

**State of South Dakota  
Office of the Governor  
Executive Order 2009-01**

**Whereas,** The ability to securely share health information electronically between medical facilities and health care providers will improve health care for all South Dakota citizens by reducing medical errors, improving patient safety, and making our health care system more efficient and affordable; and,

**Whereas,** Ensuring the privacy and security of personal medical information is paramount; and,

**Whereas,** South Dakota's health care stakeholders have made significant investments in health information technology; and,

**Whereas,** The use of secure statewide health information exchange will assure necessary electronic health information is available to health care practitioners providing services at the point of care for all patients; and,

**Whereas,** To assure South Dakota citizens obtain the maximum potential values from the increased use of health information technology, state government, private and nonprofit leaders must collaborate to further advance interoperable information technology and statewide health information exchange.

**Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds,** Governor of the State of South Dakota, by Executive order, do hereby establish the South Dakota eHealth Collaborative (Collaborative) to function in compliance with the following sections of this order:

**General Provisions**

**Section 1.** The name of the stakeholder group shall be the South Dakota eHealth Collaborative.

**Section 2.** The Secretary of the Department of Health may appoint up to twenty (20) high-level representatives from health care stakeholders to serve as the Collaborative.

**Section 3.** The Collaborative shall provide leadership and coordination of health information exchange and related efforts and promote engagement of health care providers, health care systems, and consumers among others.

**Section 4.** The Collaborative shall consider ways to advance the adoption of electronic information technology, identify opportunities for partnerships, and incorporate national standard setting organization recommendations for secure health information exchange.

**Section 5.** The Collaborative may work in conjunction with other organizations to provide facilitation, research, analysis, and recommendations relative to the unique needs of creating a statewide health information exchange to ensure the successful implementation of any health information technology initiative.

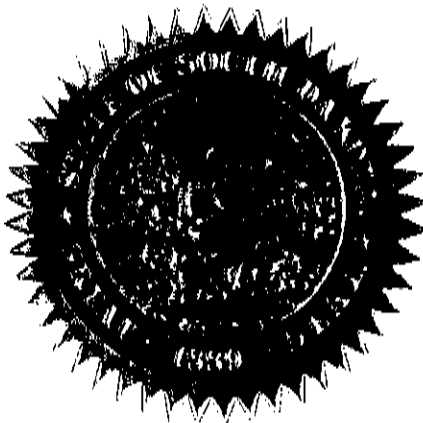
**Section 6.** The Collaborative shall be coordinated by a representative of the Department of Health.

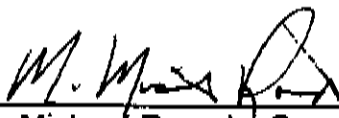
**Section 7.** The Collaborative shall submit an annual report to the Governor's Office and the Secretary of Health by December 1 of each year.

**Section 8.** The Secretary of the Department of Health may add or remove members or advisory organizations as deemed necessary to accomplish the goals and mission of the Collaborative.

**Section 9.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in effect unless revised or rescinded by the governor.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 2009.



  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor of South Dakota

Attest:   
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State