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#### Child Health Functional Profile: Introduction

The Child Health Functional Profile (Child Health-FP) is a new project of the HL7 Pediatric Data Standards Special Interest Group (PeDSSIG). It conforms to the HL7 Electronic Health Record System Functional Model (EHR-S FM), and it is aimed at developing an HL7 Normative Functional Profile for electronic health record (EHR) systems that are used to care for children.

This first iteration provides the essential general pediatric functions and specific conformance criteria that are important to include in any system through which a child might receive primary care in the United States in both inpatient and outpatient settings. The intent is to assist all childcare providers and associated IT vendors in helping to ensure safe, effective and reliable care of children through the safe and effective use of information technology. Specifically, the Child Health-FP describes additional EHR-S functionality that is necessary to care for a child

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age 0-18 who receives routine wellness and preventive, acute illness, or acute trauma care that takes place in:

- the newborn nursery,
- the primary care provider's office.
- the emergency department or urgent care clinic, and in
- the inpatient hospital setting.

The Child Health-FP also supports ambulatory and inpatient hospital care for common chronic pediatric diseases such as asthma, sickle cell disease and diabetes, as well as those with social situations such as foster care, divided homes and state custody.

The profile does not, at the present time, describe functions required to care for children with severe chronic conditions such as cancer, transplant of any type, AIDS, severe neurologic chronic disease such as paralysis, or who require care in an intensive care unit such a neonatal ICU or cardiac ICU. (This list exemplifies severe chronic conditions but is not inclusive.) In addition, children under age 18 who are pregnant will also not be described in this profile.

### **Background**

Founded in 1987, Health Level Seven (HL7) is a not-for-profit healthcare standards development organization (SDO) accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). While traditionally involved in the development of messaging standards used by healthcare systems to exchange data, HL7 has begun to develop other standards related to healthcare information systems. In 2002, a newly formed HL7 EHR Special Interest Group began development of a functional model for EHR systems. Shortly thereafter, a number of organizations approached HL7 to develop a consensus standard to define the necessary functions for an EHR system. The EHR Special Interest Group was promoted to a full technical committee (EHR-TC), and in 2004 published the *EHR-S Functional Model* as a Draft Standard for Trial Use (DSTU). <sup>[1]</sup> The Functional Model underwent membership level ballot in September 2006 and January 2007, and it was approved as standard in February 2007. The EHR-TC intends that unique functional profiles be developed by subject matter experts in various care settings to inform developers, purchasers, and other stakeholders of the functional requirements of systems developed for these domains.

The HL7 PeDSSIG was founded in 2003 primarily to inform HL7 and other healthcare standards development organizations of the unique requirements and workflows for child healthcare. The PeDSSIG founders solicited input and membership from organizations such as the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP), Child Health Corporation of America (CHCA), and the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI). Participation was also sought from the international community as well as the vendor community through the press, HL7 announcements and personal invitations.

With one-third of the United States' population being children, and with over half of those children visiting clinicians in settings other than pediatric offices, the PeDSSIG believed it important to ensure that the HL7 EHR-S FM include functionality critical for child healthcare. Over the previous four years, the PeDSSIG has worked to identify and refine a broad list of functions required of EHR systems for the care of children. Many of the functions identified by the PeDSSIG are included in the new EHR-S FM standard. In addition, a number of them are referenced in policies published by the AAP on "Special Requirements for Electronic Medical

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