



NCVHS' Review Committee: *Advancing Administrative Simplification*

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Health Information Exchange in PA

- Pennsylvania's eHealth Technology Act of 2012

- Interoperability standards
- Statewide consent registry
- Certification requirements for connected entities
- Establish/collect fees
- Advisory groups and election of ex-officio board members
- Grant programs

- More information and resources at:

www.paehealth.org

- *Vision:* Electronic health information exchange enables initiatives striving to improve patient experience, population health and healthcare cost.
 - **Clinical Document Exchange**
 - **Provider Reporting to State Government**



Number of HIOs: 1 2 3 4



- One of the oldest statutory public federal advisory bodies to the HHS Secretary
- Focuses on health data and statistics, standards, and health information policy
- Provides advice and assistance to various HHS groups and agencies (HHS Data Council, CMS, CDC, HRSA, AHRQ, others)
- Serves as a forum for interaction with private and public sector groups on a variety of health data and information issues



NCVHS Milestones

1949	Established as federal advisory committee
1974	Public Health Services Act gave NCVHS official status as statutory public advisory committee to the Secretary of HEW (now HHS)
1996	HIPAA charged NCVHS with advising Secretary on health data standards and privacy policy
2003	Medicare Modernization Act charged NCVHS with recommending standards for electronic prescribing
2010	Affordable Care Act charged NCVHS with advising the Secretary on Operating Rules for HIPAA Administrative Simplification
2014	NCVHS designated as the Review Committee (under ACA provisions), to review status of adoption/implementation of standards/operating rules, and advise on changes needed



- 18 members appointed for four year terms
- Organized around four core domain areas:
 - Standards (including HIPAA administrative transactions, code sets, identifiers)
 - Population Health
 - Privacy, Confidentiality and Security
 - Data Access and Use
- Holds quarterly meetings, convenes public hearings, listening session, workshops, roundtables
- Develops and delivers practical, timely, thorough recommendations to the Secretary
- Provides periodic reports to Congress
- Releases reports and resources to the industry



NCVHS Domains

Areas	Focus
Standards (includes Review Committee)	Standards, code sets, identifiers, operating rules for HIPAA transactions, as required under HIPAA, MMA, and ACA
Data Access and Use	Principles, best practices, guidelines, gaps on the availability, accessibility, use, utility, usability, and usefulness of HHS data resources
Population Health	Population-based data and data about specific vulnerable groups
Privacy, Confidentiality and Security	Emerging issues related to health information privacy, confidentiality and security and data stewardship



- Section 1104(i) of the Affordable Care Act stipulates that the Secretary establish a Review Committee to:
 - 1) Conduct hearings not less than biennially to evaluate and review the adopted standards and operating rules.
 - 2) Provide recommendations not less than biennially for updating and improving such standards and operating rules.
 - 3) Recommend a single set of operating rules per transaction standard and maintain the goal of creating as much uniformity as possible in the implementation of the electronic standards.
 - 4) Ensure coordination, as appropriate in developing recommendations, with the standards that support the certified electronic health record technology approved by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.



- Preparation for hearing and soliciting testifiers
- Testifiers' respond to predefined questions
 - Current status of HIPAA transactions and their standards & operating rules
 - Degree standards, code sets, identifiers & operating rules meet business needs
 - Implementation discrepancies, ineffectiveness or inefficiencies
 - Inability or limitation of standards & operating rules to meet new or emerging technology or business needs
 - Whether changes in current standards and operating rules are needed
- Findings, Themes, Observations & Recommendations
 - Letter to Secretary of DHHS (*Submitted March, 2016*)
 - Report to HHS, SDOs, ORAE & Health Care Industry (*In Development*)



- First hearing held: June 16 & 17, 2015
 - 77 oral testimonies
 - 77+ written testimonies
- Transaction scope:
 - Health Plan Enrollment, Disenrollment & Premium Payment
 - Prior Authorization
 - Health Plan Eligibility, Benefit Inquiry & Response
 - Health Care Claim or Equivalent Encounter
 - Health Care Claim Status
 - Electronic Funds Transfer and Electronic Remittance Advice
 - Coordination of Benefits



- Rec. #1: Expanding the definition of covered entities under HIPAA
- Rec. #2: Broadening HIPAA-related education activities
- Rec. #3: Ensuring consistency in the interpretation and implementation of administrative transactions, code sets, identifiers and operating rules requirements
- Rec. #4: Enforcing compliance



- Rec. #5: Adopting standards for the Acknowledgment transaction
- Rec. #6: Defining a roadmap to provide predictability in adoption of standards, code sets, identifiers and operating rules
- Rec. #7: Increasing utilization of the Enrollment / Disenrollment & Premium Payment standards
- Rec. #8: Evaluating the use of the prior authorization transaction



- Post Letter to Secretary on NCVHS website
- Report to HHS, SDOs, ORAE & Health Care Industry
- Ongoing collaboration on identified opportunities
- Planning for next Review Committee hearing



