

Common Agreement Version 1.1 – Release Notes

- ONC is committed to advancing the TEFCASM Network as quickly and efficiently as possible to bring the benefits of the TEFCASM Network to the nation’s health care system.
- The first Common Agreement update—termed Version 1.1—includes the following changes:
 - Technical and clarifying changes throughout (e.g., changing “Cooperative Agreement” to “Contract” and updates related to the shift to a contract)
 - Updates to the change management processes to ensure that ONC has certain decision-making authority (Sections 5.2 and 5.3)
 - Updates related to disclosure of confidential information to ONC and the Recognized Coordinating Entity[®] (RCESM) (new Sections 7.2 and 7.3)
 - Addition of a section and provisions to enable QHINs to appeal RCE decisions to suspend or terminate TEFCASM participation to ONC (new Section 16; updates to Section 3.1 and Section 15.6.1)
 - Removal of a section on federal agency forum selection (formerly Section 18.3.3)
 - Addition of a section on sovereign immunity (new Section 19.3.4)
- The changes above do not affect the required flow-down provisions.