

Iowa e-Health is a public and private collaboration – led by the Iowa Department of Public Health – to improve health care **quality, safety** and **efficiency** through the use of health information technology (health IT).

History

The Iowa e-Health Executive Committee and Advisory Council is comprised of diverse stakeholders from public and private entities including **health care providers, professional associations, hospitals, government, payers, educators, and consumers.**

- Federal funding is available to support development of statewide HIEs, provider technical assistance, and “Meaningful Use” provider incentives.
- All 50 states, and six eligible territories, have implemented or are in the process of implementing statewide HIE services.

Iowa Health Information Network (IHIN)

- A “hub” that facilitates the sharing of secure electronic patient health information between authorized users
- Not a central repository of patient information
- Providers and patients are not required to participate in the IHIN



Electronic Health Records (EHRs) are used to collect and store relevant patient health information, including patient history, diagnoses, medications, allergies, clinician visits, and laboratory tests.

Health Information Exchange (HIE) allows EHR data to be securely shared among health care providers. An HIE allows providers to access vital patient information where and when it’s needed.

In Iowa, this system is known as the **Iowa Health Information Network (IHIN).**

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The IHIN will be rolled-out in a series of releases, beginning with the connection of hospitals and provider clinics across Iowa. Participants connected to the IHIN will be able to securely exchange electronic health information that is vital to patient care.

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
IHIN Services	Installation, Pilot Testing and Implementation	Secure messaging Submission of quality metrics Continuity of Care Document (CCD) Reporting to immunization registry information system (IRIS) Advanced clinical and quality reporting Electronic reporting of reportable diseases	Secure messaging Submission of quality metrics Continuity of Care Document (CCD) Reporting to immunization registry information system (IRIS) Advanced clinical and quality reporting Electronic reporting of reportable diseases Patient portal	Secure messaging Submission of quality metrics Continuity of Care Document (CCD) Reporting to immunization registry information system (IRIS) Electronic reporting of reportable diseases Advanced clinical and quality reporting Patient portal	Secure messaging Submission of quality metrics Continuity of Care Document (CCD) Reporting to immunization registry information system (IRIS) Electronic reporting of reportable diseases Advanced clinical and quality reporting Patient portal



Benefits to Iowans	Benefits to Health Care Providers	Benefits to Health Insurance Providers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance care coordination between different providers (e.g., hospital to primary care) Decrease redundant tests and procedures Increase access to electronic personal health information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased access to accurate, timely patient information at the point of care Augmented care coordination and communication with other providers Improved access to tools for population health management (e.g., immunizations) Assist providers in meeting “meaningful use” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better health care outcomes (i.e., avoidance of adverse drug events/reduced medical errors) Reduced claims payments from better health care outcomes (e.g., reduction in duplication of services) Lower administrative costs from increased usage of EHRs

Resources for Providers	Resources for Consumers
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For more information about Iowa e-Health and to access resources about health IT in Iowa, visit Iowa e-Health’s Website:
<http://www.lowaeHealth.org>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the Iowa Health Information Network Participation Interest Survey if you are a healthcare provider. Review the work of Iowa e-Health’s Workgroups and Subcommittees and get involved, as appropriate. Learn about Iowa e-Health’s proposed fee structure and participation agreements for Iowa providers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about your rights to maintain complete privacy and control over your personal electronic health records. Explore your options to “Opt-out” of the Iowa Health Information Network. Talk to your healthcare provider about how health information technology is used in their practice and how that affects the quality of your care. Consider contacting <i>Iowa e-Health</i> to become involved as a member of the Consumer Interest Workgroup.
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Health IT Contacts

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- EHR selection and adoption
- EHR implementation
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Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

- Medicaid incentive program (Meaningful use)
- Incentive payment eligibility rules and application process

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