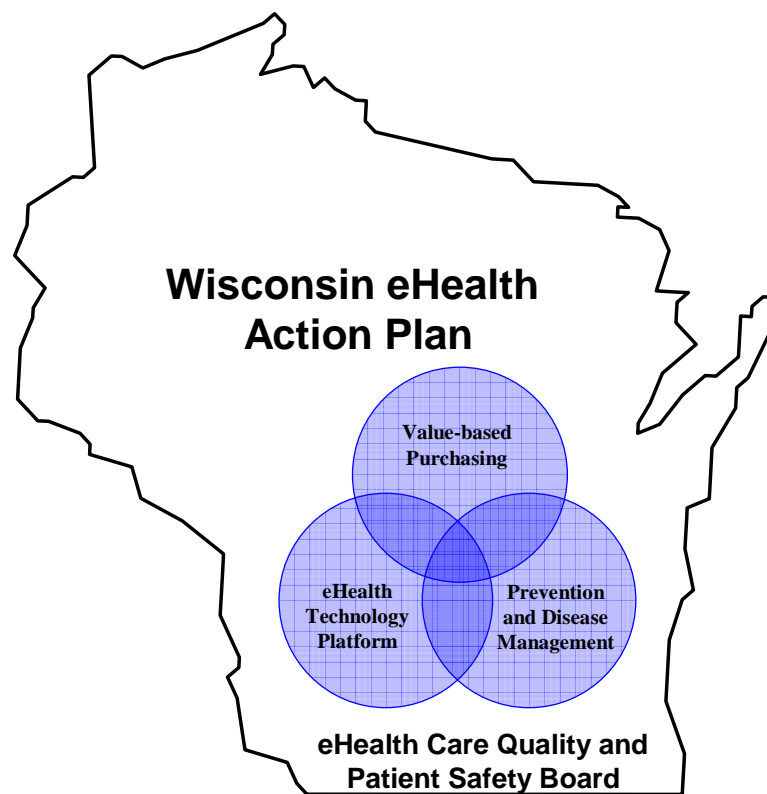


A Discussion on Wisconsin's eHealth Initiative



Department of Health and Family Services



Medical Home Summit: Wisconsin Initiative for Change

Kathy Farnsworth, Policy Initiatives Advisor
eHealth Initiative

Office of Policy Initiatives and Budget

Department of Health and Family Services

November 15, 2007

<http://ehealthboard.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/>



The eHealth Initiative Goal:

Successful implementation of a statewide health information exchange (HIE) system that is interoperable with the Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN).



Executive Order #129

- ◆ A statewide eHealth information infrastructure would improve the quality and reduce the cost of health care in Wisconsin by:
 1. Ensuring health information is available at the point of care for all patients; and
 2. Reducing medical errors and avoiding duplicative medical procedures; and
 3. Improving coordination of care between hospitals, physicians, and other health professionals; and
 4. Furthering health care research; and
 5. Providing consumers with their health information to encourage greater participation in their health care decisions.



eHealth Activities in DHFS:

- ◆ Promote investment in adoption of electronic medical records in health care settings to improve the quality, safety and value of health care;
- ◆ Promote investment in HIE to improve the quality, safety and value of health care;
- ◆ Assure patient privacy in the exchange of health information;
- ◆ Link HIT and HIE to public health, prevention and disease management activities;
- ◆ Collaborate with others;
- ◆ Support the Governor's eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board.



Promote investment in adoption of electronic medical records in health care settings to improve the quality, safety and value of health

◆ Statistics:

- Overall, about 77% of ambulatory practice sites have electronic practice management systems (billing, scheduling, etc.) -- includes about 84% of practice sites in large systems and 57% of practice sites that are independent or part of small systems.
- 16 % of ambulatory practice sites have totally electronic patient records systems – includes 17% of practice sites in large systems and 11% of practice sites that are independent or part of small systems.
- 69% of ambulatory practice sites have some combination of paper and electronic patient records.



Promote investment in adoption of electronic medical records in health care settings to improve the quality, safety and value of health cont.

- ◆ Medicaid Transformation Grant
 - Wisconsin Health Information Exchange (WHIE)
 - ~ \$3 million grant from DHFS through CMS Medicaid Transformation grant
- ◆ Value – Driven Health Care Initiative - - align WI's Medicaid program's quality measurement strategies with WCHQ's.



Promote investment in HIE to improve the quality safety and value of health care

Request for Proposal Development

Purpose:

- ◆ To obtain consulting services and expertise for state-level HIE assessment, planning, and architectural (business & technical) design;
- ◆ Promote the development of secure, trusted, technically compatible statewide HIE across public and private sectors.



Assure patient privacy in the exchange of health information

Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration (in progress):

- ◆ Allow disclosure without consent of the following information in 51.30 treatment record to all treating providers with a need to know: name, address, date of birth, name of mental health providers, dates of service, diagnosis, medications, allergies, other relevant demographic information and NEW – biometric diagnostics like lab and non-psych testing and symptoms.
- ◆ Eliminating barriers to documentation, re-disclosure and oral disclosure of information to those involved in care or treatment of patient e.g. family members.



Collaborate With Others

- ◆ Wisconsin Health Information Organization
- ◆ Wisconsin Collaborative for Health Care Quality
- ◆ Wisconsin Providers, e.g. Wisconsin Hospital Association and Wisconsin Medical Society



Challenges / Opportunities

◆ Resources

■ Governor Doyle's Biennial Executive Budget

- ◆ Resources: grants, tax credits
- ◆ Governance: statutorily establish Council

◆ Certification and development of standards for interoperability

◆ Removing statutory and regulatory barriers



Challenges / Opportunities cont.:

◆ Alignment:

- HIT platform with value-based purchasing strategies
- Population health with disease/chronic care management

◆ Sustainability



Acknowledgements:

- ◆ Sharon Fleischfresser MD, MPH,
- ◆ Susan Latton, Health Communications Consultant

