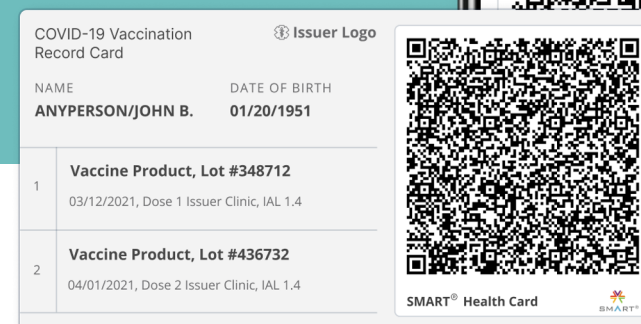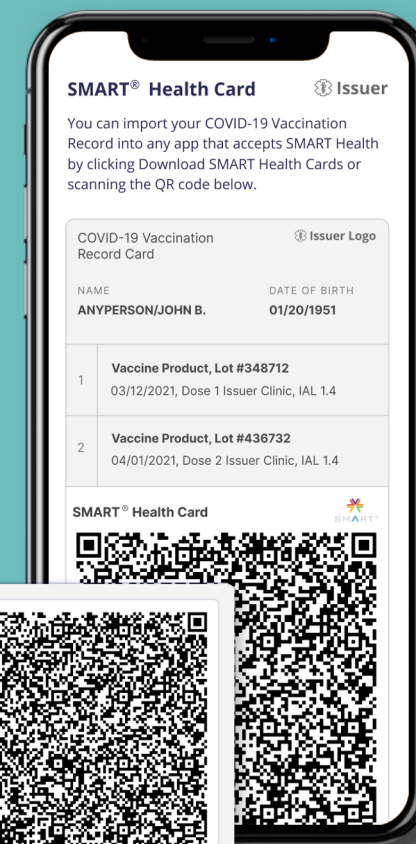# Introduction to VCI & SMART Health Cards

VCI Mission & Charter

Empower individuals with access to a trustworthy and verifiable copy of their vaccination records in digital or paper form using open, interoperable standards.

Harmonize standards and support development of implementation guides needed to issue, share, and validate vaccination records bound to an individual identity.
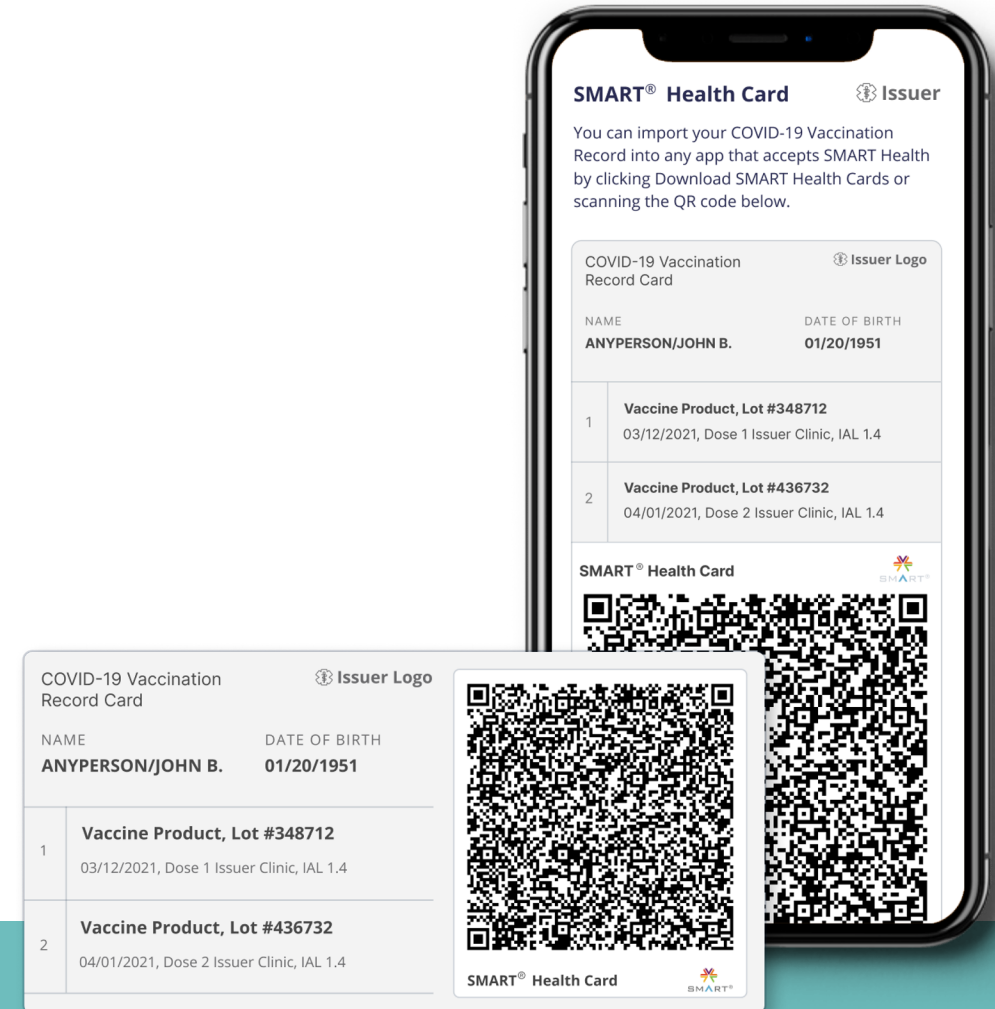
Individuals can then use those verifiable credentials for medical purposes and to demonstrate their vaccination status to safely participate in the reopening of our society and economies.

