

Georgia Department of Community Health
Proposed Activities for the State Health IT Grants
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Proposed Program Title	Program Description	Population Served	Performance Measures
Expansion of Georgia RX Exchange	Implement system to exchange medication information between 4 government agencies, including Department of Juvenile Justice, Georgia Department of Community Health (Medicaid and SCHIP programs), Department of Human Resources (children and families, Medicaid waiver programs, mental health hospitals, community based providers for aged, blind, and disabled) and Georgia Department of Corrections and use as the foundation for a web-based application that will allow e-prescribing	Individuals receiving government funded health benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved coordination of care • Improved patient safety • Decreased delays in service delivery • Improved Compliance with Care Guidelines • Increase operational efficiency • Reduction in Fraud and abuse • Improved care experience
Children's Passport for Health	Develop a secure Web-based EHR that is portable and accessible to parents and providers for all children in Georgia, beginning with Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids that provides access to immunizations, patient and family medical history, medical encounters, allergies	<p>All children in the Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids</p> <p>Offer to State Health Benefit Plan member</p> <p>Offer to uninsured via safety net providers</p> <p>Offer for all newborns starting on the date of birth (large percentage of Georgia's pregnancies are covered by Medicaid)</p> <p>Partner with commercial insurers and self insured large employers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved coordination of care • Improved accessibility of health information at the point of care, including access to immunizations, patient history, etc • Decreased delays in service delivery • Improved quality of care • Improved patient safety
Expanded Outreach and Awareness of HIT	Expand Georgia's health Information exchange Education and Awareness Projects, including work initiated under HISPC (national Health Information Security and Privacy Collaborative) program to increase the states efforts to educate and build consumer trust in the privacy and security of electronic health information	Georgia Citizens Including; Health care consumers, providers, Medicaid members, and other targeted communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased trust of electronic information • Increased adoption and utilization of EHR • Improved quality of care • Increased number of state level HIEs

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Georgia's EHR Adoption Incentive Program	Distribution of resources and incentives to Primary Care Providers for adoption of certified EHR and the utilization of EHR to enhance performance on quality measures that are in line with CMS' Medicare EHR demonstration project	Primary Care Providers serving Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids, State Health Benefit Plan, Community Health Centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Quality of Care • Increased adoption of EHR • Improved Population status • Improve Patient Safety • Increased patient and provider satisfaction
Public Health Informatics	Description with input from Public Health	State & County Health Departments	
Georgia EHR Tech Loans	Loans for Health Care Providers	General Public As Health Care Consumers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % increase HER adoption • % increase in effective utilization in clinical care • Improved efficiency in care delivery • Improvements in health outcomes
Medicaid & SCHIP Provider EHR Adoption Incentive	<p>Enhanced Medicaid provider rates to allow Georgia Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids to strongly urge and support the much needed use of health information technology by providers of care.</p> <p>Funding pays for 85% of net allowable costs for certified EHR and support services. (max= \$25K/provider year1) (max= \$10k/provider year 2), etc Qualifying hospitals base amt \$2M</p> <p>Distribution to qualifying Medicaid providers adopting and utilizing certified Electronic Health Records in the clinical care of Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids recipients who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are non-hospital based providers and whose patient mix is at least 30% Medicaid or • Are Pediatricians who have a patient mix of at least 20% Medicaid or • Who practice in FQHC or rural health clinics with at least a 30% "needy patient" volume. "Needy" to be defined by HHS Secretary. • A children's hospital • Acute care hospitals with at least 10% Medicaid patient mix 	<p>Medicaid and Peachcare for Kids (SCHIP) populations</p> <p>Medicaid & SCHIP Providers: doctors, dentists, NP, mid wives, PA, hospitals</p>	<p>Short-term Performance Indicator: % engagement and adoption of EHR by Medicaid providers</p> <p>Long-term Performance Indicator: % utilization of EHR in clinical care and measureable impact on health outcomes</p> <p>Impact on long term budget: Reduction in health care costs via improved care coordination, clinical efficiencies, avoidance of service duplication and avoidance of the consequences and costs of delayed care and medical errors</p>

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