

New Jersey - Health Information Technology –
NJ HIT Act – Office for Health Information Technology
Development - Recovery Act

ARRA Funding and Incentives



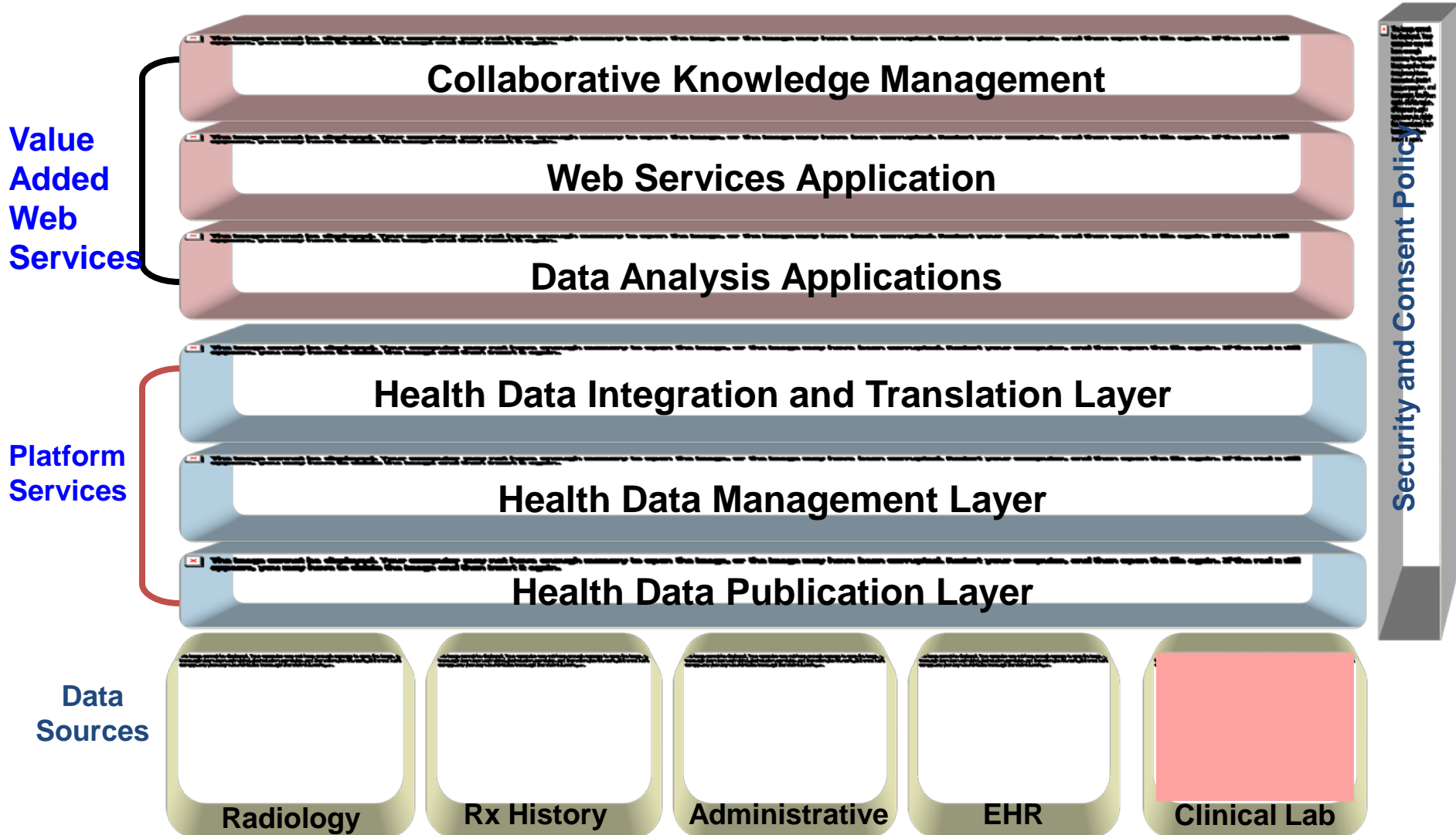
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PHASES OF STATEWIDE HIT PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION



- **ASSESSMENT** – Statewide Assessment of HIE and EHR adoption and Gap Analysis;
- **PLANNING** – Strategic HIT plan, HIE business case, prioritized listing needs, resource inventory, HIT goals, documentation of functional and technical platform requirements;
- **ORGANIZING** – HIE Governance structure, HIE business and system operations, policy framework, vendor contracting and business agreements, and legal/regulatory authorities;
- **IMPLEMENTATION** – building HIE to statewide scale, connecting to the national health information exchange infrastructure, maintenance of HIE operations;
- **MEANINGFUL USE**- EHR adoption, clinical practice workflow redesign, improved continuity and quality of care, quality reporting, outcome monitoring.

Health Information Exchange Platform Architecture



State's Responsibility for Building State HIT Infrastructure

- **HIT infrastructure development process**
 - Health information data sources
 - Establish Health Information Organizations
 - Build data exchange systems
 - Identify health information business associates
 - Identify most commonly used electronic health record systems
 - Clinical Data Repositories
 - Organize health information users community
- **HIT business and operational processes**
 - Security and Privacy
 - Operations management and accountability
- **State designated authority**
 - Governance
 - Long range HIT planning and development
 - Policy setting and removing barriers to health information exchange
 - Project and funding priority setting
 - Oversight

Building a State HIT Infrastructure (Continued)

- **Financing mechanisms**

- Public and private contributions
- Payers contributions
- Providers use fees
- Consumers access and use fees
- Data exchange fees

- **Provider user support and technical Assistance**

- Regional Extension Centers for Technical Assistance and User Support
- Medicaid user support
- Others

Medicaid Working with Regional Extension Centers

Opportunities to collaborate with Regional Extension Center efforts to support EHR meaningful use.

- Regional Extension Center must identify priority primary care providers, Medicaid can use REC to identify Medicaid incentive qualified providers.
- Leverage state Medicaid program 90/10 ARRA funds to support EHR adoption and ongoing user support.
- Medicaid can contract with Regional Extension Centers to not only identify incentive eligible providers but to validate meaningful use, and support Medicaid providers with EHR adoption
- Medicaid can support the legislative and policy framework for health information exchange and EHR deployment within the state.
- Important for Medicaid agencies to assure regional extension centers are achieving EHR adoptions goals.

Funding overview

- **Total funding included for health IT is as follows:**
 - *\$2 billion for the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC)*
 - *\$20.819 billion in incentives through the Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement systems to assist providers in adopting EHRs*
 - \$4.7 billion for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
 - \$2.5 billion for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program
 - \$1.5 billion for construction, renovation, and equipment for health centers through the Health Resources and Services Administration
 - \$1.1 billion for comparative effectiveness research within the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
 - \$85 million for health IT, including telehealth services, within the Indian Health Service
 - \$500 million for the Social Security Administration
 - \$50 million for information technology within the Veterans Benefits Administration

Office of National coordinator

- **ONC = \$2 billion; Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projects that of the \$2 billion that is authorized and appropriated, that**
 - **\$300 million will be spent in fiscal year 2009**
 - **\$1.28 billion in fiscal year 2010,**
 - **\$360 million in fiscal year 2011, and**
 - **\$40 million in fiscal year 2012**

ONC Funds to States

- ✓ **ONC is to establish a program to facilitate and expand electronic movement and use of health information among organizations according to nationally-recognized standards**
 - ✓ *The award is a grant to a State or qualified State-designated entity to do HIE*
 - ✓ *Planning or implementation grants*

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