



CMS Health IT Initiatives

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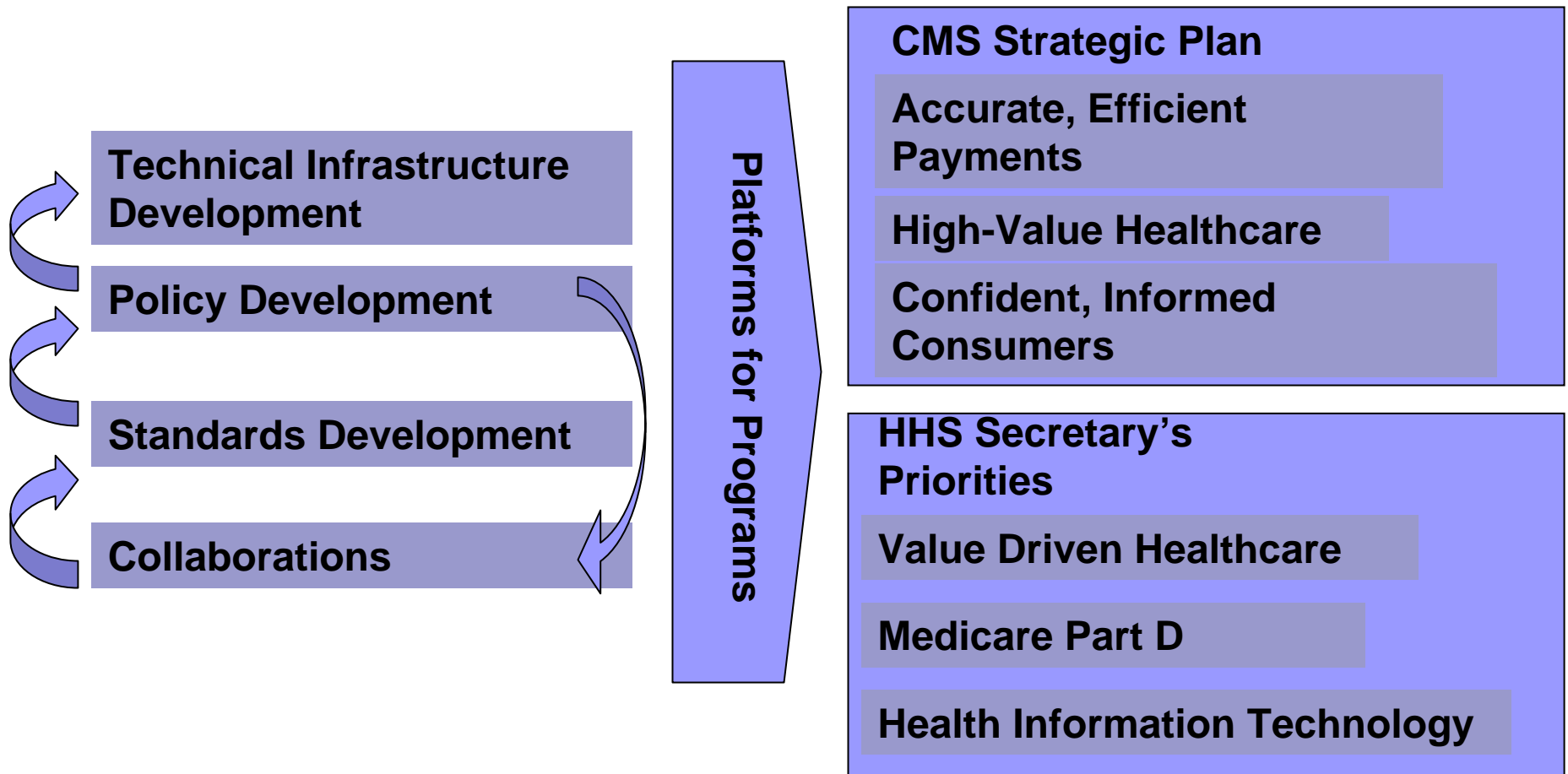
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CMS Overview

- CMS plays a key role in the overall direction of the health care system:
 - Administers the Medicare program, providing health insurance to approximately 44 million beneficiaries;
 - Has federal oversight of the state-administered Medicaid program and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), covering almost 50 million enrollees.

CMS E-Health Strategy





CMS HIT Priorities

- Value-based Purchasing
- Promoting standards and interoperability
- Ensuring appropriate privacy and security safeguards
- Game changers
 - E-prescribing
 - EHRs
 - PHRs

E-Prescribing

- **Benefits to Providers (Source HIMSS Survey-March 2008)**
 - Reducing Medication errors
 - Access to Medication history
 - Preventing fraud and tampering
- **Benefits to Consumers**
 - Reduced wait time
 - Less handwriting interpretation errors
 - Generic drugs
- **CMS Approach**
 - Standards Adoption
 - Education and Outreach
 - Promote adoption



Personal Health Records (PHRs)

- **Benefits to Providers**

- Improved communications
- More educated patient
- More data

- **Benefits to Consumers**

- Greater access to information
- Improved communications with providers
- Chronic care

- **CMS Approach**

- Make Medicare data available
- Support common standards
- “Certify” PHRs as meeting certain functionality, security and privacy requirements
- Beneficiary education/outreach

Medicare Electronic Health Records Demonstration Project

■ Goals

- Broader implementation & adoption of EHRs by physicians
- Improve quality and efficiency

■ Design

- 5-year operational period
- 2 implementation phases
- Up to 12 sites (states or regions)
- Up to 2,400 total practices recruited (approx. 200 per site)
 - Small to medium-sized practices targeted
 - Primary care practices
 - Randomized design (1,200 demonstration practices; 1,200 control group practices)
- **Incentive payments**
 - Use CCHIT-certified EHRs to improve quality as measured by their performance on specific clinical quality measures
 - EHR functionality
 - Other payer incentives