

CALINX



**CALIFORNIA
INFORMATION
EXCHANGE**

Linking Partners For
Quality Healthcare



California Information Exchange

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Outline for HIPAA Summit West

- ◆ What is CALINX?
- ◆ How does it relate to HIPAA?
- ◆ What does it say about patient confidentiality, privacy, and security?

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Vision

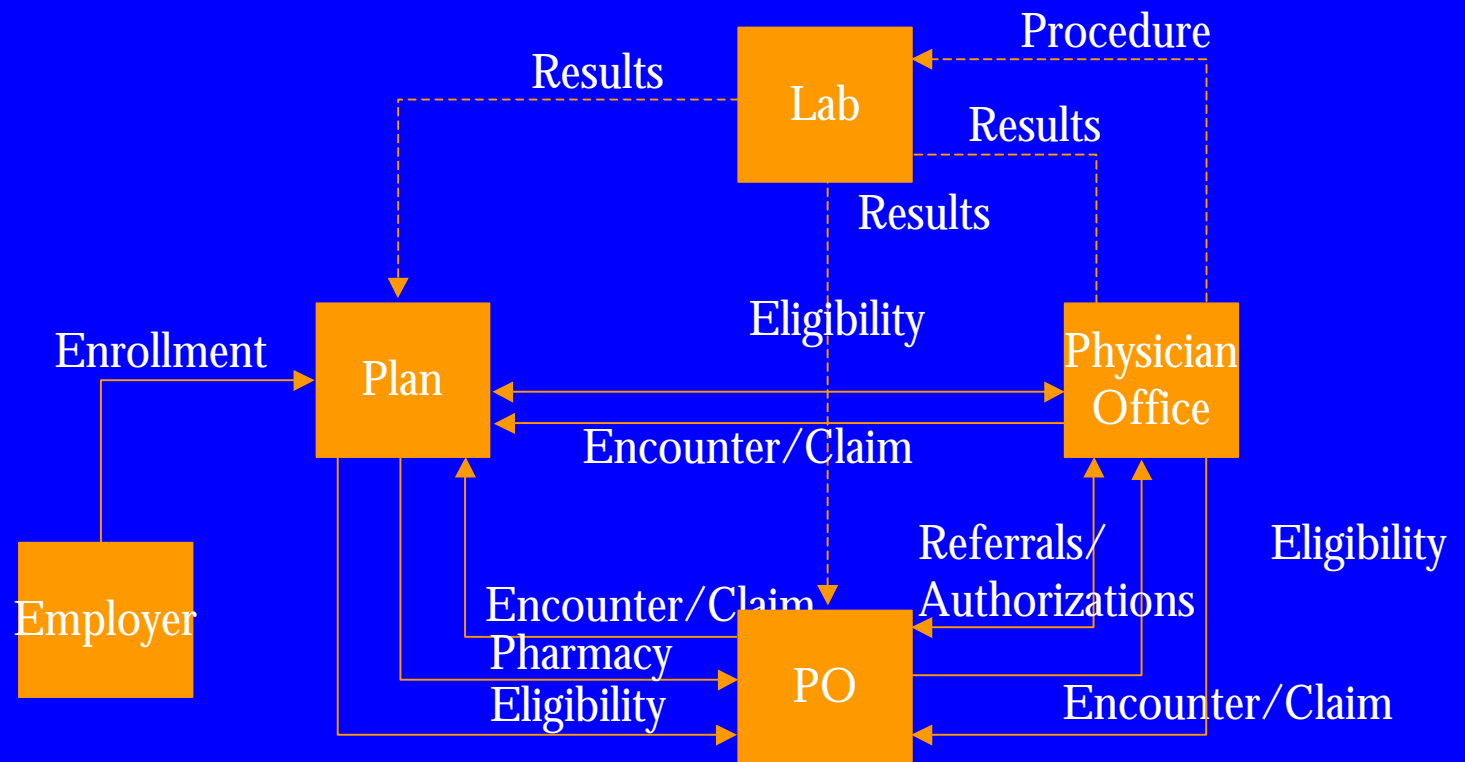
Better healthcare through better information exchange.

Mission

To champion standardization and collaboration in the exchange of electronic healthcare information among California's plans, providers, and purchasers for the benefit of consumers.

Goal: Standardized Data Exchange

Nonproprietary, open-architecture systems
using national data standards



CALINX Background

12/96 Healthcare Information Summit:

- ◆ **“Call to action”**
- ◆ **Key stakeholders**
 - **34 purchasers**
 - **25 health plans**
 - **21 provider organizations / associations**

CALINX Partner Organizations

- ◆ AMGA
- ◆ CAHP
- ◆ CHA
- ◆ CMA
- ◆ NIPAC
- ◆ PBGH

CALINX Agreements: Collaborative Effort of Healthcare Industry to Self-regulate on Data Exchange

- ◆ **Agreements on DATA GUIDELINES:**
“downpayment on HIPAA”
- ◆ **Agreements on RULES OF EXCHANGE:** set
our own rules to overcome market barriers
- ◆ **Agreements developed at technical and
business level by all 3 major stakeholders:
purchasers, plans and providers**

