

Update on HITECH & Other Recovery Act HIT Provisions

September 17, 2009
Conference Call

Sponsored by:

- **Minnesota e-Health Initiative**
- **Minnesota Department of Health**
- **Minnesota Department of Human Services**



Introduction to Monthly Update Calls

- Requests Following March & May Public Meetings
- Monthly Update Calls
 - Third Thursday of the Month
 - 4:00-4:45 p.m.
 - 45 Minute Update on Latest Topics
- Next Call is October 15, 2009: 4:00-4:45 p.m.
- E-mail feedback & suggestions for improvement to bob.b.johnson@state.mn.us

Plan for Receiving Questions From Conference Call Participants

- All lines will be muted during the call
- E-mail questions to **bob.b.johnson@state.mn.us** at any time during the presentation
- Questions will be addressed following the brief presentation

*Following the call:
Questions will be reviewed and staff will identify future
resource materials to be posted.*

Reminder

- Key guidance is not yet final on meaningful use and other areas
- We are happy to gather the questions, answer what we can and try and find answers for discussion on future calls
- We don't have all the answers but we are very interested in hearing your questions and your perspectives.

Topics for Discussion

- Medicaid Incentives & Guidance from CMS
- State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program
- Recent & Upcoming National Activities
- Questions from Conference Call Participants
- Future HITECH Update Opportunities

Update from Minnesota Department of Human Services

Medicaid Incentive Payments

- **State Medicaid Director Letter**
- **Development of State Medicaid HIT Plan**
- **Coordination with Statewide HIT Plan**

Update from Minnesota Department of Human Services

Definition of Meaningful Use - Medicaid

- Consistent with Medicare Definition
- Refinement for Medicaid Services/Providers
- Requires Approval by HHS

Update from Minnesota Department of Human Services

Infrastructure Development/Compliance

- **Collaboration with MDH**
- **Position Medicaid Providers for Success**
- **Leverage Relationship with other HIT Activities/Organizations**

State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreements

Purpose:

- “Facilitate and expand the secure, electronic movement and use of health information among organizations according to nationally recognized standards.”
- “A federal-state collaboration aimed at the long-term goal of nationwide HIE and interoperability.”

State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreements

Funding:

- Total: \$564 million to support state-level planning and implementation projects
- Award range: \$4 - \$40 million over four years
- Formula Based:
 - \$4 Million Base + Equity Adjustments
- Minnesota award estimated at \$10.5 M over 4 years

State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreements

Timeline:

- Letter of Intent – September 11, 2009 ✓
- Application – October 16, 2009
- Award Announcements – December 15, 2009
- Anticipated Project Start Date – January 15, 2009

State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreements

Role of the State:

- Develop state level directories/enable technical services for HIE
- Remove barriers/create enablers for HIE
- Convene stakeholders to ensure trust & support for statewide approach
- Ensure an effective model for HIE governance & accountability
- Coordinate integrated approach with Medicaid & public health
- Develop/update privacy and security requirements for HIE

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Five Domains to Be Addressed:

1. Governance
 - Multi-stakeholder, consensus approach to HIE
 - Oversight & accountability to protect public interest
 - Compliance with policies & laws
2. Finance
 - Identification & management of resources to fund HIE
 - Includes public & private financing for building HIE capacity & sustainability
3. Technical Infrastructure
 - Architecture, hardware, software, applications, network configurations etc.
 - Anything required to physically enable HIE

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Five Domains to Be Addressed:

4. Business and Technical Operations
 - E.g. procurement, identifying requirements, process design, functionality development, project management, help desk, systems maintenance etc.
5. Legal/Policy
 - Policy frameworks including laws & regulations
 - Privacy & security frameworks
 - Data sharing agreements
 - Multi-state policy harmonization activities

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Key Themes in Minnesota Letter of Intent:

- **Build on previous work of the e-Health Initiative**
 - Forum for consensus development among stakeholders
- **Build on existing HIE infrastructure**
 - Focus initially on HIE capacity to enable meaningful use
- **Coordination with other HITECH funded programs**
 - 4201 Medicaid, 3012 Regional Centers, 3016 Workforce

Update on Recent & Upcoming National Activities

National HIT Standards Meeting – September 15

- Updates from the three workgroups: Clinical Quality, Clinical Operations, Privacy & Security
- HITSP Presentation on Implementation of standards
- Proposed recommendations were adopted by the Committee
- Recommendations and presentations available at HIT Standards Committee web site: <http://healthit.hhs.gov/standardscommittee>



Update on Recent & Upcoming National Activities

National HIT Policy Meeting – September 18

- **Primary Focus: Privacy & Security**
- **Dr. James Golden, Director, Division of Health Policy, MDH**
 - Use, Disclosure, Secondary Uses, Data Stewardship
 - Speaking specifically to public health needs
- **Meeting materials available at HIT Policy Committee web site:**
<http://healthit.hhs.gov/policycommittee>



Timeline for the Next 12 Months

- 3Q-09: Develop process for updating meaningful use objectives and measures
- 4Q-09: CMS Proposed rules December 2009, 60-day comment period
Conduct informational hearings on 2013 and 2015 criteria
- 1Q-10: Update 2013 and 2015 criteria
- 2Q-10: Work with HIT Standards committee to ascertain availability of relevant standards
- 3Q10: Refine 2013 meaningful use criteria
- 4Q10: Assess industry preparedness for meeting 2011 and initial 2013 meaningful use criteria

For More Information

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/index.html>

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Minnesota e-Health Initiative

The Minnesota e-Health Initiative is a public-private collaborative whose Vision is to accelerate the adoption and use of health information technology in order to improve health care quality, increase patient safety, reduce health care costs and improve public health.

It is guided by a statewide advisory committee with 26 representatives from interested and affected stakeholders in health information technology (HIT).

The purpose of the initiative is to:

- **Empower Consumers** with information to make informed health and medical decisions.
- **Inform and Connect Healthcare Providers** by promoting the adoption and use of interoperable Electronic Health Records and electronic health information exchange.
- **Protect Communities and Improve Public Health** by advancing efforts to make public health systems interoperable and modernized.

Enhance the Infrastructure through:

- Adoption of standards for health information exchange.
- Policies for strong privacy and security protection of health information.
- Funding and other resources for implementation.
- Assessing and monitoring progress on adoption, use and interoperability.

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Quick Links:

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Announcements

[Register Here for the 2008 MN e-Health Summit!](#)

2008 MN e-Health Summit Brochure
June 26, 2008

2008 MN e-Health Legislative Report

Grants awarded to MN health care providers to support interconnected EHRs
[Award List](#)

