# USCDI-Payload API Contract Document

Healthcare Interoperability Resources Specification

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## 1. Tribal Affiliation Value Set API

**Purpose:** This API contract defines the structure for a FHIR Value Set containing tribal affiliation codes used for patient demographic information and healthcare interoperability.

## 1.1 Resource Type

**ValueSet** - A FHIR resource that defines a set of codes for use in healthcare applications.

## 1.2 Root Object Structure

Field	Туре	Required	Description
resourceType	String	Yes	Always "ValueSet" for this resource type
id	String	Yes	Unique identifier for this value set instance
url	String	Yes	Canonical URL that identifies this value set globally
version	String	Yes	Business version of the value set (e.g., "1.0.0")
name	String	Yes	Machine-readable name for the value set
title	String	Yes	Human-readable title for display purposes
status	String	Yes	Publication status: "draft"   "active"   "retired"   "unknown"
experimental	Boolean	No	Whether this is intended for testing/experimental use

Field	Туре	Required	Description
date	String	Yes	Date of last change (ISO 8601 format)
publisher	String	Yes	Organization or individual responsible for the value set
description	String	Yes	Natural language description of the value set purpose
meta	Object	Yes	Metadata about the resource
compose	Object	Yes	Definition of codes in the value set

## **1.3 Nested Object Structures**

## **Meta Object**

Field	Туре	Required	Description
versionId	String	Yes	Version-specific identifier
lastUpdated	String	Yes	Last update timestamp (ISO 8601 format)
profile	Array[String]	No	Profiles this resource claims to conform to

## **Compose Object**

Field	Туре	Required	Description
include	Array[Include]	Yes	Include one or more sets of codes

## **Include Object**

Field	Туре	Required	Description
system	String	Yes	Code system URI (e.g., "http://hl7.org/fhir")
concept	Array[Concept]	Yes	Individual concepts to include

## **Concept Object**

Field	Туре	Required	Description
code	String	Yes	Code value from the code system

Field	Туре	Required	Description
display	String	Yes	Human-readable representation of the code
extension	Array[Extension]	No	Additional properties for the concept

## 2. SDOH Digital Access Questionnaire Bundle API

**Purpose:** This API contract defines the structure for a FHIR Bundle containing a digital access assessment questionnaire used to evaluate patient access to digital resources and technology.

## 2.1 Resource Type

**Bundle** - A FHIR resource that contains a collection of resources, in this case, a questionnaire.

## 2.2 Root Object Structure

Field	Туре	Required	Description
resourceType	String	Yes	Always "Bundle" for this resource type
id	String	Yes	Unique identifier for this bundle instance
identifier	Array[Identifier]	No	Additional identifiers for the bundle
url	String	Yes	Canonical URL for the questionnaire
version	String	Yes	Business version (e.g., "1.0.0")
name	String	Yes	Machine-readable name
title	String	Yes	Human-readable title
status	String	Yes	Publication status: "draft"   "active"   "retired"

Field	Туре	Required	Description
item	Array[Item]	Yes	Questions and groups in the questionnaire

## 2.3 Item Object Structure

Field	Туре	Required	Description
linkId	String	Yes	Unique identifier for this item within questionnaire
definition	String	No	Formal definition/specification reference
text	String	Yes	Primary text for the item
type	String	Yes	Item type: "group"   "display"   "question"   "boolean"   "choice"
required	Boolean	No	Whether answer is required
answerType	String	No	Expected answer format
code	Array[Coding]	No	Corresponding concept for this item
answerOption	Array[AnswerOption]	No	Permitted answers for choice questions

## 3. Implementation Guidelines

## 3.1 Item Types and Usage

#### **Group Items**

**Purpose:** Container for related questions

Required Fields: linkId, text, type: "group", item

**Usage:** Organizing related questions together

#### **Question Items**

Purpose: Individual questions requiring answers

**Required Fields:** linkId, text, type, answerType

**Usage:** Collecting specific information from users

## **Display Items**

**Purpose:** Informational content without requiring answers

Required Fields: linkId, text, type: "display"

**Usage:** Showing reference information or options

### 3.2 Code Systems Used

System	Purpose	Example Codes
LOINC	Question codes and answers	99802-1, LA33-6, LA32-8
SNOMED	Clinical procedures and interventions	1268660000, 661931000124103

## 4. Code Examples

## **4.1 Tribal Affiliation ValueSet Example**

```
{ "resourceType": "ValueSet", "id": "tribal-affiliation-vs", "url":
  "http://example.org/fhir/ValueSet/tribal-affiliation", "version":
  "1.0.0", "name": "TribalAffiliationValueSet", "title": "Tribal
  Affiliation Value Set", "status": "active", "date": "2025-05-29",
  "publisher": "Healthcare Organization", "description": "Value set for
  tribal affiliation codes", "meta": { "versionId": "1", "lastUpdated":
  "2025-05-29T10:00:00Z" }, "compose": { "include": [ { "system":
  "http://hl7.org/fhir", "concept": [ { "code": "539", "display": "Native
  Village of Stevens", "extension": [ { "url":
  "http://example.org/fhir/StructureDefinition/option-unique-id",
  "valueId": "cabed627-3cb6-45e3-a05d-7ec79097961f" } ] } ] } ] } ] } }
```

## 4.2 Digital Access Questionnaire Item Example

```
{ "linkId": "digital-question-LA33217-3", "definition":
   "http://hl7.org/fhir/us/sdoh-clinicalcare/StructureDefinition/SDOHCC-
Questionnaire", "text": "Desktop or laptop", "type": "Question",
   "answerType": "Option", "required": true, "code": [ { "url":
   "http://loinc.org/", "system": "LOINC", "code": "LA33217-3", "display":
   "Desktop or laptop" } ], "answerOption": [ { "valueCoding": { "system":
   "LOINC", "code": "LA33-6", "display": "Yes" } }, { "valueCoding": {
   "system": "LOINC", "code": "LA32-8", "display": "No" } } ] }
```

## 5. Validation Rules

#### **Critical Validation Requirements**

- Required Fields: All marked required fields must be present
- Link IDs: Must be unique within the questionnaire
- **Answer Types:** Must match the item type and available options
- Code Systems: Must use valid code system URIs
- Extensions: UUID format required for option-unique-id values
- Hierarchical Structure: Group items must contain sub-items

#### **5.1 Data Format Requirements**

Field Type	Format Requirements	Example
Date	ISO 8601 format	2025-05-29T10:00:00Z
UUID	Standard UUID format	cabed627-3cb6-45e3-a05d-7ec79097961f
URL	Valid URI format	http://example.org/fhir/ValueSet/tribal- affiliation
Version	Semantic versioning	1.0.0

## **5.2 Status Values**

Status	Description	Usage
draft	In development, not ready for use	Development phase

Status	Description	Usage
active	Ready for use in production	Production environments
retired	No longer recommended for use	Legacy systems only
unknown	Status cannot be determined	Error conditions

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