

## National and Minnesota e-Health Resources

<i>Selected National e-Health Activities: Implications for Minnesota</i>	
Activity	Implications for Minnesota
<p><b>National health data standards</b>  <i>Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP)</i>  <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/standards/">http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/standards/</a></p>	Data standards will have to be adopted by all healthcare providers and local health departments. The standards will include how information is coded, stored, and exchanged.
<p><b>Certification of EHRs</b>  <i>Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT)</i>  <a href="http://www.cchit.org/">http://www.cchit.org/</a></p>	Healthcare providers procuring EHRs will know which products meet national specifications for various minimum functions. The list of minimum functions will grow over time.
<p><b>Privacy and security</b>  <i>Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration (HISPC)</i>  <a href="http://healthit.ahrq.gov/privacyandsecurity">http://healthit.ahrq.gov/privacyandsecurity</a></p>	The analysis of 34 states on critical privacy and security issues, laws, and practices that impact the electronic exchange of health information. The Minnesota Privacy and Security Project is part of this effort.
<p><b>National standards for public health</b>  <i>Public Health Information Network (PHIN)</i>  <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/phin">http://www.cdc.gov/phin</a></p>	State and local public health information systems will need to adopt the data and functionality standards set by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.
<p><b>National policy guidance on critical e-Health issues</b>  <i>American Health Information Community (AHIC)</i>  <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/community/background/">http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/community/background/</a></p>	Policies and recommendations from this national expert panel and its work groups will influence and guide Minnesota policy on issues such as consumer empowerment, chronic disease, bio-surveillance, quality and personal health records.
<p><b>Tested models for regional health information exchange</b>  <i>Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN)</i>  <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/nhin.html">http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/nhin.html</a></p>	Four national pilot projects could yield important lessons and recommendations for establishing regional health information exchanges in Minnesota.



*The Minnesota e-Health Initiative will accelerate the adoption and use of Health Information Technology to improve healthcare quality, increase patient safety, reduce healthcare costs and enable individuals and communities to make the best possible health decisions.*

[www.health.state.mn.us/e-health](http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health)

Web links accurate as of 6/22/2007

### *Selected National e-Health Activities: Implications for Minnesota*

Activity	Implications for Minnesota
<p><b>Health exchange policy guidance, best practices and advocacy</b>  <i>eHealth Initiative (eHI)</i>  <a href="http://www.ehealthinitiative.org">http://www.ehealthinitiative.org</a></p>	<p>Sample materials and frameworks can reduce risks in establishing regional health information exchanges.</p>
<p><b>Resource on personal health records</b>  <i>American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)</i>  <a href="http://www.myphr.com/">http://www.myphr.com/</a></p>	<p>Good resource of information on personal health records. Presents benefits of having a PHR and a step by step guide for creating one. Provides information on various options for PHR services categorized by format and by cost.</p>
<p><b>Health data standards</b>  <i>Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)</i>  <a href="http://www.himss.org/ASP/index.asp">http://www.himss.org/ASP/index.asp</a></p>	<p>Topics and tools section presents comprehensive information on key issues related to healthcare information and management systems, especially standards.</p>
<p><b>Workforce competencies</b>  <i>American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)</i>  <a href="http://www.amia.org/">http://www.amia.org/</a></p>	<p>Leading organization in health informatics with a focus on education, training and improvement of informatics competencies in work force.</p>
<p><b>Assisting office-based clinicians with health information technology</b>  <i>Center for Health Information Technology (CHiT)</i>  <a href="http://www.centerforhit.org/">http://www.centerforhit.org/</a></p>	<p>Presents interactive tools that are aimed towards implementation of an electronic health record. Includes physician product reviewer / EHR user directory and readiness assessment tool.</p>
<p><b>Education for successful HIT adoption</b>  <i>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</i>  <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/</a>                      For more information on DOQ-IT (Doctor's Office Quality Information Technology) University, or DOQ-IT U, visit: <a href="http://elearning.qualitynet.org">http://elearning.qualitynet.org</a>.</p> <p>[Also refer to Stratis Health DOQ-IT]</p>	<p>DOQ-IT U, an e-learning platform is aimed to provide assistance to physicians in the adoption and implementation of electronic health records and care management practices. DOQ-IT U will provide lessons in assessment, planning and implementation methodologies that will be disease and population specific, incorporating evidence-based medicine guidelines and clinical decision support.</p>



*The Minnesota e-Health Initiative will accelerate the adoption and use of Health Information Technology to improve healthcare quality, increase patient safety, reduce healthcare costs and enable individuals and communities to make the best possible health decisions.*

[www.health.state.mn.us/e-health](http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health)

Web links accurate as of 6/22/2007

***Selected Minnesota e-Health Activities: Implications for Minnesota***

Activity	Implications for Minnesota
<p><b>Minnesota e-Health Initiative</b>  <a href="http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/">http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/</a></p>	<p>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 the health care quality, increase patient safety, reduce health care costs and improve public health.</p> <p>It is guided by a statewide advisory committee with 26 representatives from interested and affected stakeholders in health information technology (HIT).</p> <p>The Minnesota e-health Initiative responsibilities are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and disseminate an implementation plan for adoption of interoperable EHRs by 2015;</li> <li>• Advise on the distribution of grants and loans;</li> <li>• Select and refine health information technology standards and develop an approval process;</li> <li>• Monitor, assess and report out on statewide progress of HIT;</li> <li>• Develop and disseminate tools and resources to support collaborative learning and leveraging of resources; and</li> <li>• Promote learning laboratories in the field to test and evaluate using health information exchange for “Use Cases” that provide value.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Stratis Health: DOQ-IT</b>  <a href="http://www.stratishealth.org">http://www.stratishealth.org</a></p> <p>[Also refer to DOQ-IT (Doctor’s Office Quality Information Technology) University, or DOQ-IT U]</p>	<p>The Doctor’s Office Quality - Information Technology (DOQ-IT) special project sponsored by the Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS) aims to improve outcomes for patients with chronic illnesses by promoting adoption of HIT and electronic health record systems.</p> <p>As Minnesota's Medicare QIO, Stratis Health provides educational consultation, quality improvement resources, and other support to selected Minnesota adult primary care clinics in their successful adoption and integration of health information technology and electronic health records.</p>



*The Minnesota e-Health Initiative will accelerate the adoption and use of Health Information Technology to improve healthcare quality, increase patient safety, reduce healthcare costs and enable individuals and communities to make the best possible health decisions.*

[www.health.state.mn.us/e-health](http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health)

Web links accurate as of 6/22/2007