

## RESOURCES

### **AHRQ – Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ):**

AHRQ's health IT initiative is part of the Nation's strategy to put information technology to work in health care. By developing secure and private electronic health records for most Americans and making health information available electronically when and where it is needed, health IT can improve the quality of care, even as it makes health care more cost-effective. The broad mission of AHRQ's health IT initiative is to improve the quality of health care for all Americans. The Agency has focused its health IT activities on the following three goals: improve health care decision-making; support patient-centered care; and improve the quality and safety of medication management.

Source: [www.healthit.ahrq.gov](http://www.healthit.ahrq.gov)

### **American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Center for Health IT:**

The AAFP Center for Health IT is dedicated to increasing the availability and use of low-cost, standards-based information technology among family physicians nationally and internationally, through consultative, educational and outreach activities. The Center collaborates with government, industry and other professional organizations to apply HIT to improve patient care and safety, and to increase the efficiency of health care delivery.

Source: [www.centerforhit.org](http://www.centerforhit.org)

### **American Medical Association (AMA) -- Health Information Technology Page:**

The American Medical Association's health information technology web page can provide doctors with the resources they need in order to make smart, informed HIT decisions.

Source: [www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/health-information-technology.page](http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/health-information-technology.page)

### **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program:**

The Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs will provide incentive payments to eligible professionals, eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) as they adopt, implement, upgrade or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology.

Source: [www.cms.gov/EHRincentiveprograms](http://www.cms.gov/EHRincentiveprograms)

### **CCHIT (Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology):**

CCHIT is an independent, voluntary, private-sector initiative and a recognized certification body for electronic health records. EHR products are CCHIT certified based on demonstrated ability to meet criteria for functionality, interoperability and security.

Source: [www.cchit.org](http://www.cchit.org)

### **e-Health Initiative:**

The e-Health Initiative and the Foundation for e-Health Initiative are independent, non-profit affiliated organizations whose missions are to drive improvement in the quality, safety, and efficiency of healthcare through information and technology. The e-Health Initiative focuses its efforts on five topic areas: HIT infrastructure for accountable care;

using technology to coordinate care; data, research and analytics; connecting communities through health information exchange; and policy and advocacy on data and HIT issues related to meaningful use and health reform.

Source: [www.ehealthinitiative.org](http://www.ehealthinitiative.org)

**Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS):**

HIMSS is a cause-based, not-for-profit organization exclusively focused on providing global leadership for the optimal use of information technology and management systems for the betterment of healthcare.

Source: [www.himss.org](http://www.himss.org)

**Health Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP):**

The Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP) is a cooperative partnership between the public and private sectors. The Panel was formed for the purpose of harmonizing and integrating standards that will meet clinical and business needs for sharing information among organizations and systems.

Source: [www.hitsp.org](http://www.hitsp.org)

**Health Level Seven (HL7):**

Health Level Seven International (HL7) is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited standards developing organization dedicated to providing standards for interoperability that improves care delivery, optimize workflow, reduce ambiguity and enhance knowledge transfer.

Source: [www.hl7.org](http://www.hl7.org)

**Minnesota e-Health Initiative:**

The Minnesota e-Health Initiative is a public-private collaborative whose vision is to accelerate the adoption and use of health information technology in order to improve healthcare quality, increase patient safety, reduce health care costs and improve public health. Minnesota has been a leader in pursuing bold e-health policies and applying statutory mandates and governmental funding to accelerate the adoption of HIT, electronic health records and health data standards

Source: [www.health.state.mn.us/e-health](http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health)

**Minnesota Community Measurement (MNCM):**

The mission of Minnesota Community Measurement is to accelerate the improvement of health by publicly reporting health care information. MNCM is a collaborative community effort among those who believe that you cannot improve what you don't measure. Their collaborative includes medical groups, clinics, physicians, hospitals, health plans, employers, consumer representatives and quality improvement organizations. These stakeholders support the notion that greater transparency in Minnesota's healthcare systems will lead to better health outcomes for the people of Minnesota

Source: [www.mncm.org](http://www.mncm.org)

