

# Health IT Brief

## Overview of Legislatively Mandated Roles for the State Health Information Technology Advisory Council<sup>1</sup>

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Health IT Advisory Council  
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### **DESCRIPTION:**

The State Health Information Technology Advisory Council was established under Public Act 15-146 and amended under Public Act 16-77 to advise the Health Information Technology Officer (HITO) in developing priorities and policy recommendations to advance the state's health information technology and health information efforts and goals. In addition, the advisory council shall advise the HITO in the development and implementation of the state-wide health information technology plan and standards and the state-wide Health Information Exchange. The advisory council shall also advise the HITO regarding the development of appropriate governance, oversight and accountability measures to ensure success in achieving the state's health information technology and exchange goals.

### **OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATION:**

In addition to the charge outlined above to the State Health Information Technology Advisory Council, the Health Information Technology Officer shall consult them on the following topics and activities:

- Implementing and periodically revising the state-wide health information technology plan.
- Establishing electronic data standards to facilitate the development of integrated electronic health information systems for use by health care providers and institutions that receive state funding.
- Developing and implementing the State-wide Health Information Exchange.
- Coordinating the state's health information technology and health information exchange efforts to ensure consistent and collaborative cross-agency planning and implementation.

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<sup>1</sup> Public Act No. 16-77

- Ensuring consistency between the state-wide health information technology plan and the State-wide Health Information Exchange and to support the state's health information technology and exchange goals.
- Reporting annually to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly on the development and implementation of the state-wide health information technology plan and data standards; establishment of the State-wide Health Information Exchange; and recommendations for policy, regulatory and legislative changes and other initiatives to promote the state's health information technology and exchange goals.
- Developing and issuing a request for proposals for the development, management and operation of the State-wide Health Information Exchange.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

The Health Information Technology Officer or the Commissioner of Social Services shall present any application, proposal, planning document or other request seeking federal grants, matching funds or other federal support for health information technology or health information exchange to the advisory council for review and comment.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

To provide effective council to the Health Information Technology Officer, the State Health Information Exchange Advisory Council will investigate different governance structures to meet the needs of the State and stakeholders to carry out the legislative mandate found in PA 16-77. Success will be defined as the State having:

- Consensus among parties about the goals.
- Common understandings about the available options that will lead to success in achieving the stated goals.
- Defined process to evaluate strategies and tactics.
- Defined decision-making process and timeline.

The Health IT Advisory Council will develop and implement a strategy to ensure recommendations for technology investments to the Health Information Technology Officer meet the financial goals of the state and stakeholders through frequent evaluation, to ensuring accountability to sustain operations after federal funding has ended.