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Upcoming Meetings

11/18/15 Full Committee Meeting

09/16/15 Full Committee Meeting

06/16/15 Review Committee

Connect



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Meeting Webcast Archive



E-Updates



SharePoint Committee Members and Staff Only

Community and Population Health

Data Stewardship

Standards

Quality

Health Data Access and Use

The National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) is the statutory public advisory body to the Secretary of Health and Human Services on health information policy. Established in 1949, NCVHS provides advice and assistance on key health data issues related to community and population health, standards, privacy and confidentiality, quality, and data access and use. It reports regularly to Congress on HIPAA implementation, and serves as a forum for interaction between HHS and interested private sector groups. Members have distinction in such fields as public health, education, informatics, law, economics, and medicine.

NCVHS Products

Recent Recommendations, Reports and Presentations



Recommendations on supporting community data engagement by increasing alignment...

06/25/2014



Coordination of Benefits, HPID, & ICD-10 Delay...

09/23/2014



Health Care Claim Attachments...

09/23/2014



UDI in Administrative Transactions...

09/23/2014

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Featured Items



Supporting Community Data Engagement - An NCVHS Roundtable...

10/23/2014



Joint Roundtable on Health Data Needs for Community Driven Change Summary Report...

06/02/2015



A Stewardship Framework for the Use of Community Health Data...

12/04/2012



The Community as a Learning System for Health: Using Local Data to Improve Local...

12/15/2011

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- www.ncvhs.hhs.gov
- All meeting announcements, letters to the Secretary, reports, tools, and other resources available from this site
- Electronic/remote access to meetings and meeting materials

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Executive Director Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Authority

Alexandra (Alix) Goss was named the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Authority in January 2014 after serving as the PA Health Information Technology Coordinator for one year and the program director of the Authority since 2011. In her roles, she has guided Pennsylvania's efforts to improve quality and safety of healthcare by working with stakeholders to create and build a statewide network for electronic health information exchange (eHIE).

Alix has worked on the state's eHIE exchange strategy since 2008, with a focus on technical architecture and privacy and security framework. For more than 25 years, she has held leadership roles in developing national healthcare standards, implementing federal regulations, systems integration and operations management in the private and public sectors of healthcare. She is currently serving a four-year term as a member of the Department of Health and Human Services' National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), and is co-chair of its Review Committee and its Standards Subcommittee.

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Additional Background Material



Shaping a Health Statistics Vision for the 21st Century (2002)

Place and Time

Natural environment

Air quality
Water quality
Climate and weather
Topography and soil
Environmental contaminants
Animals and plants

Cultural context

Norms and values
Religion
Racism and sexism
Discrimination
Competition/cooperation

Political context

Public policies and Laws
Social
Economic
Health
Environment
Political culture
Differential political enfranchisement or participation

Context

Health services

Structure
Numbers of personnel
Types of personnel
Organization
Facilities
Types of services
Accessibility
Processess
Professional behaviors
Utilization
Treatment modalities
Cost and financing
Access and Use
Quality

Built environment

Housing
Workplace
School
Transportation
Communication
Access

Economic resources

Employment
Control over work
Income
Income inequality
Economic change
Education
Child care
Early childhood experience and education

Community attributes

Biological characteristics

Community age distribuion
Community gender distribuion
Genetic make-up

Social attributes

Cohesion
Influence
Networks
Support
Social change

The population's health

	Level	Distribution
Disease		
Functional status		
Well-being		

Population-based health programs

Water Supply
Waste Disposal
Air Pollution Control
Public Health Programs
Children
Adults

Collective lifestyles and health practices

Diet
Wellness behavior
Physical activity
Sexual practices
Smoking
Substance abuse
Violent behavior
Access to health information



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- Visioning Documents
 - 21st Century Vision for Health Statistics report (2000)
 - Emphasized role of all factors influencing health
 - National Health Information Infrastructure (2002)
 - Led to the creation of Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
 - Towards Enhanced Information Capabilities for Health (2010)
 - Concept paper highlighting availability, accessibility, standardization and privacy and security of health information
 - Population Health
 - Community as a Learning Health System Framework (2011)
 - Supporting Community Data Engagement – NCVHS Roundtable (2014)
 - Electronic Standards for Public Health Information (2014)



- Administrative Simplification
 - Fifteen years of oversight/advice on adoption/implementation of standards, code sets, identifiers, operating rules to fulfill HIPAA and ACA administrative simplification provisions
 - HIPAA Reports to Congress (2011 - 2014)
- Privacy and Security
 - Privacy and Security of Personal Health Records (2009)
 - National Stewardship Framework for Health Information Privacy (2009)
 - Stewardship Framework for the Use of Community Health Data (2012)
 - Toolkit for Communities Using Health Data: How to collect, use, protect, and share data responsibly (2015)
- Data Access and Use
 - Steps to improve the Usability, Use and Usefulness of HHS Data Resources (2014)