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State and Regional Demonstrations of Health IT

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State and Regional Demonstrations (SRD)

- Five-year state-based contracts
 - Help states develop secure statewide networks to use health IT to communicate and share information
 - Ensure privacy of health information
 - Make an individuals' health information more available to health care providers



Current SRD Projects

- FY04 - Five state or state-based contracts totaling \$25 million over five years
 - Colorado
 - Indiana
 - Rhode Island
 - Tennessee
 - Utah

- Fall 2005 - AHRQ gave the Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN) \$4.7 million over the next four years to build a statewide health information system.



AHRQ SRD Projects Goals

- Enable information and communication technologies to allow clinicians access to patient information at the point of care.
- Develop a health information exchange that connects the systems of various local health care providers for better care coordination.
- Plan, develop, implement, and evaluate a patient indexing system that allows public and private health care providers to share patient data.



AHRQ SRD Projects Goals (cont.)

- Build and evaluate a state-based regional data sharing and interoperability service that links health care organizations across counties.
- Expand and refine an existing statewide network that conveys patient information electronically.



Intersection with Medicaid

- Basic requirement:
 - Engage major purchasers and payers.
 - Analyze benefits to both Medicaid and HIE efforts.
 - Determine challenges and barriers.



AHRQ Efforts to Date

- Analysis by current SRD projects
 - Early deliverable
 - Consensus driven analysis
 - Key under-pinning for sustainability
- Expert panel - May 2006
 - UMASS Center for Health Policy and Research
 - Wide representation by public and private stakeholders
 - Enthusiastic engagement
- Eight-State Study
 - Performed by Avalere Health
 - Completed early 2006
 - Important benchmark analysis



Establishing a Foundation for Medicaid's Role in HIT - Key Findings

- Medicaid is likely to realize significant operational and clinical efficiency via use of HIT and HIE.
- State agencies have the potential to leverage existing mechanisms to realize HIT and HIE adoption.
- State executive-level leadership is needed to drive attention to and prioritize HIT and HIE investments and participation by Medicaid agencies.



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