

## **Ohio Health Information Technology Agenda**

The Ohio Health Information Technology Agenda has been crafted to outline the proposed technology investments required to lower healthcare costs and improve health outcomes. The role of technology is to enable broader business or policy objectives. As these objectives evolve and get prioritized the details of the agenda may change.

The core of the health IT agenda is the creation of the Ohio Health Information Exchange Center, Center. The Center is a compilation of services and data that collectively bring together the necessary information to create a holistic view of an individual patient. The data can be used by the patient and authorized providers to improve the overall delivery of healthcare and lower costs by eliminating redundant tests and reducing medical errors.

The Center is composed of four main components:

- A public private partnership
- An electronic medical record service,
- Ohio' eMedical Home, and
- Integration and education services.

Following is a brief overview of each component.

### Public Private Partnership

A public private partnership possibly in the form of a non-profit would allow us to leverage skills and resources from a variety of entities to collectively develop solution sets to lower costs and improve health outcomes. The partnership would provide the services related to the remaining 3 components of the agenda.

### Electronic Medical Record Service

Providing an EMR service would reduce the costs and resources required for providers to adopt EMRs. This application would be provided via an application service provider model that would reduce participant's investment in technology. The primary users would be: small to mid-sized providers and some state agencies.

### Ohio's eMedical Home

The eMedical Home collects the necessary data to provide multiple healthcare providers an overview of a given patient's health status. In essences, the eMedical Home acts as a state-wide exchange hub. Through the implementation of a personal health record tool, individuals would be able to track and share their health status and data. Additionally, policy makers and researchers would be able to access this data (de-identified if necessary) for their specific needs.

### Integration and Education Services

To achieve the intended results EMRs need to be skillfully integrated into the day-to-day processes of providers. The partnership will provide (directly or via contracts) integration and education services to ensure EMRs are being used effectively and efficiently.