

## Maine Office of the State Coordinator for HIT: Evaluation and Goals Discussion

### Introduction and Executive Summary

In 2010, the Maine Office of the State Coordinator for HIT (OSC) was established as part of the Office of the National Coordinator for HIT (ONC) under the federal HITECH. On a parallel track, Maine's HealthInfoNet (HIN) was awarded a contract to operate Maine's Regional Extension Center (REC) and Maine's Health Information Exchange (HIE). Maine's initiative has had three full years of operation. The authority document approved by the ONC, Maine's Statewide Health Information Exchange Strategic and Operational Plans: *A Strategy to Create an Infrastructure that Preserves and Improves the Health of Maine People*, envisioned this initial period as the beginning of what would be a sustainable HIT effort. As such, this is an opportune time to review the past and plan for the future.

This document summarizes the ONC guidance topics for state evaluations and building for the future.

### Business Overview & Background

The ONC established the following five objectives for OSCs to fulfill:

1. Establish a governance structure that achieves broad-based stakeholder collaboration with transparency, buy-in and trust;
2. Identify a path to continued sustainability by managing financial resources necessary to fund the State's HIE Strategic Plan and Operational Plan;
3. Expand the technical infrastructure services that physically enable Health Information Exchange in a secure and appropriate manner;
4. Expand upon the collaborative efforts between existing HIEs, the state, and regional extension centers to enhance health information exchange capacity within the state and enable "meaningful use" by providers statewide; and
5. Facilitate adoption of appropriate privacy and security frameworks to expand upon the existing interstate health information exchange.

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### State Evaluation Requirements

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As required by section 3013 of the HITECH Act, the Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), State OSC's are required to provide the ONC with periodic state-level program evaluations of the State's Health Information Technology Exchange Program. Maine's OSC, with cooperation with HIN, has met its reporting requirements, including quarterly, annual and State Operating Plan (SOP) updates.

In addition to these reports, Maine's OSC is required to have an OSC/HIE program evolution that spans the period of 2010 to-date. OSC has provided "Specification Statements" which are shown below along with a statement for the development of an updated plan.

## Specifications Statements

To meet the ONC conditions Maine's evaluation will include the following actions:

1. Describe the approaches and strategies used to facilitate and expand health information exchange in the program priority areas and other areas as appropriate for the state's strategy.
2. Identify and understand conditions that support and hinder implementation of those strategies (e.g. how did your governance model or engagement with stakeholders support your strategy to increase lab exchange activity in your state? Or exchange of health care data? Or make data available to all to meet the Triple Aim?)
3. Analyze HIE performance in each of the key program priority areas (e.g., where did the state begin at the start of the program and how has it progressed?) Grantees with operational health information exchange underway are encouraged to assess participant adoption and use (e.g. measure provider adoption) and analyze its impact (e.g. assess impact on care transitions, patient safety, duplicate lab test ordering, etc.)
4. Assess how the key approaches and strategies contributed to progress in these areas, including lessons learned.
5. Provide an updated Plan for meeting the Triple Aim--Updated Goals, Objectives and Road Map for the Next Four Years: Meaningful Use, Integration, and Health Care Reform.

