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Upcoming Events

March 18-19, 2009

eHealth Collaborative Spring Meeting in Chamberlain at the AmericInn (more info to follow)

April 12-18, 2009

Health Information Privacy and Security Week: Protecting Information – It's a Top Priority

May 14, 2009

Treatment Group Kickoff Meeting in Pierre

October 7 & 8, 2009

3rd Annual SD Health Information Technology Summit

eHealth Collaborative Update

The spring meeting for eHealth Collaborative (EHC) is a month away and the South Dakota Department of Health (DOH) and Dakota State University (DSU) are working to get the final details in place. Agenda topics include a presentation by Dr. John Halamka titled "Connecting Providers, Patients and Payers" as well as a broad Federal overview of Health IT initiatives by Chris Muir with the Office of the National Coordinator.

The Collaborative will also discuss future plans and goals and look at the recently signed executive order and other progress made to move the Collaborative's work forward. The spring meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Chamberlain at the AmericInn March 18 and 19, 2009. Questions, concerns, and comments should be sent to sarah.zinter@state.sd.us.

View the PDF of the Executive Order: [Executive Order](#).

Health IT Stimulus in South Dakota

As a part of the 2009 economic recovery bill that was recently passed, federal funding will soon become available to assist South Dakota in investing in the infrastructure necessary to allow for the electronic exchange and use of health information.

Integration of health information technology, including electronic medical records into the initial and ongoing training of health professionals and others in the healthcare industry is an integral part of the successful implementation of Health IT.

In the coming months the eHealth Collaborative will be developing a comprehensive plan to implement health IT. Health IT continues to be and has been an important part of President Obama's pledge and South Dakota is poised at a unique time to be able to move the statewide initiative forward.

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MedTech Sector Gains From Stimulus Plan

(Investors.com) (2/20)

The campaign for a nationwide electronic medical records system got a needed boost last week when President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The measure includes \$19.2 billion to wean the health system off its addiction to paper.

The money will pay for technology development and incentives to doctors to adopt electronic medical record-keeping. It's good news to companies already in the business of digitizing medical practices.

And with more federal funding, competition should heat up as well.

To view the entire article online [click here](#).

Funding News

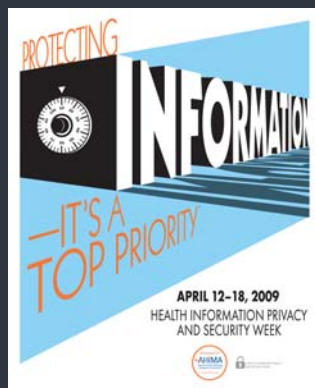
Health Industry Voices Budget Concerns - In Conciliatory Way (CNNMoney.com) (2/26)

Health spending takes rising share of U.S. economy (Yahoo!News) (2/24)

Gartner: I.T. Spending to Grow 2.6% (Health Data Management) (2/24)

Health spending takes rising share of U.S. economy (Yahoo!News) (2/24)

Global market for hospital IT systems pegged at \$35B by 2015 (Healthcare IT News) (2/19)



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SPOTLIGHT on State Health Information Exchange Efforts

Kentucky

- [Kentucky eHealth Network](#)
- [Kentucky hospital works on expanding data record: Kentucky hospital gives physicians patient data at their fingertips](#) (Healthcare IT News) (1/30)
- [Kentucky sets stage for role as health IT test bed](#) (Government Health IT) (1/26)

Missouri

- [Missouri Healthcare Information Technology](#)

Links

- [eHealth Initiative](#)
- [The Cornerstone](#)

newsletter

- [AHIC](#)
American Health Information Community
- [AHRQ](#)

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

- [HHS](#)
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
- [ONC](#)

HITSP

Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel

- [SLHIE](#)
State-level Health Information Exchange Consensus Project

NHIN

National Health Information Network

- [HRSA](#)
Health Resources and Services Administration
- [NCSL](#)

National Conference on State Legislatures

Healthcare IT stimulus funding: Show me where to put the money (Healthcare IT News) (2/18)

Iatric Systems to offer endowment up to \$100,000 in HIT privacy solution to worthy hospital (Healthcare IT News) (2/13)

Bliviation vs. Reality on Stimulus Health-Care Provision (The Washington Post) (2/13)

Lobbying War Ensues Over Digital Health Data (The Washington Post) (2/10)

Governance News

Obama to lay out 8 keys to health plan (Politico) (2/25)

Obama healthcare budget includes FDA reform (Yahoo!News) (2/26)

Obama calls for health-care reform in 2009 (CNNPolitics.com) (2/24)

Privacy Changes Will Task HIM Depts. (Health Data Management) (2/23)

Health-Care Focus Next for Obama in Speech, Budget Proposal (Bloomberg.com) (2/23)

Mary Wakefield Picked as HRSA Chief (The Washington Post) (2/20)

Stimulus measure bolsters health privacy protections (Government Health IT) (2/18)

ANSI to work on ensuring EHRs support clinical research (Healthcare IT News) (2/17)

Obama to sign stimulus bill in Denver (Denver Business Journal) (2/14)

Health IT funding spigot will open with stimulus bill (Government Health IT) (2/13)

Poll Shows Strong Support for Obama Health Care Reforms (US News) (2/11)

WEDI Tackles HIPAA 5010 Issues (Health Data Management) (2/10)

Education News

Healthcare providers looking for IT that provides ROI (Healthcare IT News) (2/19)

New U.S. health insurance program envisioned (Reuters) (2/19)

State positioned to reap funding (IndyStar.com) (2/17)

Online Health Data in Remission (The Washington Post) (2/16)

HHS Enhances Privacy Web Site (Health Data Management) (2/11)

Three national panels release 'shared vision' for health IT (Healthcare IT News) (2/11)

E-records could test drug effectiveness (UPI.com) (2/10)

Despite U.S. push, health e-records years off (Reuters) (2/5)

Federally Qualified Health Centers in Illinois ready for EMR (Healthcare IT News) (2/2)

Analysis: New business models needed in health care (The New York Times) (1/31)

Technology News

Report Examines I.T. and Disease Mgmt. (Health Data Management) (2/24)

Report: Standard Platforms a Must (Health Data Management) (2/23)

Consultant: Prepare Now for Incentives (Health Data Management) (2/23)

EHR Vendor: We Need to Step Up (Health Data Management) (2/20)

CCHIT unveils certification road map (Government Health IT) (2/19)

CCHIT Firms Up Expansion (Health Data Management) (2/19)

Mobile phones aim to be a 'doctor in your pocket' (AFP) (Yahoo!Tech) (2/18)

Axolotl will help New York build HIE (Government Health IT) (2/11)

Why Clinical Groupware May Be the Next Big Thing in Health IT (The Health Care Blog) (2/8)

More News

Maryland to create health data exchange (Healthcare IT News) (2/25)

Humana is offering doctors the ability to write e-prescriptions (Business Journal) (2/24)

Texas HIE goes live (Healthcare IT News) (2/24)

EHR/PM upgrade will help docs participate in incentive programs (Healthcare IT News) (2/20)

California HIE to launch in Orange County (Government Health IT) (2/20)

CVS's Bold Bet on Health-Care Reform (Businessweek) (2/12)

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Health care's 5 points of fight (Politico) (2/10)