

**62J.495 HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Subdivision 1. **Implementation.** By January 1, 2015, all hospitals and health care providers must have in place an interoperable electronic health records system within their hospital system or clinical practice setting. The commissioner of health, in consultation with the Health Information Technology and Infrastructure Advisory Committee, shall develop a statewide plan to meet this goal, including uniform standards to be used for the interoperable system for sharing and synchronizing patient data across systems. The standards must be compatible with federal efforts. The uniform standards must be developed by January 1, 2009, with a status report on the development of these standards submitted to the legislature by January 15, 2008.

Subd. 2. **Health Information Technology and Infrastructure Advisory Committee.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a Health Information Technology and Infrastructure Advisory Committee governed by section 15.059 to advise the commissioner on the following matters:

(1) assessment of the use of health information technology by the state, licensed health care providers and facilities, and local public health agencies;

(2) recommendations for implementing a statewide interoperable health information infrastructure, to include estimates of necessary resources, and for determining standards for administrative data exchange, clinical support programs, patient privacy requirements, and maintenance of the security and confidentiality of individual patient data;

(3) recommendations for encouraging use of innovative health care applications using information technology and systems to improve patient care and reduce the cost of care, including applications relating to disease management and personal health management that enable remote monitoring of patients' conditions, especially those with chronic conditions; and

(4) other related issues as requested by the commissioner.

(b) The members of the Health Information Technology and Infrastructure Advisory Committee shall include the commissioners, or commissioners' designees, of health, human services, administration, and commerce and additional members to be appointed by the commissioner to include persons representing Minnesota's local public health agencies, licensed hospitals and other licensed facilities and providers, private purchasers, the medical and nursing professions, health insurers and health plans, the state quality improvement organization, academic and research institutions, consumer advisory organizations with an interest and expertise in health information technology, and other stakeholders as identified by the Health Information Technology and Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

(c) The commissioner shall prepare and issue an annual report not later than January 30 of each year outlining progress to date in implementing a statewide health information infrastructure and recommending future projects.

(d) Notwithstanding section 15.059, this subdivision expires June 30, 2015.

**Subd. 3. Interoperable electronic health record requirements.** (a) To meet the requirements of subdivision 1, hospitals and health care providers must meet the following criteria when implementing an interoperable electronic health records system within their hospital system or clinical practice setting.

(b) The electronic health record must be certified by the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology, or its successor. This criterion only applies to hospitals and health care providers whose practice setting is a practice setting covered by the Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology certifications. This criterion shall be considered met if a hospital or health care provider is using an electronic health records system that has been certified within the last three years, even if a more current version of the system has been certified within the three-year period.

(c) A health care provider who is a prescriber or dispenser of controlled substances must have an electronic health record system that meets the requirements of section 62J.497.

**History:** *1Sp2005 c 4 art 6 s 1; 2007 c 147 art 15 s 2; 2008 c 358 art 4 s 2*