



California Immunization Registry and Health  
Information Exchange:

**The Road Ahead for California**

California Immunization Coalition Summit

Hyatt Regency at Capitol Park

Sacramento, California

May 3, 2010



# Health IT for Economic & Clinical Health Act (HITECH)

- Biggest Health IT initiative in world
- ~ \$4 billion in incentives for California hospitals and providers
- \$38.8 million for California health information exchange
- “Meaningful” Use Requirements
  - Immunization Reporting

# Meaningful Use Requirements - Immunization

- Meaningful Use (MU): Overview
- MU Requirements for Health Information Exchange (HIE)
  - Immunization requirements impact business requirements for California immunization registry partners and stakeholders
- Staged Requirements over 5 years
  - Stage I
  - Stage II
  - Stage III

# Health Information Exchange (HIE) Timeline

**Application & Strategic Plan**

Submitted  
**October 16, 2009**

- Narrative
- Landscape Assessment
- Letters of Support
- Budget (over 4 years)

**Governance Entity**

Announced  
Cal eConnect on  
**March 8, 2010**

- Intent to select
- Planning grant in April
- Full grant and ONC approval in June

**Operational Plan**

Submitted:  
**April 6, 2010**

- eHealth Summit March 11
- Public comment through March 22
- Submit to ONC on April 6

**HIE Implementation**

Begin:  
**July, 2010**

- Revised four year budget
- Initiate grant and procurements
- Fully staffed and operational

# Purpose - California eHealth

To dramatically improve safe and secure patient and provider access to personal and population health information and decision-making processes, benefiting the health and wellbeing, safety, efficiency, and quality of care for all Californians.

# California eHealth Objectives

- 1) To ensure patients have safe, secure access to their personal health information and the ability to share that information with others involved in their care
- 2) To engage in an open, inclusive, collaborative, public-private process that supports widespread EHR adoption and a robust, sustainable statewide health information exchange
- 3) To improve health care outcomes and reduce costs
- 4) To maximize California stakeholders' access to critical ARRA stimulus funds
- 5) To integrate and synchronize the planning and implementation of HIE, HIT, telehealth and provider incentive program components of the federal stimulus act
- 6) To ensure accountability in the expenditure of funds
- 7) To improve public and population health through stronger public health program integration, bio-surveillance and emergency response capabilities

# California Committed to Meeting Business Needs

- Identified HIE Planning Needs
  - Priority to serve Primary Care Provider needs for real-time immunization data
- Prepare to meet Meaningful Use Stage III in 3-5 years
- Integrate immunization registry into primary care workflow



# Communication

- Twitter: <http://Twitter.com/CAeHealth>
- Website: [www.ehealth.ca.gov](http://www.ehealth.ca.gov)
- Sign up for listserv, bulletins, send comments and questions: [ehealth@chhs.ca.gov](mailto:ehealth@chhs.ca.gov)
  
- Operational and strategic plan:  
<http://www.ehealth.ca.gov/eHealthPlan/tabid/72/Default.aspx>
  
- Next Public Webinar Thursday May 13, 1pm – 2pm  
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