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# Department of Community Health Division of Health IT



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## **Mission**

### **The Georgia Department of Community Health**

We will provide Georgians with access to affordable, quality health care through effective planning, purchasing and oversight.

***We are dedicated to A Healthy Georgia.***

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### What is Health Information Technology?

- **Set of technologies that makes it possible for providers and patients/consumers to better manage one's care through secure use and exchange of health information.**
  - Electronic Health Records (EHR)
  - Health Information Exchanges
  - Personal Health Records (PHR)
  - Mobile health apps, “smart” tech
  - ePrescribing
  - TeleHealth
  - Digital health devices
  - Health informatics
- **Funding and oversight is provided by the Federal Government**
  - Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator (ONC)
  - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

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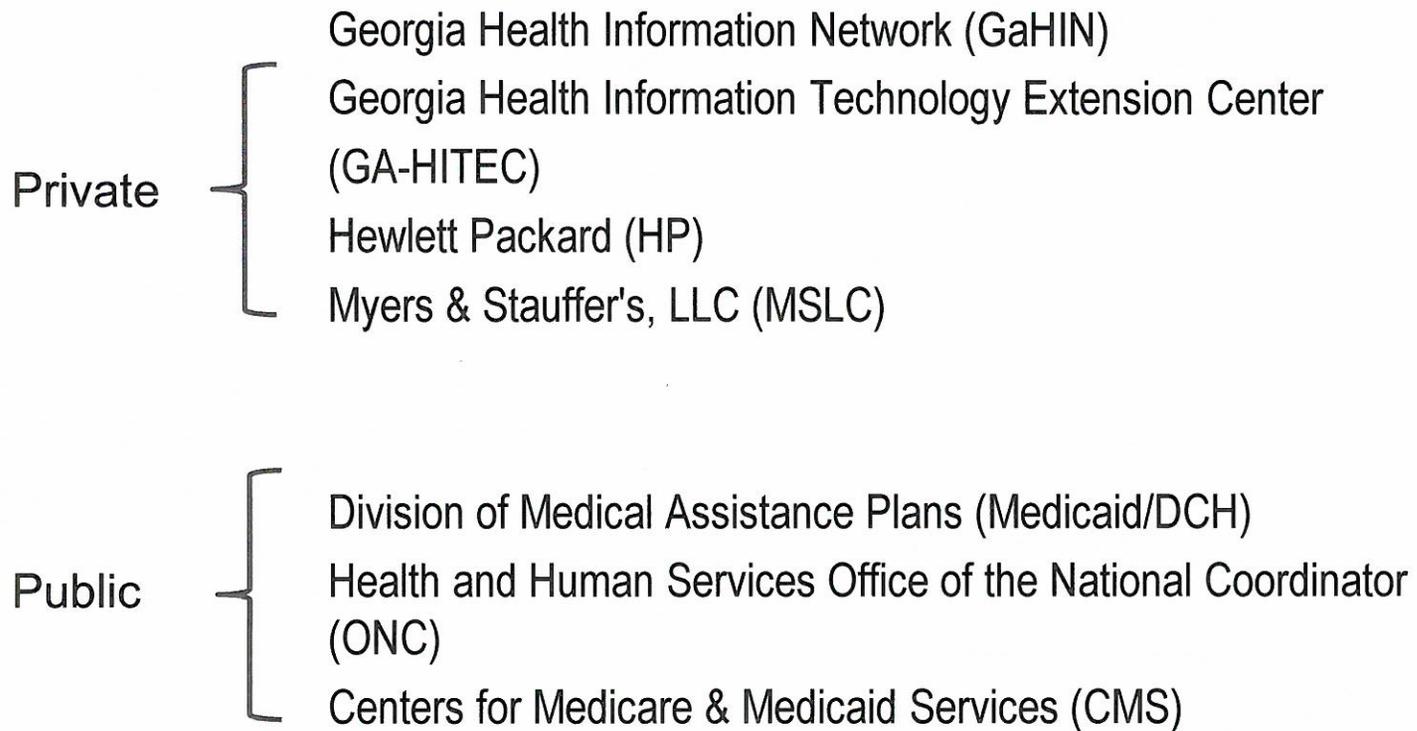
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- **Works with public and private entities to facilitate various aspects of the Health IT infrastructure throughout Georgia, including:**
  - *Strategic planning* for health IT adoption by providers and patients
  - *Technology standards and policy development* as it relates to the exchange and use of health information data in Georgia
  - *Promotion* of the overall statewide health IT strategy in Georgia
- **Our Mission is to advance healthcare quality while reducing costs**

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### Health IT Partners



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### Health Information Exchange (HIE)

- DCH collaborated with the GaHIN, a non-profit organization, to establish the statewide HIE
  - Network-of-Networks
  - Facilitates secure exchange of patient data/care documents across care organizations
- DCH successfully transitioned statewide HIE operations to GaHIN in July of 2014. As of February 2015 GaHIN supports:
  - 23 Hospitals                      - 5 State Agencies
  - 6,303 Providers                      - 7 Regional HIEs
- DCH continues to partner with GaHIN to provide oversight and funding assistance

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### Georgia Medicaid EHR Incentive Program (MIP)



- Purpose is to incentivize Medicaid providers to adopt, implement, upgrade (AIU) or meaningfully use (MU) certified electronic health records (EHRs)
- Program began in September 2011, ends in 2022
- Incentive payments are 100% federally funded; program participation is voluntary
- Eligible professionals can receive up to \$63,750 in Medicaid incentive payments over a six year period
  - Up to \$21,250 when providers adopt, implement, or upgrade to ONC certified technology (Year 1)
  - Up to \$8,500 per year when providers demonstrate meaningful use of the technology (Years 2-6)
- Administered by the DCH and Health IT

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### Life of the Program (September 2011 - January 28, 2014)

	Adopt / Implement / Upgrade (AIU)		Meaningful Use (MU)		Totals	
	Number Paid	Amount Paid	Number Paid	Amount Paid	Total Number Paid	Total Amount Paid
EH	129	\$ 75,328,301.67	194	\$ 91,368,768.38	323	\$ 166,697,070.05
EP	3061	\$ 62,680,437.00	1315	\$ 11,041,516.00	4376	\$ 73,721,953.00
Nurse Midwives	92	\$ 1,955,000.00	58	\$ 493,000.00	150	\$ 2,448,000.00
Dentists	264	\$ 5,546,250.00	2	\$ 17,000.00	266	\$ 5,563,250.00
Nurse Practitioners	502	\$ 10,667,500.00	199	\$ 1,691,500.00	701	\$ 12,359,000.00
Physicians	2185	\$ 44,129,187.00	1049	\$ 8,780,516.00	3234	\$ 52,909,703.00
Physician Assistant	18	\$ 382,500.00	7	\$ 59,500.00	25	\$ 442,000.00
<b>Grand Total EH's &amp; EP's</b>	<b>3190</b>	<b>\$ 138,008,738.67</b>	<b>1509</b>	<b>\$ 102,410,284.38</b>	<b>4699</b>	<b>\$ 240,419,023.05</b>

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### Health IT Future Efforts

- Expand outreach to encourage participation in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program before the program year 2016 deadline
- Continue seeking opportunities to provide technology support for Medicaid programs and policies
- Leverage connections between Georgia providers and the statewide Network to continuously improve care coordination
- Continue using the public/private collaboration model to further electronic health data transfer in Georgia





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