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EDI vs API: both are ways of getting data from one place to another

EDI
Electronic Data Interchange

API
Application Programming Interface

System exchange
Computer to computer exchange of a document in a standard format via FTP

Cloud exchange
Standard protocol that allows computer systems to interact via the cloud

Not real-time
Data transfer has to wait to be sent on file at preset time intervals (snapshot in time approach)

Real-time data transfer
Data is transferred immediately but may still take time to work through the rules engine

Batch data
Data is sent in batched transactions

Transaction data
Data is sent in individual transactions

One-way communication
Communication is transmitted from sender to reciever

Bi-directional communication
Communication can be sent and received

Case-level set up
Case-level coding/testing that takes 60-90 days

Vendor-level set up
Vendor-level integration that allows case-level eligibility to be turned on with no testing required

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