About SMART Health Cards

What is a SMART Health Card?

A SMART Health Card is a paper or digital version of an individual's clinical information, such as vaccination history or test results. They allow individuals to keep a copy of their records on hand and easily share this information with others if they choose.
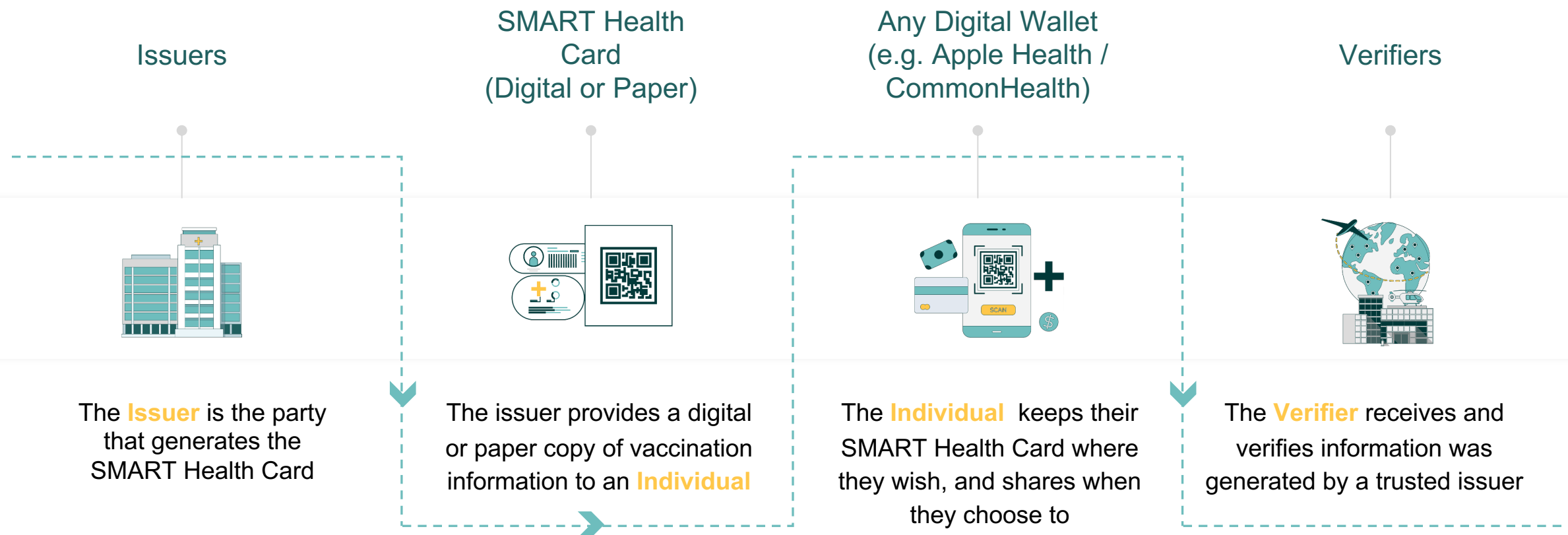
When scanned, a verifier can easily authenticate the information on the card, making SMART Health Cards **a safe and reliable way to demonstrate health status.**

