

Department of Health & Human Services
Office of the National Coordinator for
Health Information Technology

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Town Hall Meeting

HIMSS 2009

April 6, 2009



2008 – A Banner Year

**HEALTH IT STRATEGIC PLAN
RELEASED**

**NATIONWIDE NETWORK "DIAL-TONE"
DEMONSTRATED FOR HEALTH
DATA MOBILITY**

**79 HEALTH IT STANDARDS NOW
RECOGNIZED BY SECRETARY LEAVITT**

**AMBULATORY EHR ADOPTION
UP ANOTHER 50% IN ONE YEAR**

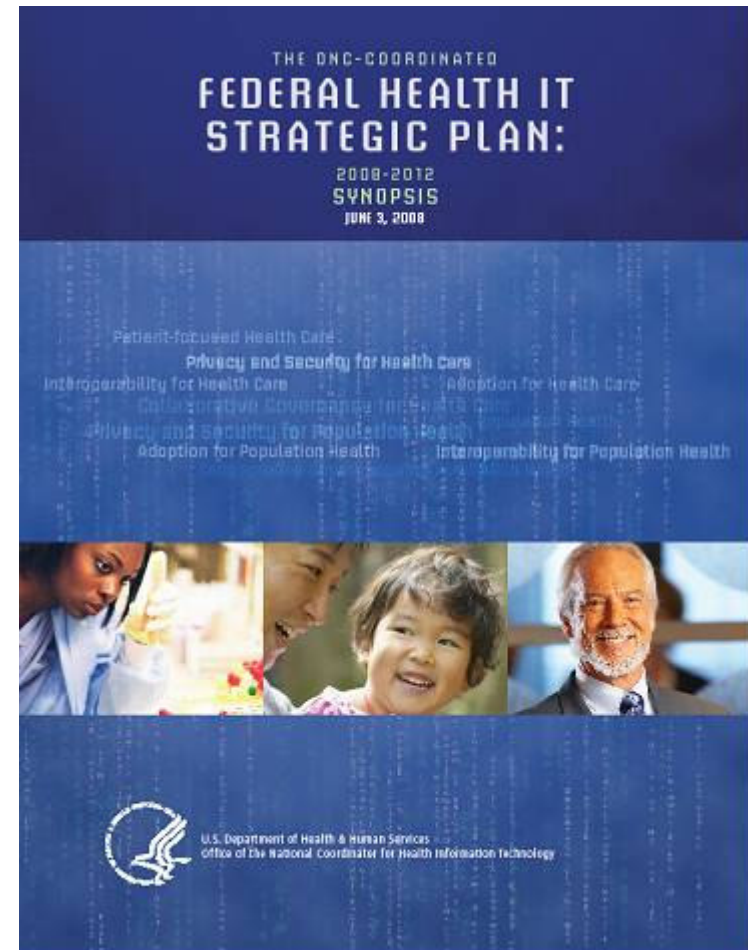
**PRIVACY AND SECURITY FRAMEWORK
LEADS TO COMMON GROUND**

**STATES COLLABORATE TO IMPLEMENT
SIMILAR POLICY SOLUTIONS**

AHIC 2.0 LAUNCHED!!!

The ONC-Coordinated Federal Health IT Strategic Plan: 2008 - 2012

- Released June 2008
- Lays out the health IT agenda: the Collaboration
- 5-year plan: 2008 - 2012
- Two goals, eight objectives, 43 strategies
 - Measure for each objective
 - Milestone for each strategy
- Details current activities of Federal agencies
- Explicitly referenced in the HITECH Act
- Will be updated to include specific objectives, milestones, and metrics



