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2021 Colorado Health Information Technology Roadmap Project Update

Colorado's Health Information Technology Roadmap update charts a path for harnessing and expanding the digital tools and services that support the health and equity of all Coloradans. This Roadmap is being refreshed by the Office of eHealth Innovation and the eHealth Commission, which are responsible for establishing and evolving state strategy in this area. Health information technology (IT) has the potential to significantly expand affordability, access, and equity in health care across the state, and its development, adoption, and coordination must occur in a systematic and intentional way to ensure quality and sustainability.

The updated strategy referred to as the 2021 Roadmap sets a course for aligning efforts across a broad range of stakeholders to achieve three shared goals by 2026:

Coloradans, providers, payers, community partners, and state and local agencies can easily access and share needed data and information to coordinate care, improve health, reduce health disparities, and lower costs.	Coloradans can access telehealth and tele-behavioral health services through adequate, affordable, and reliable high-speed broadband.	Colorado improves health equity through the broad use of modern, secure, and trusted health IT and digital health solutions.

The 2021 Roadmap recommends needed policy, technology, and funding solutions to achieve these three goals and establish a foundation for transforming the state's current patchwork infrastructure into a more cohesive and integrated system that can better serve Coloradans.

Recommendations include:

- Codify the authority of the Office of eHealth Innovation and eHealth Commission in state legislation, and clarify their relationships with state agencies, health information exchanges, and other stakeholders.

- Adopt specific consent forms and processes for all providers, community-based organizations, state and local agencies that enable Coloradans to authorize the exchange of their own behavioral and social health data.

- Implement and incentivize standardized processes and specific data standards for providers to collect and exchange demographic and social data elements as well as physical, oral, and behavioral health data through health information exchanges.

- Ensure equitable financial supports and incentives are available so that all providers delivering health-related services to Coloradans in-person or virtually can connect to a health information exchange.

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Recommendations continued

- Continue or expand policies that promote equitable access and availability of virtual and remote services.

- Establish core data services available to and used by all Colorado providers, community organizations, and state and local agencies to advance shared goals and facilitate equitable access to health and social information. These include unique identifiers for people and providers, community resource inventory, data sharing management, and consent management.

- Create a Colorado Innovation Resource Center to support residents, providers and community partners in accessing trusted information, resources, and support for health IT, telehealth, and other digital health solutions.

- Identify non-governmental funding sources and fees to use core data services and advance new, innovative functionalities and services.

- Create equitable funding opportunities and incentives to increase capacity for residents, providers, and community partners to implement health IT, telehealth, and other digital health solutions.

We Want to Hear From You

- Make sure your voice is heard by filling out a brief online survey, which will be distributed statewide in mid-August.

- Attend an in-person listening session in Trinidad. (*Date TBA*)

- Participate in an online listening session:

  Friday, August 27: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m
  Register at: https://colo.health/roadmap1

  Wednesday, September 1: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
  (Spanish interpretation available)
  Register at: https://colo.health/roadmap2

Next Steps

The 2021 Roadmap refresh will be completed by September 30, 2021.
The 2021 Roadmap will lay out a vision for creating a single connection point where all providers and Coloradans can access, send, and receive health and social information they need to share, including with state agencies. Harmonizing access to multiple, centralized services and data improves the user's experience — whether it be a patient, caregiver, private payer, or state agency employee. This approach positions Colorado for meeting the goals outlined in the federal Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement. And it creates opportunities to link together services that users could access based on their needs, such as analytics to support health improvement activities.

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