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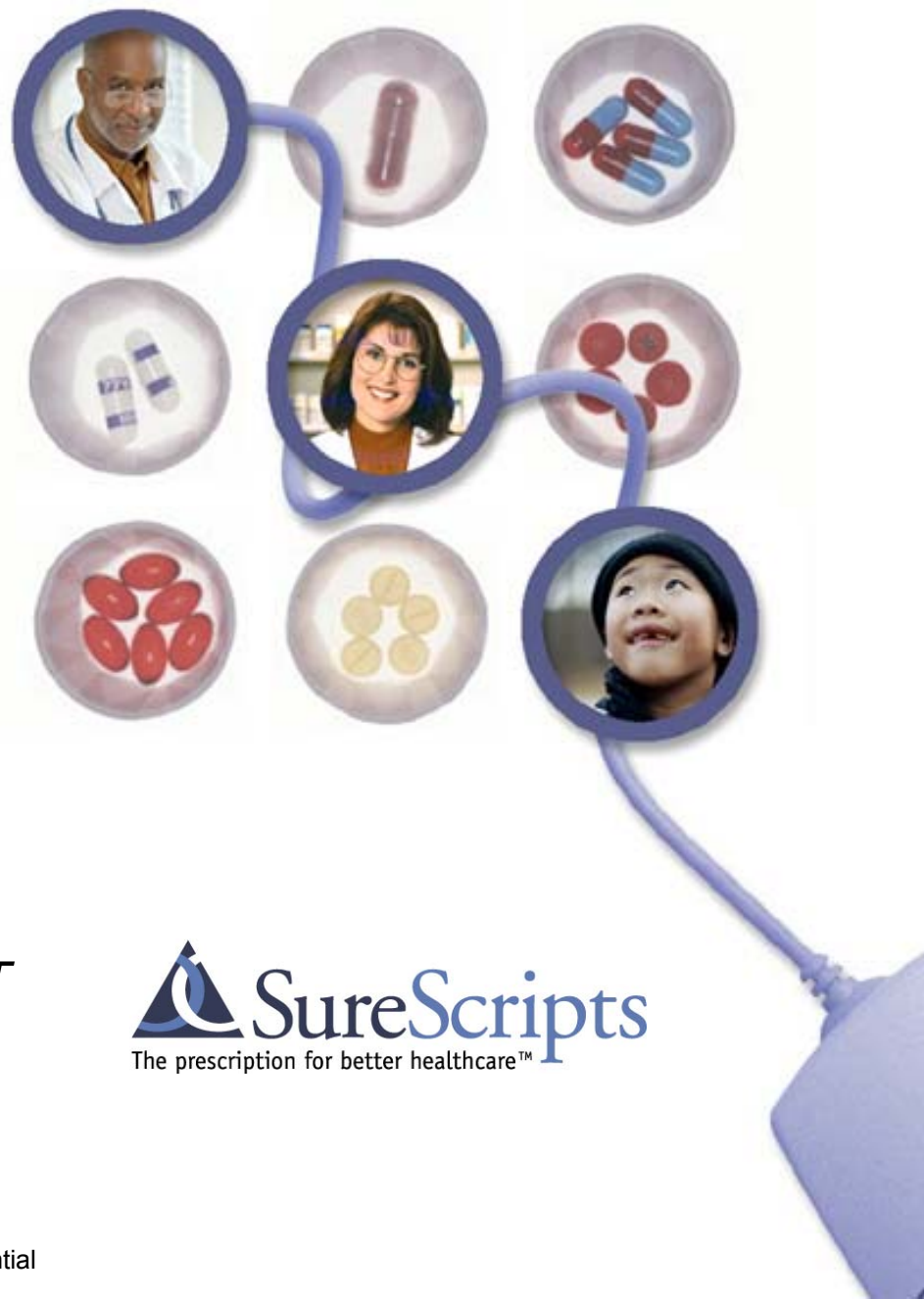
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Government Efforts to Support the  
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Technology:  
The Role of the American Health  
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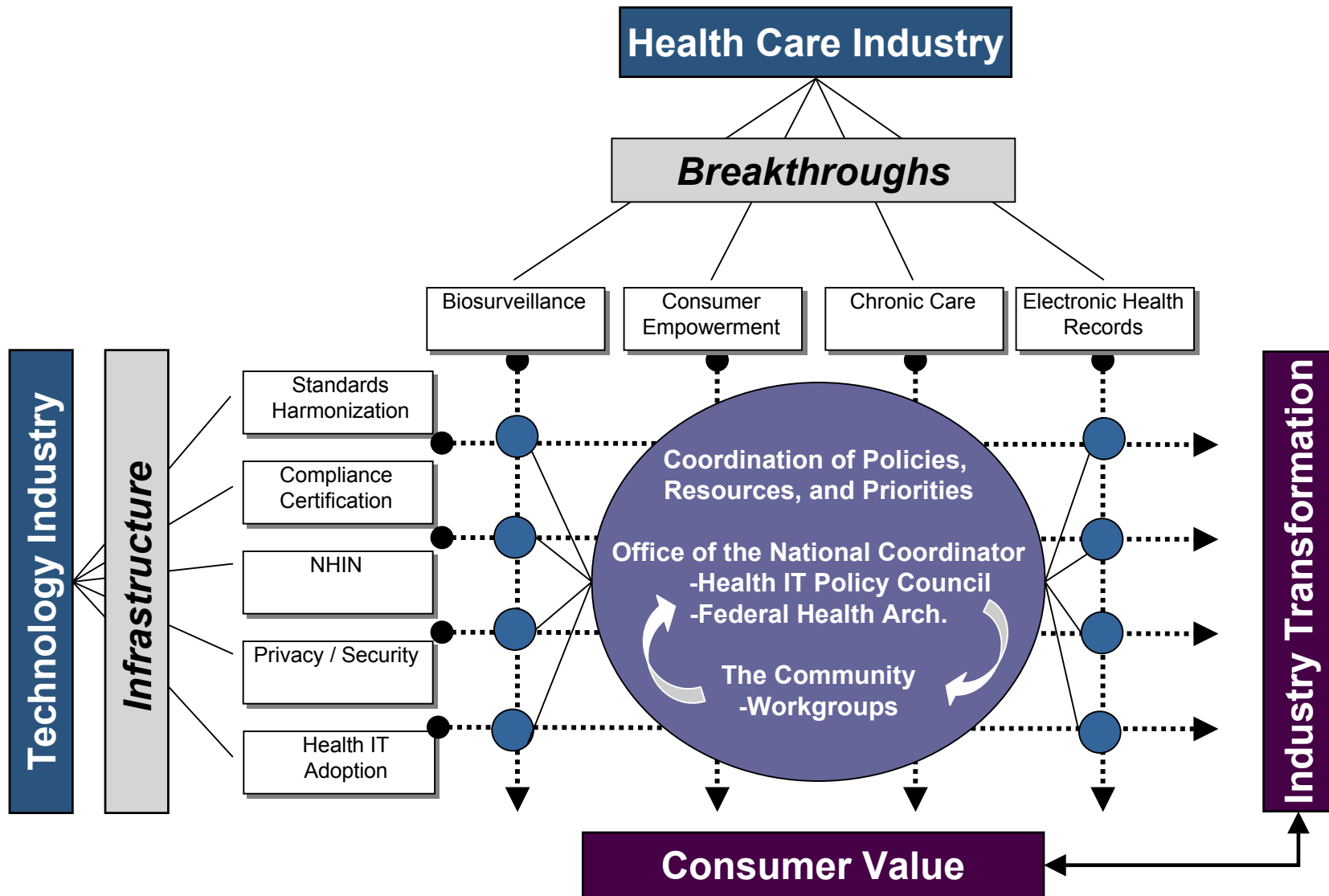
"The President has set a national goal to move health care from the paper age to the information age, and the American Health Information Community will help guide this transformation. My aspiration is for the Community to provide stakeholders with a meaningful voice in a federal process that will ultimately shape health care for generations."

-- HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt

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- ◆ Initial recommendations:
  - Prioritized health IT initiatives that will bring significant value to the consumer in 1-3 years
  - Identify breakthrough opportunities including:
    - Biosurveillance
    - Consumer empowerment
    - Electronic health records
    - Chronic care monitoring
- ◆ 4 work groups for each breakthrough involving 70 experts and stakeholders
  - Work Groups have made recommendations on the major policy, technical and social barriers to the breakthroughs

# Health Information Technology Deployment Coordination



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## Most common myths...

- The Community has all the answers.
- The Community does not need my involvement.
- Wait until the Community is finished its work before moving the industry forward.
- Lots of money will be coming from the Community to drive adoption of health information technology.