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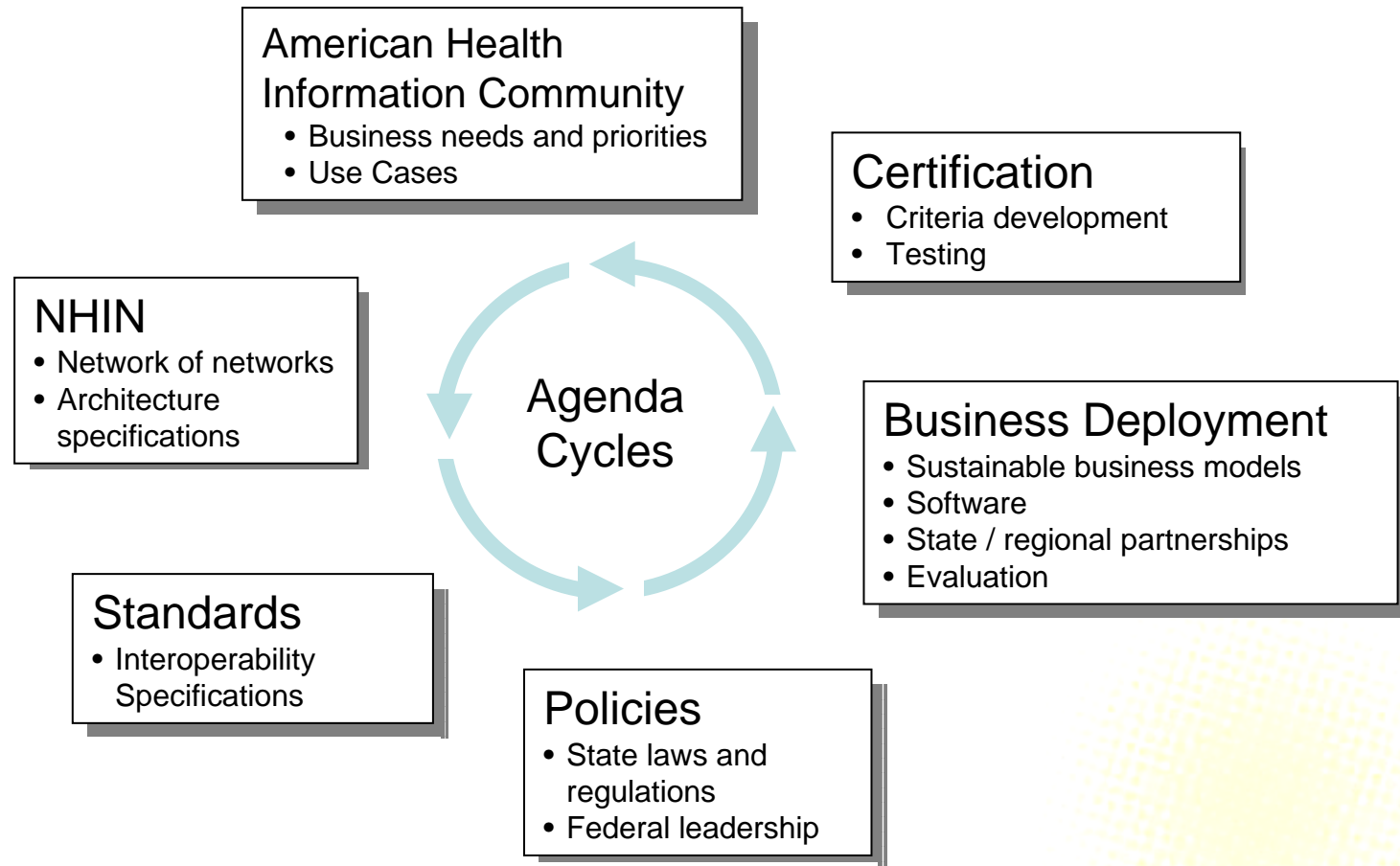
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The National Health IT Agenda

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Sustainability of Public Private Processes

- Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT)
- Healthcare information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP)
- Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN)
- Privacy and other policy processes
- American Health Information Community and Successor

Standards Business Strategies

- Focus on inter-organizational information flows
 - Minimal architectural determinism (e.g. enable organizations to use self-developed suites as well as commercial components)
 - Minimize “rip and replace” of existing infrastructure
- High specificity -> interoperability goals, but minimal constraints on health business
- Certification of standards implementations and implementations in federal systems will help align incentives

Information Exchange Business Strategies

- Identify and certify a minimal set of core services
- Build critical mass and value for connecting to NHIN “network of networks”
- Advance standardized health information exchanges (HIEs) and “health information service providers” to drive down costs
- Enable HIE “connection” services (data mapping, transformations, aggregation) for immediate needs

Putting It Together into Health IT Purchasing

- Encourage contracts that specify purchase of certified EHRs
- Ensure maintenance contracts include certification updates
- Presidential executive order specifies inclusion of standards “recognized” standards in new and updated federal systems
- Encourage actual testing of standards in products to validate implementations