



MAJOR HHS HEALTH IT INITIATIVES

| INITIATIVE | CONTRACTORS / TEAMS | COST | NEXT MAJOR MILESTONE (2006) |
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| Decide how to reach short- and long-term health public-private IT goals | American Health Information Community, led by HHS secretary Mike Leavitt | \$0.8 million | AHIC to push out initial short-term capabilities to be applied to bio-surveillance, electronic health records, personal health records and chronic care— ongoing |
| Develop prototypes for nationwide health information network architecture | Four groups led by Accenture, Computer Sciences Corp., IBM Corp., Northrop Grumman Corp. | \$18.6 million | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Contractors of NHIN prototypes to determine requirements for early health IT uses of bio-surveillance, personal health records, chronic care and electronic health records—April ■ NHIN contractors to provide draft architectures, including security model—September ■ NHIN contractors to demonstrate prototypes—December |
| Evaluate variations in state privacy laws | RTI International of Research Triangle Park, N.C., which created Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration | \$11.5 million | RTI to award subcontracts to evaluate variations in state privacy laws and how they may slow health IT adoption— April |
| Develop standards for interoperability | American National Standards Institute of Washington, D.C., which created Health IT Standards Panel | \$3.3 million | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ HITSP to recommend standards for early health IT use cases—June ■ HITSP to provide implementation guides for recommended standards—September |
| Develop criteria for product certification | Certification Commission for Health IT of Chicago | \$2.7 million | CCHIT to announce initial vendors whose electronic health record systems meet certification criteria— June |
| Evaluate regional health information organizations to determine best practices and model | American Health Information Management Association | \$0.5 million | American Health Information Management Association to complete initial findings— August |
| Survey providers annually on extent of health IT adoption | George Washington University and Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Institute for Health Policy | \$1.8 million | Contractors to provide first annual HHS survey on health IT adoption— September |
| Revise Stark anti-fraud and kickback laws to allow hospitals to help physicians acquire health IT | Health and Human Services Department | — | Final rule is expected to be published soon. |