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GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2007 – 30S

Creating a Health Information Partnership Advisory Board

1. **Goal of High Quality, Safe, and Affordable Health Care for All.** Ohioans should have access to affordable, safe, and high-quality health care to assist them in managing chronic and acute health issues and to provide them with preventative health care services. The provision of this assistance, however, is lacking, in part, because Ohioans lack access to their own medical information and health care professionals lack information about those they seek to serve.
2. **The Importance of Controlling Health Care Costs.** Controlling health care costs is an important step not only in managing the State's expenditures, while maintaining needed government-sponsored health programs, but also in enhancing the economic environment for Ohio's employers and their ability to provide health care coverage for employees and their families. In order to implement these cost controls, the State must develop its health care information technology in order to facilitate the exchange of health information between providers and participants.
3. **The Value of Creating a Statewide Health Information Technology Infrastructure.** Creating and implementing a statewide health information technology infrastructure will improve the quality and safety of health care and will help reduce the growth in its cost in Ohio by:
 - a. Ensuring health information is available at the point of care while protecting the confidentiality and privacy of the information;
 - b. Improving coordination of care among all health professionals, including providers, facilities, and institutions;

- c. Improving timely access to specialists for rural and underserved areas through technologies such as telemedicine;
 - d. Facilitating more efficient and cost-effective delivery and financing of health services by:
 - i. reducing medical errors;
 - ii. avoiding duplicative medical testing procedures;
 - iii. providing consumers with their own health information and educational opportunities to encourage greater participation in their health care decisions; and
 - iv. reducing the need for acute medical interventions by promoting preventive medical approaches.
 - e. Increasing the ability to protect the health of Ohio's citizens through timely reporting of communicable diseases, outbreaks, and other risks to the public's health;
 - f. Furthering health care research.
4. **Establishment of the Ohio Health Information Partnership Advisory Board.** Creation of an effective, statewide health information technology infrastructure requires broad-based participation from consumers, providers, employers, government, and health plans. Accordingly, I hereby order the establishment of the Ohio Health Information Partnership Advisory Board (the "Health Information Advisory Board").
5. **Mission of the Health Advisory Board.** The mission of the Health Information Advisory Board is to bring together broad-based private and public sector representatives to formulate policies and programs that address health information technology issues in Ohio and to coordinate this work with that of the Ohio Broadband Council.

6. **Role of the Health Advisory Board.** The Health Information Advisory Board will:

a. Develop an operational plan on how to implement the recommendations in the Ohio Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration (HISPC) Implementation Plan and Ohio Health Information Technology (HIT) Strategic Roadmap for consideration by the Governor's Office and the Ohio General Assembly. The operational plan will:

i. include, but not be limited to, a business proposal for creating a state-level, public/private organization to coordinate ongoing efforts to implement a strategy for the adoption and use of electronic health records and exchange of health information.

ii. guide legislative and regulatory actions; encourage coordinated efforts in the private sector; further public and private partnerships for the development of a statewide health information infrastructure; and maximize federal financial participation to support adoption of health information technology and exchange in Ohio.

b. Identify obstacles to the implementation of an effective health information infrastructure in the State and provide policy recommendations to remove or minimize those obstacles.

c. Advise the Governor and Ohio General Assembly on issues related to the development and implementation of the health information infrastructure.

d. Advise the Governor and Ohio General Assembly on issues related to the privacy and security of health information.

e. Oversee the ongoing work of Ohio's HISPC project.

7. **Advisory Board Composition.** The Health Information Advisory Board will be comprised of the following:

a. The State Chief Information Officer, or his designee, shall serve as Chair of the Health Information Advisory Board, in addition to continuing to carry out his current responsibilities. I will appoint a Co-Chair to assist the Chair in fulfilling his responsibilities.

b. Two members of the Ohio Senate, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

- c. Two members of the Ohio House of Representatives, one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the House;
 - d. I will also select individuals currently serving on the HISPC Steering Committee to serve on the Health Information Advisory Board so as to maintain the Board's broad-based diversity.
 - e. In addition, I will appoint any other public or private sector representatives whose participation may be necessary or useful to accomplish the mission of the Board.
 - f. The State Chief Information Officer, or his designee, will serve as the liaison between the Governor and the Health Information Advisory Board.
 - g. The Health Information Advisory Board shall meet at least every two months. The Chairs of the Board may call additional meetings as needed. The Office of Information and Technology shall provide support staff for the Health Advisory Board.
 - h. The Health Advisory Board shall, by a majority vote, establish additional governance rules and working groups, as needed and appropriate, to maintain an open and inclusive process in order to obtain citizen, community, and stakeholder input;
 - i. Members of the Health Advisory Board will not receive compensation for their services.
8. I signed this Executive Order on September 17, 2007 in Columbus, Ohio and it will expire on December 31, 2008 unless extended. At this time, the Health Information Advisory Board will cease to exist.



ATTEST:

Ted Strickland

Ted Strickland, Governor

Jennifer Brunner, Secretary of State