

# Minnesota Department of Human Services

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- Helps people meet their basic needs
  - Ensures basic health care for low-income Minnesotans
  - Helps Minnesotans support their families
  - Aiding children and families in crisis
  - Assisting people with disabilities
  - Direct care services
  - Promotes independent living for elderly



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- Health care purchaser and provider
  - Minnesota Health Care Programs, serving over 654,000 low-income adults and families elderly, people with disabilities and children



# What we are

- Purchaser of health care services
  - \$4.99 billion annual expenditures for all basic health care services
  - We purchase \$1.13 billion for long term care services



# Minnesota Health Care Programs

- Medical Assistance (MA)
  - Federal/state-funded Medicaid program
  - Low-income seniors, children, parents and people with disabilities.
- General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC)
  - Low-income adults without children who do not qualify for other state and federal assistance programs



# Minnesota Health Care Programs

- MinnesotaCare

- Health insurance program serving low-income people who don't have access to private health insurance and do not qualify for other publicly funded programs



# DHS and e-health

- Seeking greater value as measured by quality, cost and access
- Electronic collection and exchange of clinical information should drive improvements in these areas



# DHS and e-Health

- e-health should facilitate Quality Improvements, public reporting and Payment for Performance
- Health care does not stop with doctors and pharmacies. Need to connect nursing facilities, home care and social services



# DHS e-Health interests

- e-prescribing; cost management, patient safety and preventing/detecting abuse
- Telehealth services; New Connections for Telehealth. Statewide community based, quality mental health services for people in their own communities near their family and friends



# DHS e-Health interests

- MN-PHIN: a statewide public health data management system in cooperation and consultation with representatives of local public health departments; immunization registry



# DHS e-Health interests

- Development of e-health records for State Operated Services (SOS)
- Provide chemical and mental health services; multiple community and institutional settings
- Psychiatrists provide consults to various sites via telehelath; need e-health records
- Need to connect with private provider community

