

Affinity Groups

Provider Directory and Identity Management

Funding and Procurement Discussion

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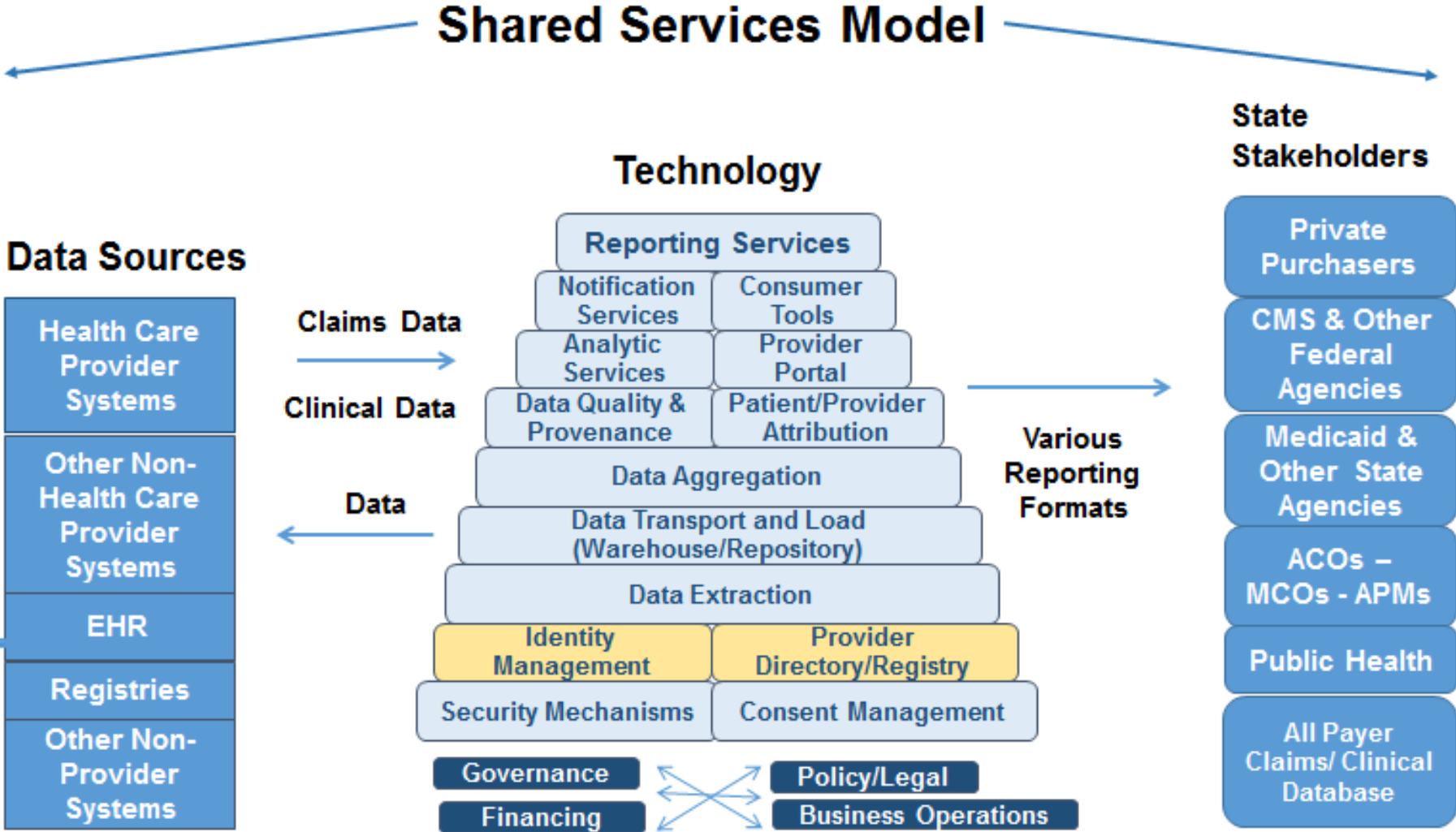
Funding Considerations