CALINX Agreements on Data Guidelines

- ◆ All major data transaction sets
 - Enrollment
 - Eligibility
 - Encounter
 - Pharmacy
 - Laboratory results
- ◆ Also:
 - Member ID card
 - Provider Group ID

CALINX Agreements on Business Rules of Exchange

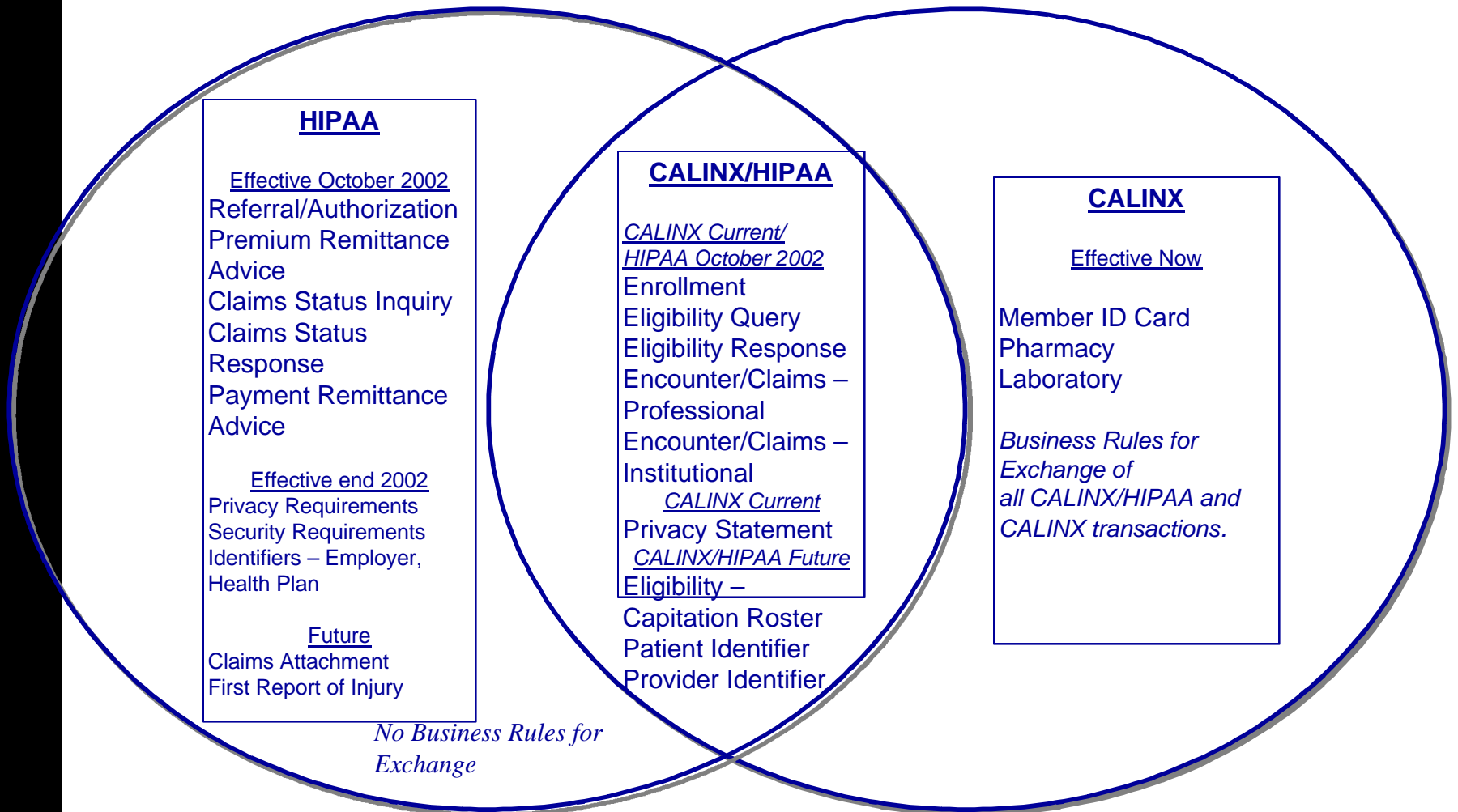
◆ **Timeliness**

◆ **Accuracy**

◆ **Frequency**

◆ **Usage**

CALINX/HIPAA Overlap



HIPAA versus CALINX

HIPAA

- ◆ **Financial transactions**
- ◆ **Transaction set data standards (ANSI 834, 837, etc.)**
- ◆ **Major emphasis on privacy and security**
- ◆ **Extended time line**

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- ◆ **Administrative and clinical transactions**
- ◆ **Data guidelines + Rules for exchange**
- ◆ **Privacy/Security**
 - **Statement of Commitment to Confidentiality**
 - **Rules include prohibition against employer access to identifiable patient-level data**
 - **Otherwise, defer to HIPAA**
- ◆ **Vehicle for collaboration among trading partners**

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