Health IT – Role in Health and Care Transformation

Individual and Population Health & Well-being

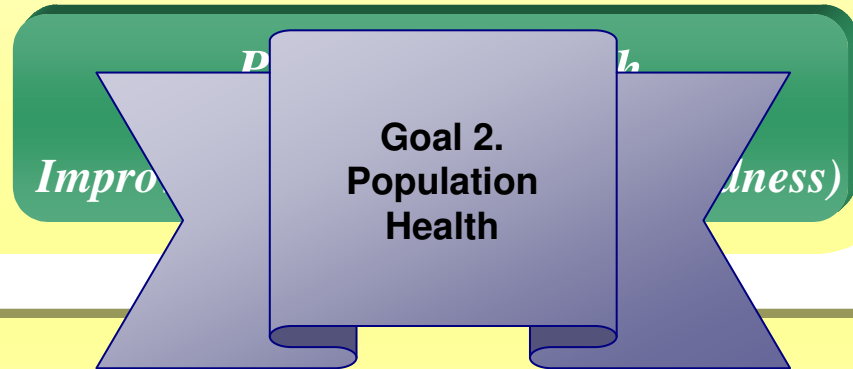
*Health Care Transformation
(Higher Quality, More Efficient,
Patient-Focused)*

*Population Health
(Public Health, R&D, Quality
Improvement, Emergency Preparedness)*

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President Obama's First Weekly Address

Saturday, January 24th, 2009



*“To lower health care cost, cut medical errors, and improve care, **we’ll computerize the nation’s health records in five years, saving billions of dollars in health care costs and countless lives.**”*

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

TITLE XIII—HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

SEC. 13001. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS OF TITLE.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This title (and title IV of division B) may be cited as the “Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act” or the “HITECH Act”.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for “Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology”, \$2,000,000,000, to carry out title XIII of this Act, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Estimated **\$17,200,000,000**
over 10 years

**TITLE IV—MEDICARE AND MEDICAID
HEALTH INFORMATION TECH-
NOLOGY; MISCELLANEOUS MEDICARE
PROVISIONS**

Statutory Actions in HITECH

- **Established**

- The position of the National Coordinator and the Office in statute
- Two committees: Health IT Policy and Health IT Standards Committees
- The position of a Privacy Officer in ONC

- **Mandated**

- Process for testing and adoption of standards
- Timetable for initial standards adoption
- Coordination of Federal Activities with Adopted Standards and Implementation Specifications



Focused Grant Programs in HITECH

- Enterprise Integration Centers (NIST)
- Implementation Assistance (Regional Centers)
- Promotion of electronic exchange and use of health information among organizations
- Loans to providers through states and Indian tribes
- Education of health professionals
- Education of health IT workforce



Other Health IT Expenditures - Infrastructure

The Secretary shall invest funds through ONC, HRSA, AHRQ, CMS, CDC, and IHS for:

- Health IT architecture
- Development and adoption of certified EHRs for categories of health care providers not eligible for support under title XVIII or XIX of the Social Security Act for the adoption of such records
- Training on and dissemination of information on best practices to integrate health information technology
- Infrastructure and tools for the promotion of telemedicine
- Promotion of the interoperability of clinical data repositories or registries
- Promotion of technologies and best practices that enhance the protection of health information by all holders of individually identifiable health information
- Improvement and expansion of the use of health IT by public health departments

Dr. David Blumenthal – Incoming National Coordinator for Health IT



“It is one thing to get a computerized workstation onto a doctor’s desk, but it is quite another to ensure that the computing capability and software make the providers smarter, more efficient, higher-quality clinicians.”

