Issues in State-Wide Regional Healthcare Information Organizations

New York Health Plan Association
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- Health Plan Association (HPA) represents 31 managed care health plans in New York State
- HPA at the request of the governor drafted pay for performance language for inclusion in the 2005-06 NYS budget
- HPA convenes the Coalition for Health Information Technology in New York State
- HPA is a founding member of the Health Information Exchange of NY (HIXNY), currently working on RHIO development

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2005-06 New York State Budget
Health Information Technology Resources

- Health Care Efficiency and Affordability Law for New Yorkers (HEAL-NY) Bond Act provides $1 Billion capital grant program with $250 million per year for 4 years
  - 2005-06 $185 million was authorized for bonding and $65 million was allocated in the capital budget
- $1.5 Billion Federal State Health Reform Partnership (F-SHRP) Medicaid (1115 waiver) savings
- $10 Million Pay for Performance Demonstration Projects
- $3 Million Health Information Technology Demonstration Program
- Enactment of a Preferred Drug Program for Medicaid

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Coalition for Health Information Technology
A collaboration of hospital, physician, and other health care professionals, government, health plan and business associations whose goals include:

- Providing opportunities for the health care community to be educated about the advantages of electronic health information systems
- Providing a venue for sharing intelligence on emerging electronic health technology policy developments
- Advancing consumerism by enabling more transparent information on healthcare quality, and outcomes
- Educating policy-makers on key actions to advance improvements in the quality, safety and efficiency of healthcare through the adoption and use of electronic health information technology
- Working with regional health technology coalitions to foster fundamental improvements in the coordination of the health care delivery system

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## Coalition for HIT in NYS Members

**Physician groups**
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American College Physicians of NYS
- NYS Academy of Family Physicians
- Capital Care Medical Group
- NYS Association of Health Care Providers
- Medical Society of the State of NY

**Hospital Associations**
- Greater New York Hospital Association
- Healthcare Association of NYS
- Iroquois Healthcare Alliance
- United Hospital Fund

**City and State Government**
- NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- NYS Department of Health
  - Office of Managed Care
  - Office of Medicaid
  - Office of Patient Safety
- NYS Department of Insurance
- Governor's Office
- Senate & Assembly Health Committees
- New York State Pharmacy Board

**Business and Health Plan Associations**
- Business Council of NYS, Inc
- New York Health Plan Association

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## NYS Data Exchange

- Convened by the Greater NY Hospital Association
- HPA participates in a monthly conference call with regional RHIO type organizations sharing project development and status information
  - New York Clinical Information Exchange (NYCLIX)
  - Health Information Exchange of NY (HIXNY)
  - Taconic Health Information Network and Community (THINC)
  - North Country Health Data Exchange
  - Rochester HealthNet
  - Upstate New York Professional Healthcare Information and Education Demonstration Project (UNYPHIED)
Health Information Exchange of NY

- HIXNY is a collaboration of health care providers and insurers in the capital district working to reduce health care costs and promote high quality clinical care.
- HIXNY developed a collaborative approach to HIPAA obligations to expedite learning, reduce common errors, and develop common interpretations to facilitate interactions by sharing best practices knowledge to quickly enable rapid action and reduce costs associated with purchasing.
- HIXNY secured $250,000 from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and $100,000 reappropriation from the NYS Senate to fund RHIO planning and to support regional demonstration projects.

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RHIOs in New York State

- HPA is leading efforts in NYS to share information about and to drive the adoption and use of Health Information Technology to improve patient care
  - Coalition for Health Information Technology comprised of key stakeholders to develop the necessary health information infrastructure to link electronic health information and RHIO’s in NYS
  - Organizing a HIT policy conference to educate state level decision makers about the Benefits and Barriers to an interoperable health information system in NYS
  - Convener of the E-Rx stakeholders workgroup working on the infrastructure necessary to develop a statewide medication history information at the point of care
  - Facilitating RHIO development in the Capital District through HIXNY

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