

**2010 Healthcare BizTech Forum  
Minnesota e-Health Initiative Update**



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**What a difference a year makes!**

**Reflecting on BizTech Forum 2009**

What we knew...	What we didn't...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARRA/HITECH Passed in March</li> <li>• Feds investing heavily in HIT</li> <li>• Some connection to HC Reform</li> <li>• General requirements for incentives</li> <li>• General sense of ONC programs</li> <li>• Much, much more to learn</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What exactly is the national vision?</li> <li>• How would funds be allocated to states?</li> <li>• Who would be responsible for implementing HITECH programs?</li> <li>• Would ONC opt to implement optional programs?</li> <li>• What exactly is <i>Meaningful Use</i>?</li> </ul>


**Current Topics for BizTech Forum 2010**

- Details on the national vision & how ONC programs fit into that vision
- Specific information on HITECH funds awarded to advance HIT/HIE in Minnesota
- Opportunities to get involved as programs are implemented in the coming year
- Information resources available through the Minnesota e-Health Initiative


**What a difference five years have made!  
The Minnesota e-Health Initiative**

**A public-private collaboration established in 2004**


- Legislatively chartered
- Coordinates and recommends statewide policy on e-Health
- Develops and acts on statewide e-health priorities
- Reflects the health community's strong commitment to act in a coordinated, systematic and focused way



**"Vision: ... accelerate the adoption and effective 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."**



Source: e-Health Initiative Report to the MN Legislature, January 2004




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### Minnesota Model for Adopting Interoperable Electronic Health Records

- Breaks the 2015 Mandate into manageable steps
- Applies across organizational settings

Continuum of EHR Adoption
Achievement of 2015 Mandate

Adopt
Utilize
Exchange

Assess → Plan → Select → Implement → Effective Use → Readiness → Interoperate

### National View of HIE

"A key premise: **information should follow the patient**, and artificial obstacles – technical, business related, bureaucratic – should not get in the way. ...

"That is the goal we will pursue, and it will **inform all our policy choices now and going forward**. This means that information exchange must cross institutional and business boundaries. Because that is what patients need.

"... **the goal is to have information flow seamlessly and effortlessly to every nook and cranny of our health system, when and where it is needed**, just like the blood within our arteries and veins meets our bodies' vital needs."

Dr. David Blumenthal, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, 11/12/2009

### The HITECH Act's Framework for Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records (EHRs)

Blumenthal D. Launching HITECH. N Engl J Med posted online Dec 30 2009. <http://healthcareform.reign.org/?p=3448>

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Medicare and Medicaid Incentives <i>Proposed – Not Yet Final</i>	
Medicare	Medicaid
In 2015 penalties: Kick-in for providers that are not Meaningful Users	No Penalties
Maximum incentive is \$44,000 for EPs	Maximum incentive is \$63,750 for EPs
Last year an EP may initiate program is 2014; Last payment in program is 2016. Payment adjustments begin in 2015	Last year an EP may initiate program is 2016; Last payment in program is 2021
No Volume Threshold	Eligibility Thresholds: Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics : 30% or greater Needy Individuals Non-hospital Based Professionals: 30% or greater Medicaid Non-hospital Based Pediatricians: 20% or greater Medicaid
Eligible Providers: •Physicians •Dentists •Podiatrists •Optometrists •Chiropractors	Eligible Providers: •Physicians •Dentists •Certified Nurse Midwives •Nurse Practitioners •Physician Assistants Practicing in Federally Qualified Health Centers or Rural Health Clinics

### Recent Developments

HIE Oversight Legislation Passed in 2010

- Minnesota Section Law Chapter 336
- Establishes Oversight of Health Information Exchange
- Requires Certification of HIE Service Providers
- Sets Minimum Criteria for HIE Service Providers
- Provides Mechanisms for Consumer & Stakeholder Feedback
- Provides Commissioner of Health Enforcement Authority



### Strategic and Operational Plans for HIE

- Strategic Plan
  - Final Action by Advisory Committee on May 25
  - Materials to be posted on May 21
- Operational Plan
  - Preliminary Approval on May 25
  - Public Comments to Jennifer Fritz by June 24
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### Key Actions & Considerations for Minnesota Stakeholders in 2010

- Learn about incentives & understand requirements to receive maximum incentives
- Create/update your EHR requirements including your clinical, business and technical needs
- Complete / update your EHR plan for adoption, effective use of the EHR's using a trusted approach
- Ensure your plan meets criteria for "meaningful use"
- Review your vendor plans for getting & staying certified/qualified



### Minnesota e-Health Initiative Communications & Recovery Act Resources

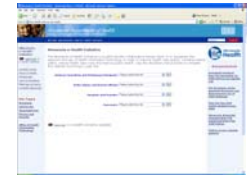
- Minnesota e-Health "Gov Delivery" List
- Public Update Conference Calls
  - May 20, 2010, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.
- HITECH Web Page: [www.health.state.mn.us/e-health](http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health)
- Minnesota e-Health Summit
  - "Leveraging Meaningful Use"
  - June 16-17, 2010 – Northland Inn
  - Register: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/summit/summit2010.html>



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