Process for 2014 Transition of popHealth® to Open Source Community

Summary – This document describes ONC's evolving role in popHealth®.

ONC plans to be a promoter of popHealth® going forward, but as of the anticipated September 2014 freeze date, we will no longer be involved in the development, administrative, or managerial roles related to popHealth®. ONC will continue to support the goals of quality measures alignment in the industry.

Transition steps related to the popHealth® Source Code:

- **Source Code Freeze**: In mid-September 2014, ONC expects to freeze the version of the source code for popHealth® that is available on github.com/pophealth and will announce the freeze on the popHealth® github page. After the freeze, ONC will no longer perform any development, administration, or management of the popHealth® source code. This will allow others (e.g., individuals, a group, or groups) to copy the frozen version of the source code and carry forth the project as a new project(s) governed and managed by an entity or entities other than ONC.

- **popHealth® Website Eventual Shutdown**: ONC will post an announcement of the source code freeze and the hyperlink to the github account on its popHealth® website. Due to the transition and its change in roles related to popHealth®, ONC will eventually take down the ONC popHealth® website.

- **Listservs**: While no longer updating the source code, ONC plans to maintain its popHealth® listservs into the future. We will announce the source code freeze on the listservs. ONC will continue to monitor messages on the listservs and will participate as is appropriate.

Transition Steps related to the popHealth® Word Mark and Logo:

- **Word Mark:** Attached is a document titled, "popHealth®: How to Use the Mark Properly", which outlines next steps and provides guidance on appropriate usage of the popHealth® word mark. It also described how to reference the popHealth® source code if new software is created using the source code.

- **popHealth® Logo**: ONC plans to end the use of the popHealth® logo by October 31, 2015, including removing it from the ONC popHealth® website.

popHealth®: How to Use the Mark Properly

HHS owns two marks for the popHealth® code: a word mark and a logo mark. All use of the popHealth® marks legally benefits HHS.

The Word Mark

- The popHealth® word mark should only be used for:

  - "downloadable, open-sourced computer software used to gather and facilitate the exchange of meaningful quality measurement data";
  - "reporting the quality measures used by healthcare providers on their patient populations and in instruction manuals"; and
  - "downloadable electronic reports showing quality measures data on the patient population of a healthcare provider."

- The word mark should not be used for any other goods or services.

How to Properly Use the Word Mark

The popHealth® word mark is a registered[1] mark in the United States. Here is how to properly use the word mark:

- Always use the word mark with the registered trademark symbol "®" and the noun "code" as follows:

popHealth® code

- If you want to create your own software that is based on the popHealth® code, use the following phrases to identify your use of the popHealth® code:

  - "*Based on* the popHealth® code"
  - "*Derived from* the popHealth® code"
  - "*Incorporating* the popHealth® code"

- The names of HHS and/or ONC must not be used to endorse or promote products derived from the popHealth® code without specific prior permission.

Logo Mark

- ONC has made a policy decision to phase out its use of the popHealth® logo mark.

- The logo mark should not be used after October 31, 2015.

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[1] U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Reg. No. 4,570,575