Iowa e-Health Connection

A monthly e-newsletter on the progress of health information technology and the health information exchange in Iowa

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Executive Director Update

Welcome to the first edition of the Iowa e-Health Connection. This monthly electronic newsletter will be used to provide you with up-to-date information and resources about health information technology (health IT) in Iowa and across the nation. This year will bring great advances in health IT in Iowa, including an unprecedented number of Iowa providers adopting and using Electronic Health Records, and the launch of the Iowa Health Information Exchange (HIE). As we move forward in promoting the use and exchange of electronic health information in Iowa, we need to hear from you! Send us your health IT success stories, which can help encourage others to use health IT to improve the quality, safety and efficiency of health care in Iowa.

-- Kim Norby, Iowa e-Health Executive Director

Calendar

- MARCH 25 – Executive Committee & Advisory Council
- APRIL 5-6 – 2011 Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health
- APRIL 15-17 – Iowa Medical Society Conference
- AUGUST 11-12 – Iowa e-Health Summit

Iowa e-Health Plan Receives Federal Approval

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has received notice the Iowa e-Health Strategic and Operational Plan has been approved by the federal Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). This releases $8,375,000 in funding over the next four years to implement a health information exchange (HIE) in Iowa.

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Legislative Update

The Iowa e-Health legislation (Senate Study Bill 1060) is now available on the Iowa Legislature bill tracking website and will soon be moving forward through the legislative process. To view the bill and track its progress…

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Iowa Colleges Train Health IT Workforce

As more health care providers adopt and use electronic health records (EHRs), many are seeing an improvement in practice workflows, efficiencies, and patient safety. However, with new technology come new challenges. One of the greatest challenges facing providers is finding skilled health information technology (health IT) professionals to implement and use EHRs, which will eventually be shared with other providers through the statewide health information exchange (HIE).

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