

# Medicaid Transformation Grants: eHealth Project Status

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# Agenda

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APHSA/NASMD

Definitions

Medicaid Transformation Grant Awardees for Electronic HIE  
(First Solicitation)

Snapshot of NASMD Collaboration Survey Results

Legislation

Discussion

# Background: American Public Human Services Association

- APHSA: Nonprofit, bipartisan organization of state and local human service agencies and individuals
- Mission: Develop and promote policies and practices that improve the health and well-being of families, children, and adults
- Role:
  - Educate stakeholders on social policies and practices
  - Assist state and local public human service agencies achieve their desired outcomes

# Background: National Association of State Medicaid Directors

- NASMD: bipartisan, professional, nonprofit organization of representatives of state Medicaid agencies
- Role:
  - Serve as a focal point of communication between the states and the federal government;
  - Provide an information-sharing network among the states

# Definitions



# E-Prescribing

- Physician transmits a prescription electronically to patient's preferred pharmacy
- Physicians and pharmacies may obtain information about a patient's eligibility and medication history from MCO/Part D plan

# Electronic Health Record (EHR)/ Electronic Medical Record (EMR)

- Longitudinal electronic record of patient health information
- Typically includes patient demographics, progress notes, problems, medications, vital signs, medical history, immunizations, laboratory data, and radiology reports
- Terms often used interchangeably but...
  - EHR is a comprehensive record combining information across multiple providers
  - EMR is restricted to care delivered in a single health care setting

# Personal Health Record (PHR)

- Electronic, universally-available, lifelong resource of health information
- Individual owns and manages information in the PHR to make health decisions
- Information comes from health care providers, health plans, and the individual himself or herself
- Maintained in secure and private environment
- Individual determines who has access to PHR
- Does NOT replace the legal record of any provider

# Interoperable EHRs, PHRs, and Information Systems

- Interoperable:
  - Why: to communicate and exchange data
  - How: accurately, effectively, securely and consistently
  - Who: among different IT systems, software applications, and networks
  - Where: in various settings
  - What: preserve clinical or operational purpose of the data

# Clinical Decision Support Systems (DSS)

- Active knowledge systems
- Use two or more items of patient data to generate case-specific advice
- Typically designed to integrate a medical knowledge base, patient data and an inference engine to generate case specific advice

# Medicaid Transformation Grants

- Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) created new “Medicaid Transformation Grant” initiative
- Grants to states totaling \$150 million over two years
- Support adoption of innovative methods to improve effectiveness and efficiency in providing medical assistance under Medicaid
- State programs to improve alignment of the needs of the Medicaid population and health care environment
- 1<sup>st</sup> round: 27 states, \$103 million in January 2007
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round: States completed applications for remaining \$47 million

# Transformation Grant Awardees: 1<sup>st</sup> Solicitation

- Alabama – Together for Quality-Health Information System
- Arizona – Medicaid Health Information Exchange Utility Project
- Connecticut – Health Information Exchange and e-Prescribing
- District of Columbia – Comprehensive Medicaid Integration (Patient Data Hub)
- Hawaii – Open Vista ASP Network

# Transformation Grant Awardees: 1<sup>st</sup> Solicitation (continued)

- Kansas – Using Predictive Modeling Technology to Improve Preventive Healthcare in the Disabled Medicaid Population
- Kentucky – Health Information Partnership
- Minnesota – Communication and Accountability for Primary Care System (CAPS)
- Mississippi – As one – Together for Health
- Montana – Enhancing EHR – Clinical Decision Making
- New Jersey – Medical Information for Children

# Transformation Grant Awardees: 1<sup>st</sup> Solicitation (continued)

- New Mexico – e-Prescribing and Electronic Health Record Project
- North Dakota – Web-based Electronic Pharmacy Claim Submission Interface
- Tennessee – Electronic Prescription Pilot Project
- Texas – Electronic Health Passport for Foster Care
- West Virginia – Healthier Medicaid Members Through a Stronger Medicaid Program and Healthier Medicaid Members through Enhanced Medication Management
- Wisconsin – Health Information Exchange Initiative

# **NASMD Collaboration Survey**



# Collaboration Survey: Overview

- 20 States responded
- 10 received a transformation grant in 1<sup>st</sup> solicitation
- All respondents applied for grant in 2<sup>nd</sup> solicitation

# Collaboration Survey: Snapshot of Results

- Priority for majority of respondents:
  - Developing interchange capabilities and data retrieval and data matching protocol is vital to development of electronic health information exchange

# Collaboration Survey: Snapshot of Results

- Priority for majority of respondents:
  - Patient and beneficiary consents, data exchange permissions and request for non-disclosure of information legal document development, provider participation agreements

# Collaboration Survey: Snapshot of Results

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- Priority for respondents:
  - Technical assistance, including overview of HIE options and data exchange standards

# NASMD Collaboration Multi-State Meeting

- Multi-State Collaboration Meeting:
  - Thursday, August 16, Noon – 4:00 P.M. (Pacific Daylight Time)
  - Full report on the NASMD collaboration survey available
  - Information on joining the collaborative

# Key Federal Legislation

- Wired for Health Care Quality Act (S. 1693) has bipartisan support in the Senate
  - Enhance adoption of a nationwide interoperable HIT system
  - Improve quality of health care
  - Reduce health care costs

# Bush Administration Efforts

- 2014 target date for achieving nationwide use of EHRs
  - Strategy: pursue using market incentives
- Administration has concerns with existing Kennedy bill language:
  - Could create significant barriers to existing efforts

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