# DIRECT CDA Automation Information

# DIRECT Protocol Information

NHSN implemented an electronic method for CDA submission using the Direct Protocol in the 2014 release. The sign-up will occur in the NHSN User Interface. If you are interested in this method, you can go ahead and obtain a DIRECT address if you or your facilities do not already have one.

Here is more detail information.

NHSN, in alignment with HHS Office of the National Coordinator and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Meaningful Use Initiative, has begun to implement the Direct Protocol (see [www.directproject.org](http://www.directproject.org)) as a means to securely send and receive electronic data from healthcare information systems.  To that end, NHSN competitively awarded a contract to the NITORGroup (see [www.nitorgroup.com](http://www.nitorgroup.com) ) for Health Information Service Provider (HISP) services.  In order to electronically send data to NHSN, you may solicit the services of a HISP or implement your own.  There are a growing number of commercial HISPs from which to choose.  You do not need an account with NITOR in order to send data to NHSN.  Any HISP or local Direct Implementation that adheres to the Direct standards can be used to send data to NHSN.  Your HISP will exchange certificates with NITORGroup, allowing you, from your HISP, to send data through NITORGroup to NHSN.  NHSN does not endorse any commercial product, but rather urges you to seek a solution that both fits your own needs as well as strictly adheres to the Direct Protocol.

Websites:

<http://wiki.directproject.org/>

<http://wiki.directproject.org/Reference+Implementation+Workgroup> .

# DIRECT CDA Automation webinar recording link:

Please forward them this link so they can review the Recording of the DIRECT webinar. I have also attached user guides.

**Direct CDA Automation Vendor Webinar** [VIDEO](https://www.lantanagroup.com/wp-content/uploads/Direct-CDA-Automation-Vendor-webinar.wmv)

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