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## Colorado launches statewide Health IT Roadmap

**DENVER** — **Wednesday**, **Nov. 8**, **2017** — The state's official Health IT Roadmap, a plan which provides informed, strategic direction for Health IT (HIT) investments across Colorado, took a step forward today as it was formally approved by the Governor's Office, and unanimously approved by the eHealth Commission for implementation.

"Colorado's goal is to become the healthiest state in the nation, and we are leading the way toward expanded access to care, improved outcomes, lower costs, and healthier communities," said Lieutenant Governor Donna Lynne. "I'm confident this Roadmap gives us the direction to build upon Colorado's long and successful history in HIT, and sets the stage for achieving a brighter future."

The Colorado Health IT Roadmap— developed by the Office of eHealth Innovation (OeHI) and steered by the eHealth Commission—includes 16 high-level, actionable initiatives that outline the state's vision for advancing health in Colorado by leveraging health information technology. These initiatives include stakeholder engagement, governance, resources and finance, privacy and security, innovation, and technology. The Roadmap and its initiatives were developed with input from more than 1,000 stakeholders from many Colorado communities, both rural and urban. The complete portfolio of initiatives aims to improve and enhance existing HIT infrastructure and leverage innovation to achieve Colorado's Triple Aim of the best care for the best value to attain the best health for all Coloradans.

Colorado's Health IT Roadmap moves the state a step closer toward creating statewide solutions which promote affordability, privacy, efficiency and innovation; the benefits of which will address the concerns of all Coloradans, in urban and rural communities alike.

"We have a unique opportunity in Colorado... Imagine a future where we are healthy, happy and living our best lives," said Mary Anne Leach, Director of the Governor's Office of e-Health Innovation, which helped lead the effort to create Colorado's Health IT Roadmap. "We are on the cusp of an exciting decade, and Colorado is leading the charge."

To learn more about Colorado's Health IT Roadmap, visit the Office of e-Health Innovation.

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