

2009 Healthcare BizTech Forum Minnesota e-Health Initiative Update



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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

Minnesota's Statewide Implementation Plan



Components of the Plan

Part 1: Background
Part 2: Minnesota Model for EHR Adoption
Part 3: Emerging Issues
Part 4: Recommendations

Appendices

Guide 1: Addressing Common Barriers
Guide 2: Minnesota e-Health Standards

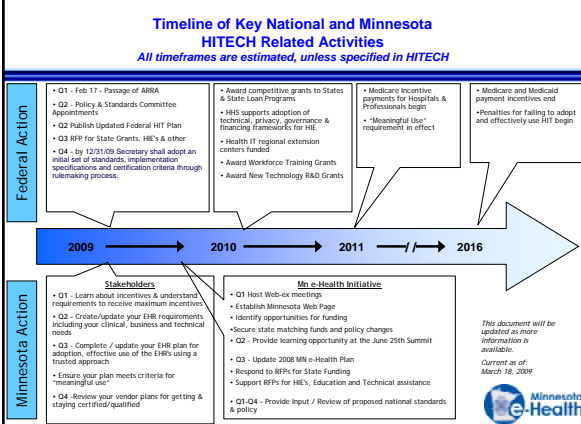
Special Interest Area:
1 Long Term Care
2 Public Health



Available at: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/ehealth/ehrplan.html>

Timeline of Key National and Minnesota HITECH Related Activities

All timeframes are estimated, unless specified in HITECH



Federal Action

- Q1 - Feb 17 - Passage of ABRA
- Q2 - Policy & Standards Committee Appointments
- Q2 Publish Updated Federal HIT Plan
- Q3 RFP for State Grants, HE's & other
- Q4 - by 12/31/09 Secretary shall adopt an initial set of standards, implementation specifications and certification criteria through rulemaking process.
- Award competitive grants to States & State Loan Programs.
- HHS supports adoption of technical, privacy, governance & financing frameworks for HIE.
- Health IT regional extension centers funded
- Award Workforce Training Grants
- Award New Technology R&D Grants
- Medicare incentive payments for Hospitals & Professionals begin
- "Meaningful Use" requirements in effect
- Medicare and Medicaid payment incentives and Penalties for failing to adopt and effectively use HIT begin

Minnesota Action


Stakeholders

- Q1 - Learn about incentives & understand requirements to receive maximum incentives.
- Q2 - Create/Update your EHR requirements including your clinical, business and technical needs.
- Q3 - Complete / update your EHR plan for adoption, effective use of the EHRs using a trusted approach
- Ensure your plan meets criteria for "meaningful use"
- Q4 - Review your vendor plans for getting & staying certified/qualified

MN e-Health Initiative

- Q1 Host Web-ex meetings
- Establish Minnesota Web Page
- Identify opportunities for funding
- Secure state matching funds and policy changes
- Q2 - Provide learning opportunity at the June 25th Summit
- Q3 - Update 2008 MN e-Health Plan
- Respond to RFPs for State Funding
- Support RFPs for HIEs, Education and Technical assistance
- Q1-Q4 - Provide Input / Review of proposed national standards & policy

This document will be updated as more information is available. Current as of: March 18, 2009



Anticipated Minnesota e-Health Initiative Activities Related to HITECH for 2009

On-Going In 2009 & Beyond


- Review & provide input on proposed national standards & policy

First & Second Quarter 2009

- Identify opportunities for funding
- Secure state matching funds and policy changes
- Inform Minnesota stakeholders of Recovery Act Opportunities
 - Host public informational meetings
 - Establish Minnesota web page on HITECH
 - Provide learning opportunity at the June 25th Summit


Third Quarter 2009

- Update 2008 MN e-Health Plan
- Respond to RFPs for state funding
- Support RFP's for exchange, education and technical assistance



Providing Input on Proposed National Standards & Policy

- Communication to ONC on Top Minnesota Priorities**
 - Importance of 3014 Loan Program
 - Input on 3012 Regional Extension Centers
- Testimony at NCVHS Hearing on "Meaningful Use"**
 - Population & Public Health Panel - 4/29/09
- Minnesota Privacy & Security Program**
 - FTC - Proposed Rule on Breach Notification
 - DHHS - Proposed Security Guidance
- National Health Policy Committee**
 - Connie Delaney, RN, PhD, Dean, University of Minnesota School of Nursing



**Aligning Minnesota Policy
in Preparation for HITECH Opportunities**


Policy Legislation

- Updates the Minnesota e-Health Advisory Committee
- Assigns new duties to coordinate with national activities
- Allows collection of data for assessment & incentive eligibility determination
- Identifies the Commissioner of Health as the lead applicant or sole designating authority for 3013 grants
- Aligns the Minnesota EHR loan program with HITECH 3014 requirements
- Updates requirements for electronic prescribing




**Securing Matching Funds
to Seize HITECH Opportunities**

- Governor's Budget:
 - \$350,000/year Base Funding (Match for 3013 Grant)
 - \$4 Million Funds for EHR Loans (Match for 3014 Grant)
- House Proposal:
 - Identical to Governor's Recommendation
- Senate Proposal:
 - \$175,000/year Base Funding (Match for 3013 Grant)
 - \$2.8 Million Funds for EHR Loans (Match for 3014 Grant)




**Key Information Awaited
Prior to Determination of Next Steps**

- Medicaid Director letter on administration of Medicaid incentives (Due March 31)
- ONC Operations Plan Released to Congress (Anticipated May 17)




**Key Actions & Considerations
for Minnesota Stakeholders in 2009**

- If you are looking at buying an EHR be sure to plan thoroughly before you buy
- If you have an EHR, implement techniques that support effective use
- Make sure you are adopting and using e-prescribing
- Reach out to community partners and HIE's to begin exchange of information




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

- Minnesota e-Health "Gov Delivery" List
- Public Meetings / Webx
 - May 20, 2009, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 - Snelling Office Park Location
- HITECH Web Page: www.health.state.mn.us/e-health
- Minnesota e-Health Summit
 - "Strategies for Success in Challenging Economic Times"
 - June 25, 2009 – Northland Inn



Resources Available Through the Minnesota e-Health HITECH Web Page

www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/hitech.html

Handouts / Resources

- Agenda
- Factsheets
 - Medicare – Hospital
 - Medicare-Professionals
 - Medicaid incentives
- Resource list
- Timeline
- Figure 1: Key Program, Distribution, Use and Recipients for the HITECH Act
- Slides from Public Meetings
- Minnesota Statewide Plan - 2008




For More Information

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