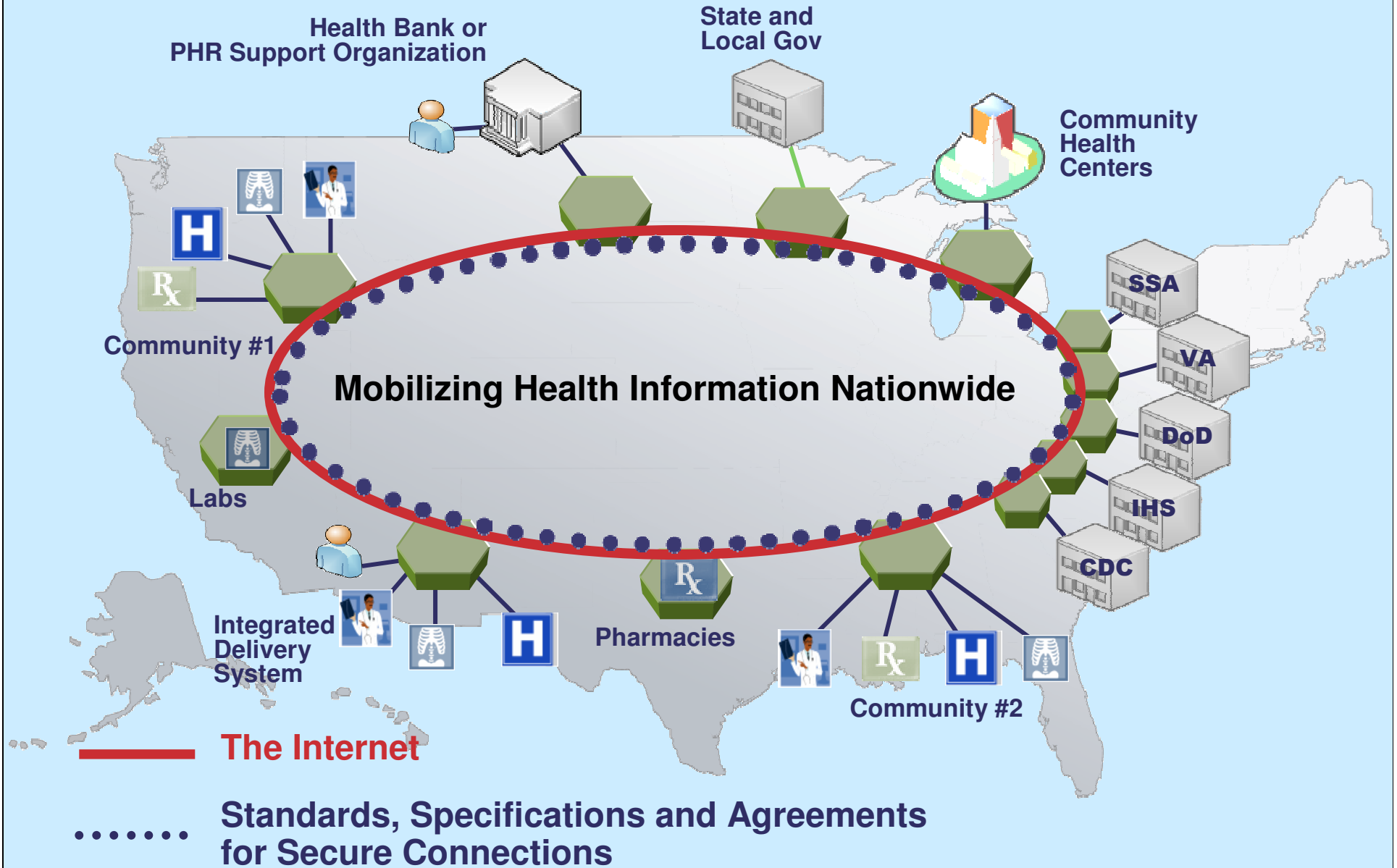
D. Blumenthal, “The Federal Role in Promoting Health Information Technology,” 26 January 2009, http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/publications_show.htm?doc_id=792771

Health IT Privacy and Security Policy Activities

What's Next – HITECH Dates for 2009

- **April 18, 2009 (60 days)**
 - HHS guidance for rendering Protected Health Information (PHI) unreadable, unusable, or indecipherable for purposes of breach notification
- **May 18, 2009 (90 days)**
 - FY 2009 Operating Plan to Congress
 - Standards Committee develops schedule for assessing HIT Policy Committee recommendations
 - Notice of program description and funds for HIT Regional Extension Centers
- **August 2009**
 - HHS issues Interim Final Regulation implementing new breach notification requirements
- **November 2009**
 - FY 2010 Operating Plan to Congress – November 2009
- **December 2009**
 - Issue Interim Final Rule for “Initial set” of standards by December 2009
- **In 2009**
 - Definition of “meaningful use” of EHRs
 - Update Strategic Plan

The Nationwide Health Information Network



For More Information:
www.healthit.hhs.gov