- SIM Grant Federal Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Information
- Funding and the Shared Services Stack of Infrastructure Functions
- State Medicaid Directors Letters: 10-016 and 11-004
- Medicaid and HITECH Funding Possibilities and Implications

SIM Grant FOA Information

- SIM Grant funding is possible for Health IT and HIE
 - Can include infrastructure for collecting and managing model testing initiatives, including associated HIE, Provider Directory, Master Person Index, data management and analytics, even an All Payer Claims Database (APCD)
- SIM funding may not supplant existing federal or state funding
 - Coordinate with projects that may already be funded for needed infrastructure (SMHP, EHRIP, IAPD considerations)

Funding and the Shared Services Stack



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- Functions or services are translated into systems defined by requirements; system solutions are procured to provide the needed functions/services
- Technical solutions to support the HIE implied by the stack with data sources and users can also be funded and procured
- Ongoing maintenance funding is impacted by funding decisions for implementation

Health IT Funding Through Medicaid: Options

- **MMIS-MITA:**
 - 90/10 Medicaid funding for Design, Development and Implementation of technology supporting the Medicaid program
 - 75/25 Medicaid funding for ongoing operations/maintenance
- **90/10 HITECH Act:**
 - HITECH-HIT to support the administration of the EHR Incentive Program and to support “meaningful use”
 - HITECH-HIE to support Medicaid fair share along with funding from external partners
 - HITECH-MMIS related for the support of the administration of the Medicaid Program
 - (provider directories)
- **50/50 Medicaid Administrative:**

HITECH HIE Funding Parameters

90/10 funding is available for HIE activities provided that:

- Funds are used for time-limited Design Development and Implementation Activities
- States leverage efficiencies with other Federal HIE funding
- HIE costs are divided equitably across other payers based on the “fair share” principle and are appropriately allocated.

Resources for implementation:

- SMD* Letter-Use of Administrative Funds to Support HIE (11-004)
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- SMD Letter-Federal Funding for Medicaid HIT** Activities (10-016)

HITECH Processes: Required Federal Funding Documents

- **State Medicaid HIT Plan:** SMHP – at least annually – prior or simultaneous to IAPDU
- **Implementation Advanced Planning Document:** I-APD and I-APDU (Appendix A and D)
- **Pre-approval of Contracts**

Procurement Considerations

- Health IT Project Plan Phases:
 - Planning and Design
 - Pre-Procurement
 - Procurement
 - Implementation
- State Project Management Oversight Considerations
- Quality Assurance Considerations (QA)
- Systems Integrator Considerations
- Independent Validation and Verification (IV&V) Considerations

Discussion Questions and Topics: Funding

- COORDINATION OF FUNDING STREAMS: Are you coordinating your SIM funding for Health IT and HIE with HITECH/Medicaid funding through the SMHP and IAPD processes?
- FAIR SHARE: Is “fair-share” funding for HIE-related projects being pursued?
 - How are you determining a fair-share allocation for Medicaid?
 - Who are the other payers? Are they participating?
- TIMELINES AND ALIGNMENT: How does your funding timeline align with your procurement timeline? And how do these timelines align with your SIM Grant timeline?

Discussion Questions and Topics: Procurement

- MARKET INFORMATION: Are you doing any market analysis – vendor scans or RFIs?
- STATE IT OVERSIGHT: Does your state have existing governance for the oversight of IT (including Health IT) projects and procurement?
- QUALITY ASSURANCE: Are you planning to use a QA vendor for your Health IT projects?
- INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION: Are you planning to use an IV&V vendor for your Health IT projects?
- SYSTEMS INTEGRATOR: Are you planning to use a Systems Integrator to manage the implementation?

Next Steps

- Policies and Procurement Discussion
 - Combined Affinity Groups Call for Provider Directory and Identity Management
 - **Monday October 19, 2015**
 - Email appointment will be sent
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