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Kantara Initiative and the National Association for Trusted Exchange Join Forces to Address Personal Privacy Preferences and Authorizations

NATE and Kantara to Kick Off Joint Webinar Series in 2016

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 27, 2015) – [Kantara Initiative](#) and the [National Association for Trusted Exchange](#) (NATE) announced today that they will collaborate to develop a series of educational programs for stakeholders. This series, slated to begin in 2016, will focus on emerging standards driven innovations related to the management of personal privacy preferences, electronic authorizations for disclosure (also known as “eConsent”) and related topics such as delegation of authority.

“We’re excited to announce this new educational program with the Kantara Initiative and look forward to hearing feedback from the larger community. There is a great deal of interest in better understanding these emerging standards and Kantara has been leading many efforts to formalize these tools. NATE is proud to be partnered with Kantara to increase the healthcare community’s knowledge of such powerful concepts, as they will benefit both consumers and the data holders responsible for handling sensitive information on their behalf,” said NATE CEO Aaron Seib.

Kantara Initiative’s User-Managed Access (UMA) open industry standard is an [award-winning](#) OAuth-based protocol designed to give a web user a unified control point for authorizing who and what can get access to their online personal data, content and services, regardless of where those things live on the web. Kantara’s Minimum Viable Consent Receipt (MVCR) project is developing an eConsent specification to provide organizations with the ability to create and provision a record of consent based on the minimum notice requirements for the jurisdiction in which the organization is operating (e.g. the state in which the provider organization is located and the internet location where the consent is stored). NATE sees real promise in the use of Kantara’s work to help consumers manage the digital transformation of their health and simplify information sharing across the ecosystem of the future.

“Kantara Initiative’s global mandate insists that we focus on delivering impactful strategies for trusted identity management solutions. With common core values and complementary missions, we are proud to collaborate with industry leaders from NATE to enable us to collectively share our diverse industry expertise to improve the delivery of healthcare services online,” said Joni Brennan, Executive Director, Kantara Initiative.

The Memorandum of Understanding signed by NATE and Kantara Initiative formalizes the organizations’ intent to collaborate on several projects in the future focused on data liberation and best practices for health information access and management.

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About Kantara Initiative

[Kantara Initiative](#) provides strategic and internationally focused vision for innovation development to meet the digital identity transformation. Developing initiatives including: [Identity Relationship Management](#), [User Managed Access](#) (*EIC Award Winner for Innovation in Information Security 2014*), [Identities of Things](#), and [Minimum Viable Consent Receipt](#), Luminaries from organizations including: CA Technologies, Experian, ForgeRock, IEEE-SA, Internet Society, Nomura Research Institute, Radiant Logic and SecureKey drive strategic insights to progress the transformational elements needed to leverage borderless Identity for IoT, access control, context, and consent.

About National Association for Trusted Exchange

The [National Association for Trusted Exchange](#) (NATE) brings the expertise of its membership and other stakeholders together to find common solutions that optimize the appropriate exchange of health information for greater gains in adoption and outcomes. Working with a broad set of stakeholders through multiple task forces, crowdsourcing and a call for public comment, NATE was proud to make available the first release of NATE's Blue Button for Consumers (NBB4C) Trust Bundle beginning in 2015. Stakeholders interested in participating in the next phase of NATE's work in consumer mediated exchange should consider [NATE membership](#) or subscribe to news from [NATE's PHR Community](#).

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