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e-Health in Minnesota

- Minnesota e-Health Initiative
- Minnesota Privacy and Security Project
 - Minnesota Health Records Act
 - Minnesota Standard Consent Form to Release Health Information
 - Developed Security Principles
 - Education and communication
 - Next steps
- Opportunities and Implications



Minnesota e-Health Initiative

- Established as a public – private collaboration
- Legislatively recognized 26 member statewide advisory committee
- One focus area for enhancing state HIT infrastructure:
 - Policies for strong privacy and security protection of health information



Minnesota Privacy and Security Project

- Convened several collaborative workgroups
- Identified many issues and barriers
- Two significant barriers focused on:
 - Implementing Minnesota's patient consent requirements
 - Operational difficulties in providing, limiting and monitoring external organizations' electronic access to patient data



Minnesota Health Records Act

- Defined key HIT terms
- Updated and recodified
- Three key components
 - Record Locator Service (RLS)
 - Representation of consent
 - Standard consent form to release health information
- Minn. Stat. §144.291-144.298



Minnesota Standard Consent Form to Release Health Information

- Allows a person to release their health information to:
 - who they choose, for what purpose they choose
- Does not replace organizations' existing release forms
- If filled out properly organizations must honor

Security Principles

MINNESOTA E-HEALTH
SECURITY PRINCIPLES

- Nineteen general principles in four areas:
 - Authorization
 - Authentication
 - Access
 - Audit



Education, Communication & Consultation

- Consultation
- FAQ sheets
- Annual e-Health reports
- Privacy and Security Advisory Group



Next Steps

- Continue to support MN e-Health Initiative's vision of policies for strong privacy and security protection of health information
- Address Issues from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009



Issues and Opportunities

- Integrate the Recovery and Reinvestment Act into state privacy practices
- Support practical policies for use of health information exchanges and connections with the nationwide health information network
- Address cross border and regional health information exchange issues



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