

Charge: Minnesota e-Health Advisory Committee | 2026-27

Minnesota e-Health Vision

“All communities and individuals benefit from and are empowered by information and technology that advances health equity and supports health and wellbeing.”

Purpose

The [Minnesota e-Health Initiative \(www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ehealth/initiative/index.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ehealth/initiative/index.html) (Initiative) is a public/private collaboration focused on addressing the challenges and opportunities of health information technology, data use, and data exchange to achieve the Minnesota e-health vision. The [Minnesota e-Health Advisory Committee \(www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ehealth/advcommittee/index.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ehealth/advcommittee/index.html) (Advisory Committee) is a legislatively authorized committee appointed by the commissioner of health to guide the Initiative by developing recommendations for:

- Assessing adoption and use of statewide health information technology and exchange
- Implementing a statewide interoperable health information infrastructure
- Determining standards for clinical data exchange, clinical support programs, patient privacy requirements, and maintenance of the security and confidentiality of individual patient data
- Encouraging use of innovative health care applications using information technology and systems to improve patient care and reduce the cost of care
- Other related issues as requested by the commissioner

The Advisory Committee represents the spectrum of Minnesota’s health community, including providers, hospitals, health insurers and health plans, long-term care, public health, academic and research institutions, vendors, consumers, state agencies, and others. Further information regarding the charge and composition is provided in [Minnesota Statutes, section 62J.495 \(www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/2022/cite/62J.495\)](http://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/2022/cite/62J.495).

Background

The Initiative’s work is managed by the Center for Health Information Policy and Transformation (CHIPT) at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). This work was suspended in July 2021 when MDH staff were reassigned to support the COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result, the Advisory Committee relaunched in 2024 with a focus on regrouping, learning about statewide and national activities, and identifying its priorities. Over nine meetings held between November 2024 and June 2026, the Advisory Committee fulfilled its 2024-26 charge through a range of activities, including formally endorsing recommendations from the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Work Group and the Bridging Information and Care Work Group (two work groups formed directly from the Advisory Committee’s prioritization discussions). These recommendations give the Advisory Committee several opportunities to advance implementation and, along with its other activities during this period, establish a foundation for moving from planning into implementation and the next phase of its work.

Additional information about the work the Advisory Committee completed during 2024-26 can be found in the [2024-2026 Minnesota e-Health Advisory Committee Report](https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ehealth/advcommittee/docs/2426acreport.pdf) (www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ehealth/advcommittee/docs/2426acreport.pdf).

2026-27 Charge

Building on the Advisory Committee's work since its relaunch and endorsement of the AI Work Group's and Bridging Information and Care Work Group's recommendations, the focus for 2026-27 will be on implementation of priority recommendations, supporting alignment across significant e-health related activities happening in Minnesota, and providing guidance on emerging issues and policy developments. This work will be guided by a shared commitment to improving the health outcomes and lives of all Minnesotans and will include:

- Ensuring Advisory Committee discussions, recommendations, and activities prioritize person-centered and patient-centered care for all Minnesotans. This includes considering how the work supports integrated, coordinated, and accessible health care services, as well as how it fosters collaboration and shared decision-making between patients, providers, and other partners integral to supporting patient health.
- Advancing the AI Work Group and Bridging Information and Care Work Group recommendations, including identifying and prioritizing recommendations for immediate action, implementation, and providing leadership, guidance, and opportunities for learning. The Advisory Committee will consider how recommendations and activities can be reviewed, modified, or take an iterative approach to reflect changes in the e-health landscape, particularly the rapidly evolving nature of AI.
- Learning about, making connections, and providing input on statewide activities related to health information technology, health information exchange, and interoperability such as investments made through the Rural Health Transformation Program and the development of a statewide health data utility. The Advisory Committee will consider how statewide activities align with one another and can support sustainable progress in addressing gaps in health information exchange and interoperability.
- Exploring and considering how policy, privacy, consent, and other factors affect the ability to not only exchange information but the ability to use that information.
- Monitoring and providing guidance on MDH's interoperability activities such as the interoperability roadmap and TECCA planning and implementation work.
- Monitoring and providing input on relevant national and federal requests for information, proposed and interim rules, data exchange standards development and implementation, and other related activities such as policy and funding developments that have significant e-health implications for Minnesota.
- Learning about other related initiatives and activities in Minnesota and other states; engaging and collaborating with partners across health care, public health, behavioral health, social services, community organizations, state agencies, and other settings to identify opportunities for alignment and communicating the importance of data exchange, data use, and interoperability to decision-makers and other interest-holders.

About the Advisory Committee

Advisory Committee members bring expertise relating to the needs and uses of health information technology, workflows, information needs, and related requirements specific to their type of setting and specific practice. The members will include representatives of Minnesota's:

- Local public health agencies
- Licensed hospitals and other licensed facilities and providers
- Private purchasers
- Medical and nursing professions
- Health insurers and health plans
- State quality improvement organizations
- Academic and research institutions
- Consumers
- Experts in health information technology
- State government agencies
- Other stakeholders as identified by the commissioner

Meetings

- Meetings will be held every 2-3 months from September through June. The schedule of meetings is created before meetings begin in September.
- Meetings will be virtual and/or hybrid. Meetings are not expected to exceed 2 hours in length, except for planning meetings which may be in-person with a hybrid option. In-person meetings are held at least 1-2 times a year.
- Agenda items will be determined by Advisory Committee co-chairs and MDH CHIPT staff, with input from members and alternates. Members and alternates can send agenda items to mn.ehealth@state.mn.us.
- Meeting materials will be provided by email at least 3 business days in advance of the meeting and will be attached to the calendar invitation.
- Meetings will be conducted in an orderly manner but will not always strictly follow Roberts Rules of Order. Voting may involve a “sense” vote (e.g., “like,” “can live with,” “uncomfortable”), followed by discussion and clarification, and (if needed) modification to the proposal. Consensus voting may follow at the discretion of the meeting co-chairs or facilitator.
- CHIPT staff will take meeting notes.
- Meetings are open to the public but generally do not include a public comment period.

Expectations of members and alternates

- Attend Advisory Committee meetings and other assigned meetings.
- If both a member and the designated alternate for a seat are not able to attend a meeting, co-chairs and CHIPT will determine if a member can have a colleague attend. Colleagues who attend on behalf of members will not be able to vote.
- Review meeting materials and be prepared to contribute insights and expertise; engage your network as needed to provide additional expertise.
- Bring the perspective of the represented stakeholder group to discussions and decision-making.
- Act as the liaison between the represented stakeholder group and the Advisory Committee, sharing reports and information as directed.
- Keep the statewide interests of the Initiative foremost in decisions and recommendations, in particular health equity.
- Participate in related activities, such as work groups, advisory committees, coordinated responses to federal rulemaking, the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society Minnesota Chapter & Minnesota e-Health Initiative Conference, and other requests as needed.
- Be mindful of and comply with antitrust laws during Advisory Committee meetings.
- Communicate with others in a professional manner.
- Maintain confidentiality of members-only information.

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