

Modernizing Oklahoma Healthcare



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(Norman, Oklahoma) – The State of Oklahoma is taking the first steps necessary to bring the future of healthcare to our state. The Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board gathered for its inaugural meeting on Monday, March 22nd, 2010. This Board set the stage for the development of a statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE). Simply put, this is the way important and pertinent medical information will be transported between physicians, hospitals, clinics and other healthcare related entities and professionals.

Oklahoma officials plan to use a “network of networks” model for the Health Information Exchange. This will allow existing Health Information Exchanges to communicate with other HIEs on the local, state, regional and national levels. Of course, for this to work effectively, medical professionals will need to adopt an electronic health record system and move away from paper records. That is being encouraged by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the HITECH Act within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) passed last year.

Oklahoma will receive more than \$8.8 million to plan and build the statewide Health Information Exchange from H.H.S.

Online Medsource’s Director of Marketing, Communications and Public Relations, Jason Doyle Oden, attended the Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board meeting and offered words of support to the effort.

“The creation of a statewide Health Information Exchange will allow doctors to communicate more efficiently and effectively with each other to provide the best treatment possible for their patients. Electronic Health Records are the vehicle and the Health Information Exchange is the highway for Oklahoma to modernize the state’s healthcare system,” says Oden.

Online Medsource will continue to follow the development of Healthcare Information Technology in Oklahoma and other states and is happy to offer any kind of assistance necessary to make the efforts successful.