



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 08-09

**GOVERNOR'S HEALTH INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Health care providers need full access to an individual's health information to make the best health care decisions possible. The fragmentation of Oregon's health information system, however, prevents health care providers from quickly and efficiently accessing health information when it is most needed. Currently, health information is stored across a wide array of disconnected paper and computerized systems. Without a standardized system for exchanging health information, health care providers are forced to practice based on incomplete information or to order duplicative and costly medical tests and procedures.

Creating a secure, computerized health information system that streamlines access to each individual's medical history will enable health care providers to quickly and efficiently access health information. Such a system will improve the delivery of care in the doctor's office, reduce medical errors and save patients money by decreasing the number of inappropriate and duplicative treatments. A health information system would also enable consumers to be more proactive in managing their own health care and wellness. Finally, health information technology offers great promise as a means of providing rural and underserved areas with additional health care access through technologies such as telemedicine.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Governor's Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Committee (the "HIIAC") is established. The HIIAC shall replace the Oregon Health Information Security and Privacy Collaborative within the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research.
2. The HIIAC shall be comprised of no more than 23 members, appointed by the Governor. Membership shall include representatives from the public, the health care provider community, health care insurance plans, public health organizations, safety-net health care providers, the information technology field, the research community and academia.
3. To develop a strategy for the implementation of an Oregon health information system, the HIIAC shall:



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- a. Review and identify obstacles to the implementation of an effective health information exchange infrastructure in Oregon and provide policy recommendations to remove or minimize those obstacles;
 - b. Outline the role of the State in developing, financing, promoting and implementing a health information infrastructure;
 - c. Recommend how to facilitate the statewide adoption of health information system standards and interoperability requirements to enable secure exchange of health information exchange;
 - d. Monitor the development of federal and applicable international standards, coordinate input to the Nationwide Health Information Network, and ensure that Oregon's recommendations are consistent with emerging federal and applicable international standards;
 - e. Identify partnership models and collaboration potential for implementing electronic health records and exchange systems, including review of current efforts in the state and opportunities to build upon those efforts;
 - f. Recommend a plan for the creation of a health information infrastructure that preserves the privacy and security of Oregonian's health information, as required by state and federal law; and
 - g. Develop evaluation metrics to measure the implementation of health information technology and the efficacy of health information exchange in Oregon.
4. The Governor will appoint a chair of the HIIAC. The chair shall establish an agenda for the HIIAC and provide leadership and direction.
5. A quorum for HIIAC meetings shall consist of a majority of the appointed members. The HIIAC shall strive to operate by consensus; however, the HIIAC may approve measures and make recommendations based on an affirmative vote of a majority of members.
6. No member may grant a proxy for his or her vote to any other member or member designee. The Governor will fill any vacancy on the HIIAC by appointment.



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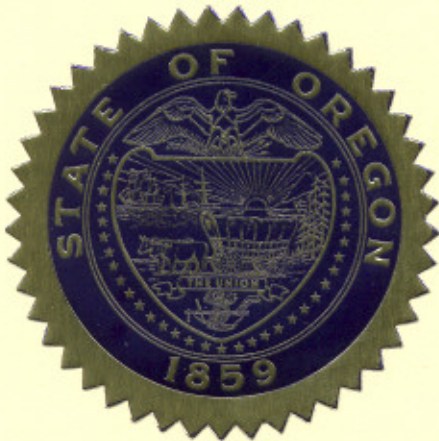
7. The HIIAC shall provide an initial written report of findings and recommendations to the Oregon Health Fund Board on or before July 31, 2008. The HIIAC shall provide an initial written report of findings and recommendations to Governor on or before December 31, 2008, and annually thereafter.

8. The Governor's Office and the Office of Health Policy and Research shall provide staff support to the HIIAC. All other state agencies shall provide necessary assistance to the HIIAC upon request.

9. The members of the HIIAC shall receive no compensation for their activities as members of the HIIAC, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in attending HIIAC business pursuant to ORS 292.495(2) and subject to availability of funds.

10. This Order expires on December 31, 2014.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 27th day of March, 2008.



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Theodore R. Kulongoski
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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Bill Bradbury
SECRETARY OF STATE