

Expanded Role of States in Fostering HIT - Under the HITECH Act

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Session Overview:

The HITECH Act, enacted as part of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), expands the role of states in fostering health information exchange and adoption of electronic health records over the next five years. The report recommends actions states should take now to qualify for the HITECH Act, including:

- Preparing or updating the state plan for HIE adoption
- Engaging stakeholders
- Establishing a state leadership office to manage the different phases of HIE implementation
- Preparing state agencies to participate
- Implementing privacy strategies and reforms
- Determining the HIE business model
- Creating a communications strategy
- Establishing opportunities for health IT training and education

Invited Speakers:

- ◆ James S. McIlwain, MD- from the Mississippi State Coastal Health Information Exchange (MSCHIE)
- ◆ Rebecca L. Little-SVP of Medicity, representing on behalf of the Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN)
- ◆ Jackie Goss, from Bass & Associates, representing the Nebraska Health Information Initiative (NeHII)
- ◆ David Dobbs, Program Manager, SAIC, representing the CDC and Northwest Public Health Information Exchange

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A Message from the Chapter President

Welcome to the start of another year! I am Ken Bodenheimer and have the honor of serving as the National Capital Area president for this year. I'd like to begin by acknowledging the time and effort put forth by last year's board members who did a wonderful job to help make membership in NCA HIMSS a meaningful experience. I owe a special thanks to Carol Miller, last year's president, who has been a tremendous asset to me during this transition process.

What's on tap for this year? As you can see by the announcement we are kicking off this year's chapter meetings with a panel on RHIOs. We are also engaged in re-vamping the NCA web site so it better serve as the focal point for information about chapter news, upcoming activities, scholarships and more. Please bear with us - we are moving as quickly as possible. Lastly, during the September – November timeframe we plan to issue several surveys. Your input is key to improving the chapter, growing our membership and making sure we continue to meet your needs. I urge you to participate.

If you are a regular attendee I thank you for your continued support. If you have not come in a while, I encourage you to attend - it will be a worthwhile experience.

In conclusion, I once again thank Carol and last year's board for their efforts; I welcome the new board and look forward to working with them and serving the NCA membership. Enjoy the year!

National Health IT Week September 21– 25

2009 is the Year of Healthcare Transformation. With the advent of the new President and Congress, legislation is being passed into law and regulations are being implemented to transform healthcare using information technology and management systems. The highlight to date is the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (PL 111-5) –a landmark piece of legislation that will impact healthcare delivery using information technology (IT) for decades to come.

Healthcare reform has now taken a prominent role in Washington, DC, with both the House and Senate working in concert with the Obama Administration to pass effective legislation.

The timing has never been better to become involved and to make your voice heard!

National Health IT Week 2009 is taking place September 21st – 25th in Washington, DC. Your support of this event will send our nation's policymakers a powerful message on the importance of fostering widespread health IT adoption in order to improve patient safety and healthcare quality.

National Health IT Week is a collaborative forum now in its fourth year of assembling key healthcare constituents—vendors, provider organizations, payers, pharmaceutical/biotech companies, government agencies, industry/professional associations, research foundations, and consumer protection groups—working together to elevate national attention to the necessity of advancing health IT.

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National Health IT Week

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