

2021 Update to the Health Information Exchange Strategic Plan

2022 Connectivity Criteria

Staff Recommendation

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Process Reminder



- **November 1:** AHS submitted HIE Plan to GMCB
- **November 3-November 25:** HIE Plan posted; special public comment period
- **November 17:** AHS and VITL presented HIE Plan and Connectivity Criteria; GMCB staff review
- **December 1:** Final staff recommendation to GMCB on HIE Plan and Connectivity Criteria votes; potential votes

Suggested Principles for HIE Plan Review

1. Is the HIE Plan consistent with the requirements of V.S.A. 18 § 9351?
2. Is the HIE Plan consistent with the Principles for Health Care Reform in V.S.A. 18 § 9371, and will it help achieve the State's health reform goals?
3. Is the HIE Plan consistent with other relevant legislation?
4. Does the HIE Plan incorporate national best practices and expertise as well as feedback from Vermonters, including key HIE constituents (VITL, State of Vermont HIE stakeholders, and other private HIE providers), health care providers, and individuals seeking care?

Suggested Principles for Connectivity Criteria Review

1. Are the proposed Connectivity Criteria in alignment with HIE Plan goals, and will they support implementation of the HIE Plan and achievement of the State's health reform goals?
2. Are the proposed Connectivity Criteria sufficiently clear to be operationalized by VITL, the State of Vermont, and health care provider organizations?

Public Comment

- Verbal public comments received at the November 17th Board meeting:
 - Important to have consumer representation on the steering committee and to incorporate health care provider input
 - Subscription services costs and the impact on consumers
 - One API portal for consumer access to data
- Written public comment:
 - None

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HIE Plan 2021 Update

- Staff recommend approving the 2021 Update to the Health Information Exchange Strategic Plan as submitted on November 1, with the following conditions:
 1. That a comprehensive Data Strategy be developed during 2022.
 2. That a mid-year/6-month check-in, by report or presentation to the Board, takes place and includes:
 - a. a draft vision for the balance between public utility versus private investment; and,
 - b. an outline of how Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) data are used in connection with the VHIE, including a list of all elements currently used or under consideration.

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2022 Connectivity Criteria

- Staff recommend approving the 2022 Connectivity Criteria as submitted in the 2021 HIE Plan update on November 1.