**National e-Health Collaborative (NeHC):**

National eHealth Collaborative (NeHC) is a public-private partnership that enables secure and interoperable nationwide health information exchange to advance health and improve health care. NeHC was established through a grant from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) to build on the accomplishments of the American Health Information Community (AHIC), a federal advisory committee to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) until 2008, and is led by some of the nation's most respected thought leaders in healthcare and health IT

Source: [www.nationalehealth.org](http://www.nationalehealth.org)

**National Quality Forum (NQF):**

The National Quality Forum (NQF) is a nonprofit organization that focuses on improving the quality of U.S. healthcare by: building consensus on national priorities and goals for performance improvement and working in partnership to achieve them; endorsing national consensus standards for measuring and publicly reporting on performance; and promoting the attainment of national goals through education and outreach programs.

Source: [www.qualityforum.org](http://www.qualityforum.org)

**Nationwide Health Information Network (NwHIN):**

The nationwide health information network is a set of standards, services and policies that enable secure health information exchange over the Internet. The network provides a foundation for the exchange of health information across diverse entities, within communities and across the country, helping to achieve the goals of the HITECH Act. This critical part of the national health IT agenda will enable health information to follow the consumer, be available for clinical decision making, and support appropriate use of healthcare information beyond direct patient care so as to improve population health.

Source: [www.healthit.hhs.gov](http://www.healthit.hhs.gov)

**ONC (Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information technology):**

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) promotes development of a nationwide Health IT infrastructure that allows for electronic use and exchange of information. ONC provides leadership in the development, recognition, and implementation of standards and the certification of Health IT products to improve the quality and efficiency of healthcare of consumers. ONC is organizationally located within the Office of the Secretary for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Source: [www.healthit.hhs.gov](http://www.healthit.hhs.gov)

**REACH (Regional Extension Center for HIT for Minnesota and North Dakota):**

REACH a nonprofit federal HIT Regional Extension Center. REACH provides technical assistance services and support to Minnesota and North Dakota providers of all types and sizes across the continuum of care.

Source: [www.khareach.org](http://www.khareach.org)

**Stratis Health:**

Stratis Health is a non-profit organization that leads collaboration and innovation in health care quality and safety, and serves as a trusted expert in facilitating improvement

for people and communities. Stratis Health serves as an unbiased consultant, guiding healthcare organizations through change management for EHR implementation, assisting organizations in preparing for, selecting, implementing, and fully using HIT.

Source: [www.stratishealth.org](http://www.stratishealth.org)

## **FACT SHEETS**

### **MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

#### **Minnesota e-Health Initiative -- Vision and Goals**

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/ehealthfactsheet11.pdf>

#### **Office of Health Information Technology**

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/ohitfactsheet2011.pdf>

#### **Understanding the 2011 e-Prescribing Mandate**

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/eprescribing/erx032011guidance.pdf>

#### **Health Information Exchange (HIE) Oversight – Overview of MN Law**

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/hpsc/ohit/hieoversightlaw.pdf>

#### **Minnesota Public Health Reporting for Stage 1 Meaningful Use**

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/phreportmu.pdf>

#### **Meaningful Use Incentives and Minnesota Immunization Incentive Connection (MIIC)**

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/registry/hp/mu.pdf>

#### **Minnesota Health Records Act – HF1078**

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/mfsp/hrafactsheet2007.pdf>

### **MINNESOTA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

#### **E-Prescribing in Minnesota**

<http://www.mnmed.org/Portals/mma/PDFs/factsheets/e-prescribing%20fact%20sheet.pdf>

#### **E-Prescribing 101**

<http://www.mnmed.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=AHpaEEXYs%2BU%3D&tabid=1542>

#### **Meaningful Use: FACT Sheet for Physicians**

<http://www.mnmed.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=9HZrvtvxUeo%3D&tabid=1542>

**Implementing e-Health in Minnesota**

<https://www.mnmed.org/Portals/mma/PDFs/factsheets/implementing%20e%20health%20fact%20sheet.pdf>

**Health Information Exchange**

<http://www.mnmed.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=AHpaEEXYs%2BU%3D&tabid=1542>

**MINNESOTA STATUTES**

**62J.495 -- Electronic Health Records Technology**

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=62J.495>

**62J.497 -- Electronic Prescription Drug Program**

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=62J.497>

**62J.498 – Health Information Exchange**

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=62J.498>