

Wisconsin's eHealth Initiative

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Governor Doyle's Executive Order

- ◆ The purpose is to improve the quality and safety of health care in Wisconsin
- ◆ It creates a permanent eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board
- ◆ This Board will develop a plan for statewide use of electronic health records and exchange of information from these systems
- ◆ This initiative is a key component of the Governor's Affordability Agenda – working to improve access and quality in our health care system and to address the economic impact of the current health care system



A Public – Private Enterprise

- ◆ The eHealth Board has 14 private sector and 6 public sector members
- ◆ Its chair is the Health Secretary in the Governor's Cabinet
- ◆ The current role for government is to convene stakeholders, develop consensus on principles and standards, staff planning efforts, and represent the interests of public health and public sector purchasers
- ◆ A wide range of private sector stakeholders will work on development of the Action Plan



Five Year Action Plan

- ◆ The eHealth Board is creating five work groups to develop components of the plan:
 - Patient Care
 - Information Exchange
 - Consumer Interests
 - Governance
 - Finance
- ◆ The Action Plan will be submitted to the Governor in December 2006 with recommendations to:
 - achieve statewide use of electronic health records and decision support systems at the point of patient care; and
 - provide a means for timely and appropriate exchange of data across medical settings



How organizations can assist this effort

- ◆ Please join us at tomorrow's kick-off to the eHealth Action Plan development - in person at the Fluno Center or by web cast at this address:
<http://ehealthboard.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/webcast>
- ◆ Communicate your interests to the work groups
- ◆ Monitor developments and react to proposals via the eHealth board web site:
<http://ehealthboard.dhfs.wisconsin.gov>