Sample SMART Health Card (paper and digital)

The lifecycle of a SMART Health Card

There are several parties involved in the transfer of the information contained in a SMART Health Card, from its origin to its use in realworld situations where trustworthy, secure, verifiable clinical information is needed.

Issuers	SMART Health Card (Digital or Paper)	Any Digital Wallet (e.g. Apple Health / CommonHealth)	Verifiers

The **Issuer** is the party that generates the SMART Health Card

The issuer provides a digital or paper copy of vaccination information to an **Individual**

The **Individual** keeps their SMART Health Card where they wish, and shares when they choose to

The **Verifier** receives and verifies information was generated by a trusted issuer

A **Trust Framework** is a registry of known Issuers a Verifier may check to ensure information is trustworthy.

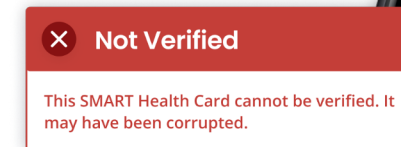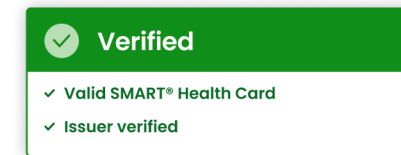# How are SMART Health Cards Verified?

There are a number of ways to verify SMART Health Cards

The free SMART Health Card Verifier App is available to everyone. It checks that SMART Health Cards are valid and were issued by trusted issuers in the VCI Trusted Issuer Registry and CommonTrust Network
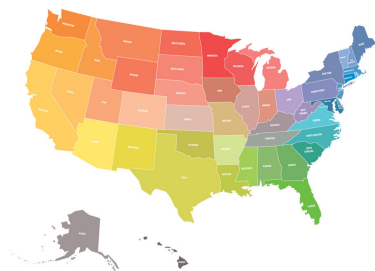
Easily adoptable tools and open-source code are also available at spec.smarthealth.cards for those that would like to develop their own verifier solutions
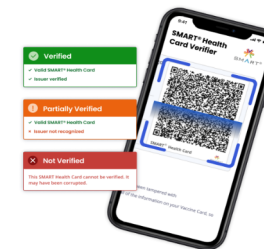
SMART Health Card Verifier App

VCI & SMART Health Cards – BY THE NUMBERS

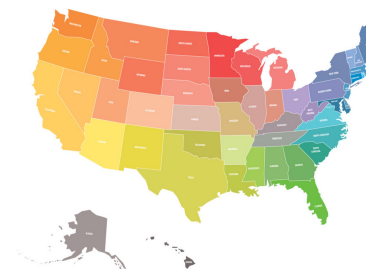## 150M+

People with Access to SMART Health Cards

100K+

SMART Health Card Verifier App Downloads

VCI

800+

Member Organizations

5+20

VCI & SMART Health Cards State-by-State Adoption