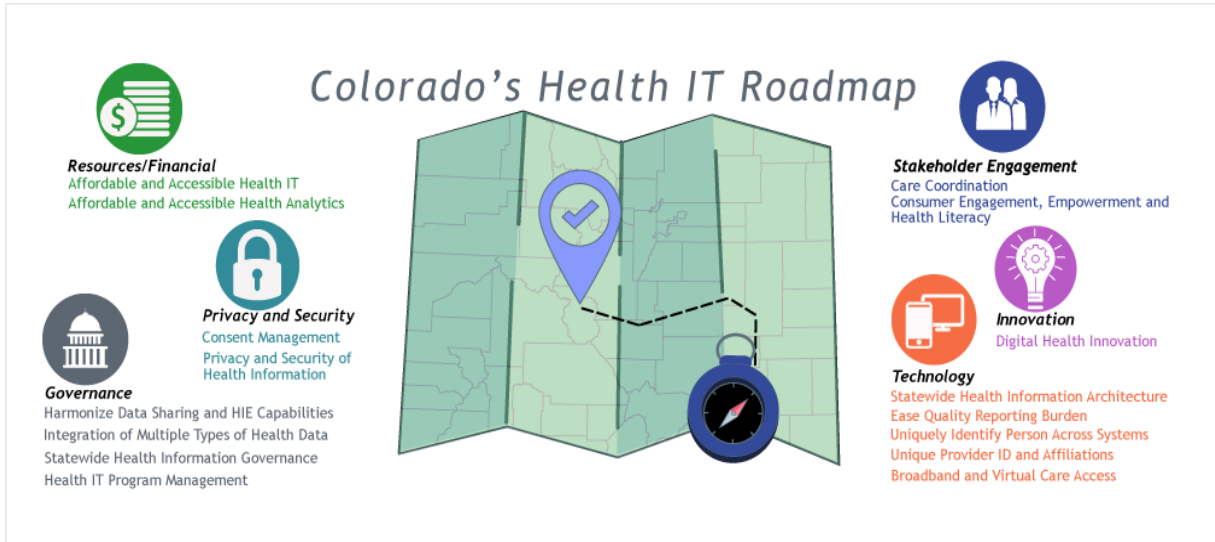# SECTION 4 — THE PATH FORWARD

The 16 initiatives recommended in this *Roadmap* provide guidance and direction for Colorado's health IT efforts in the future. When implemented, the results of the initiatives will provide an expanded, more robust foundation supporting Colorado achieving its health reform goals.

The *Roadmap's* 16 initiatives are grouped into the following six domains:

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Governance
- Resources/Financial
- Privacy & Security
- Innovation
- Technology

Colorado's Health IT Roadmap Initiative Domains

COLORADO'S HEALTH IT INITIATIVES – SUMMARY

The following is a high-level summary of the 16 initiatives.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

01 - Support Care Coordination in Communities Statewide

Develop, support, and enhance technical approaches that can be used to easily share care coordination information – within and across – communities. The initiative recognizes that approaches to care coordination may be unique to individual communities.

02 - Promote and Enable Consumer Engagement, Empowerment, and Health Literacy

Develop and implement tools to educate, engage, and empower consumers in their health and well-being.

GOVERNANCE

03 - Harmonize and Advance Data Sharing and Health Information Exchange Capabilities Across Colorado

Develop and implement approaches to harmonize data sharing capabilities, increase the rate of health information sharing, and advance health information exchange across Colorado.

04 - Integrate Behavioral, Physical, Claims, Social, and Other Health Data

Develop and implement holistic approaches to harmonize, prioritize, and enable the integration and aggregation of relevant health information on an individual in a meaningful way.

05 - Statewide Health Information Governance

Put in place a governance structure to support statewide health information sharing and use. This governance structure includes statewide health data governance.

06 - Health IT Portfolio/Program Management

Put in place a State-level Health IT Portfolio/Program Management function.

RESOURCES / FINANCIAL

07 - Accessible and Affordable Health IT and Information Sharing

Develop and implement approaches that address the resources, policies, processes, programs, and technology involved in making health IT and information sharing capabilities accessible and affordable.

08 - Accessible and Affordable Health Analytics

Develop and implement approaches for making health analytics accessible and affordable.

PRIVACY & SECURITY

09 - **Best Practices for Health Information Cybersecurity Threats and Incidents**

Promote the identification, and statewide sharing, of cybersecurity best practices.

10 - **Consent Management**

Develop and implement a statewide approach to consent management that aligns and harmonizes the consents required for health information sharing in Colorado.

INNOVATION

11 - **Digital Health Innovation**

Facilitate programs, processes, and partnerships that foster health-related innovation in Colorado.

TECHNOLOGY

12 - **Statewide Health Information Technical Architecture**

Investigate, develop, and implement approaches to optimize Colorado's health information technical architecture.

13 - **Ease Quality Reporting Burden**

Provide technology support to ease the capture, aggregation, and reporting of agreed upon, quality reporting measures.

14 - **Uniquely Identify a Person Across Systems**

Develop and implement a comprehensive approach – that includes both health and social services information – that will be used across Colorado to uniquely identify a person across multiple systems and points of care.

15 - **Unique Provider Identification and Organizational Affiliations**

Develop and implement an electronic approach that will be used across Colorado for uniquely identifying a health care provider and their organizational affiliations – and ultimately their patient relationships.

16 - **Broadband and Virtual Care Access**

Develop and support approaches that lead to ubiquitous, redundant, reliable, and affordable broadband access for health organizations and consumers.