible. In addition, applications must include industry-standard application programming interfaces ("APIs") for standardized exchange of information.

The technical standards listed below have been developed across all industry sectors and have the joint backing of many software development companies (e.g., Microsoft, Oracle, Sybase, IBM) that have recognized that information exchange and the resulting gains in productivity and efficiency are critical strategic goals of improved system performance.

