

2008 MN e-Health Summit: Minnesota Privacy Trends

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Nationwide Privacy & Security Trends

- Privacy and Security is one of four main objectives of future federal HIT efforts.

"Privacy and Security: We are working at the federal level to promote a collaborative approach to crafting solutions that maintain the privacy and security of patient information while enabling appropriate exchange, access, and use of electronic health information."

Synopsis, The ONC- Coordinated Federal Health Information Technology Strategic plan 2008-2012.

<http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/resources/HITStrategicPlanSummary.pdf>

Nationwide Privacy & Security Trends

- Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration (HISPC)
- Office of the National Coordinator project focused on Privacy and Security
- Began in June 2006 currently in Phase III
- 42 states and territories participating
- 7 collaboratives focusing on aspects of privacy and security and the interstate exchange of health information

Minnesota Privacy and Security Project

- Active component of the Minnesota e-Health Initiative.
- Currently participating in Phase III of HISPC project, participated in Phase I and II.
- Outcomes of Phase I and II
 - A systematic and comprehensive review of MN privacy laws and practices that impede the efficient, electronic exchange of health data
 - Identified patient consent barriers
 - Revised Minnesota Health Records Act
 - Developed Standard Consent Form to Release Health Information

2007 Minnesota Health Records Act

- Maintained privacy protections
- Improved readability through recodification
- Defined new and existing terms
- Established requirements for record locator service
- Authorized representation of consent
- Required development of universal consent

MN Privacy & Security Project: Phase III

- Consent collaborative One
 - 11 states participating
- Project overview
 - State laws governing interstate exchange of health information
 - Use case scenarios focused on treatment and public health
 - Stakeholder input
 - Scheduled for completion March 2009
 - Develop tool that will represent the legal consent requirements for states participating and will be added to by additional states in future

Thank You! - Questions

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