



HIT Day 2014

Areas of Interest to Maryland HIMSS with Bill Information

- 1. Expand telemedicine services to include all payers and cross state lines.** Maryland has expanded the use of telemedicine to improve care, patient outcomes, and generate cost savings. State-regulated payers are now required to provide coverage for services delivered through telemedicine and hospitals are now able to rely on credentialing and privileging at the distant-site hospital. Now it is recommended that these same regulations cover all payers and cross state lines.

Related bill SB 198/HB 802 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Telemedicine. Requiring MD MA Program to provide reimbursement for telemedicine services.

Related bill SB 249/HB 808 – Commission on MD Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence Duties – Requiring the Commission to study and develop strategies and recommendations for advancing telemedicine technologies and use.

Related bill SB 603/HB 740 – Cybersecurity Investment Fund - There is a cybersecurity element in the expansion of telemedicine throughout the State of Maryland. This bill serves as a funding source for cybersecurity development, and cybersecurity specific to telemedicine will benefit.

- 2. Support CRISP services expansion in long-term-care and home health.** Last year the state-designated Health Information Exchange (HIE), Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP), launched an Encounter Notification System (ENS) and Direct messaging. ENS alerts provides, via secure e-mail in real-time, when a patient under their care is admitted, discharged or transferred from a hospital. Direct messaging allows providers with disparate electronic health systems to securely exchange clinical information via e-mail. CRISP services in other clinical settings such as long-term-care, home health and behavioral health are needed to fulfill the care coordination goals set forth under the new waiver.
- 3. Ensure consumer privacy and security balanced with information sharing.** We must balance the need for privacy and security with the benefits of expanded availability and use of protected health Information. Maximum benefits of HIT can succeed only if consumers are properly educated on the benefits and risks of sharing their personal health information and providers recognize their essential role in using patient data in a manner that preserves patients' trust.

- **Support harmonization of regulations between neighboring jurisdictions.**
- **Support efforts to develop a consistent nationwide patient data matching strategy.**

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Related bill SB 197 – Statewide Information Technology - Inclusion of Cybersecurity Framework.

Instructs the Secretary of Information Technology to develop a cybersecurity component to the next master plan. The master plan encompasses all the state contracts for large-scale information technology projects. **This bill has already passed the Senate.**
