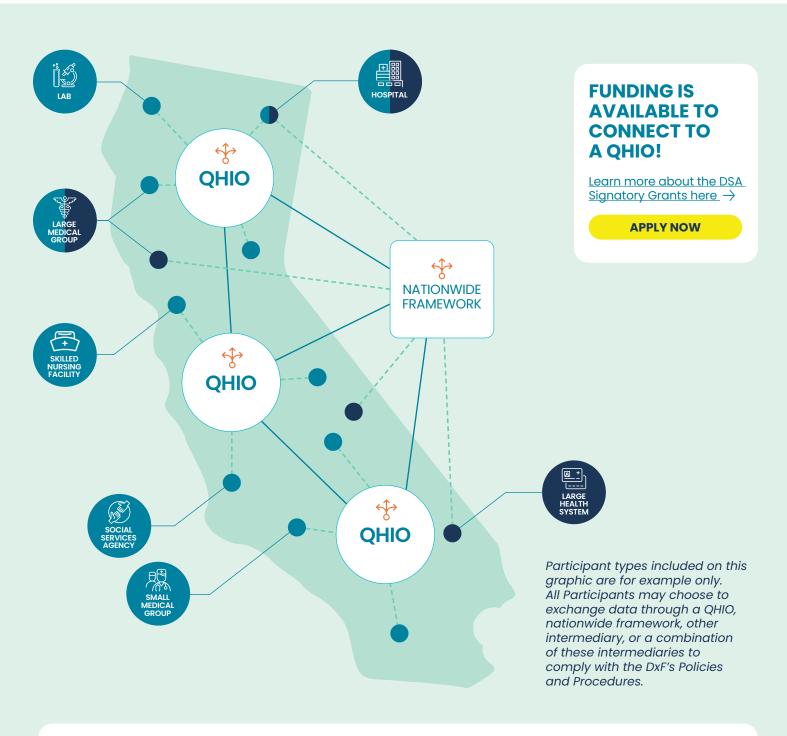


# The Data Exchange Framework What are Qualified Health Information Organizations (QHIOs)?

A QHIO is a Data Exchange Framework (DxF) designated intermediary that meets the criteria and requirements for secure data exchange. These intermediaries offer services and functions to support the sharing of health information, assisting health and social services entities as they initiate, receive, and reply to requests for information. DxF Participants may choose to use a QHIO or another intermediary to meet their Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) requirements for secure data exchange.





## QUALIFIED HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION

A DxF designated Intermediary that facilitates the secure exchange of health and social services information between Participants.



### **NATIONWIDE FRAMEWORK**

Any vendor-agnostic health information network or health information exchange framework with nationwide scope, including coverage in California, available to some or all Participants for the exchange of health and social services information that may or may not have signed the DSA.



### **PARTICIPANT**

An organization that is a signatory to the DSA, including any identified subordinate entities of that Signatory.

- DXF PARTICIPANT USING A NATIONWIDE FRAMEWORK
- DXF PARTICIPANT USING A QHIO
- DXF PARTICIPANT USING A COMBINATION OF INTERMEDIARIES



#### ALL DATA EXCHANGE IS REGULATED WITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES,

the rules of the road adopted by the Governance Entity pursuant to the DSA of that signatory.



