

eHEALTH INITIATIVE



eHI Virtual Lunch Series

Federal Government, COVID-19, Health IT: What's Happened & What's Next?

April 8, 2020



Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

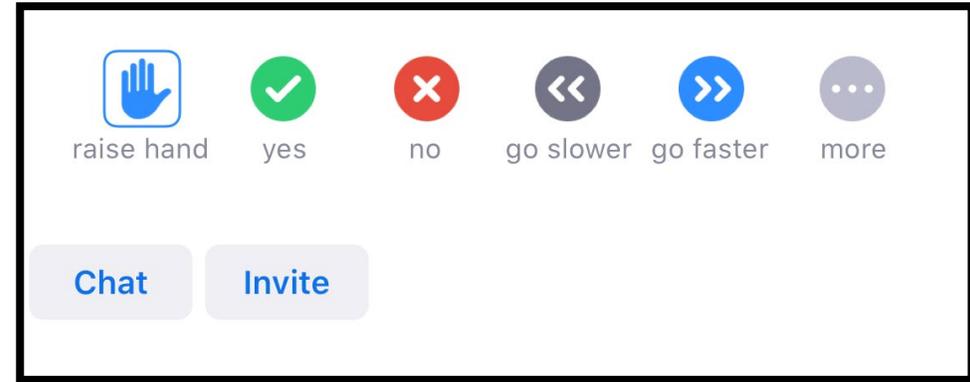
- **Jennifer Covich Bordenick**, CEO, eHealth Initiative and Foundation

Presentation

- **Catherine Pugh**, VP, Policy, eHealth Initiative and Foundation

Housekeeping

- **All participants are muted**



- Use the **raise hand** feature if you have a question
- We will then unmute your line so you can ask your question directly
- Use the chat box is for *technical difficulties* and other questions / comments

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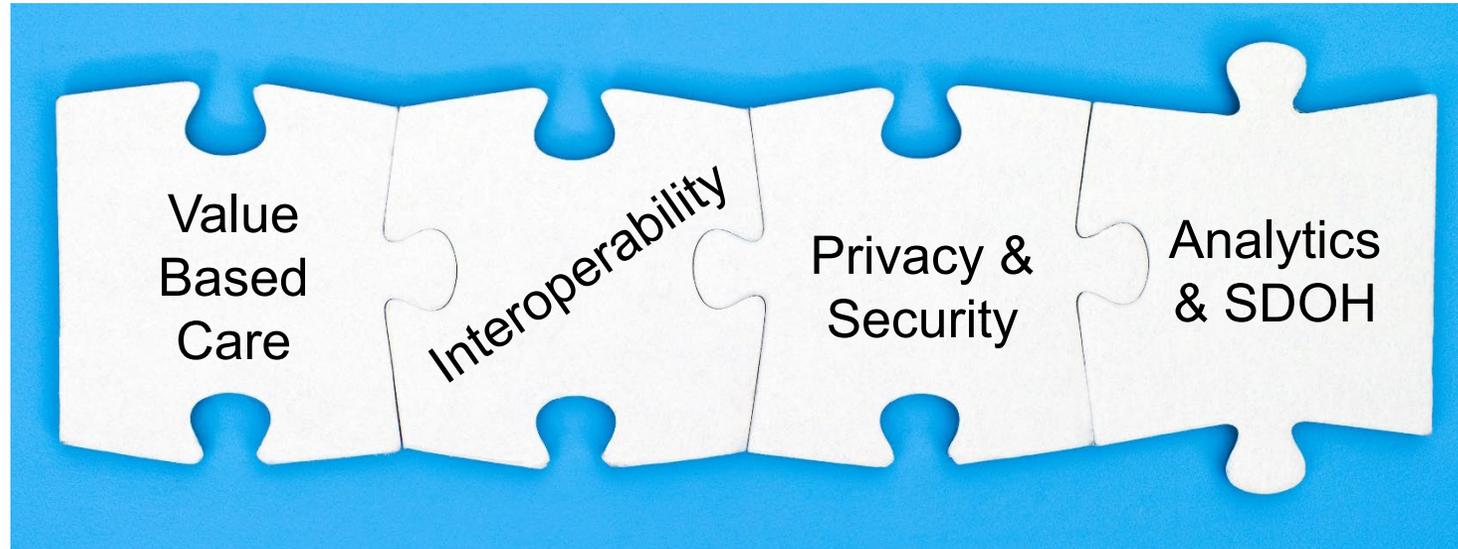


eHI's Mission

To serve as the industry leader in **convening executives** and multi-stakeholder groups to **identify best practices** that **transform healthcare** through the use of **technology and innovation**



Current Areas of Focus



Cost Transparency	Understanding FHIR / APIs / Da Vinci	Protection vs. Access	Non-traditional data sources
Prior Authorization	Policy	HIPAA Part 2	SDOH & PGHD
	Workflow	Cybersecurity	EHR Data for Clinical trials
	Info Blocking	Medical Device Security	



Webinars:

- **April 14** – eHI Privacy & Security Series
- **April 21** – The HIE Playbook for Overcoming Data Challenges During the Pandemic
- **April 23** - Understanding the reimbursement landscape and telehealth adoption to protect your business, staff and patients through COVID-19

What's Happened?

- Legislation:
 - The 1st and 3rd COVID-19 legislative packages includes significant health IT provisions, including authority for the HHS Secretary to waive Medicare telehealth restrictions
 - Additional provisions can be found on *eHI Explains: CARES Act*
- HHS has implemented the broad waiver, includes:
 - Reimbursement for telehealth services anywhere, not just in rural areas
 - Patients can be at home
 - Patients and providers can use any telephone technology with audio/visual capabilities – not just “HIPAA compliant”



What's Happened?

- Regulation:
 - Sec. 1135 state waivers
 - Quality Payment Program hardship exemptions
 - DEA-issued flexibility regarding prescribing of buprenorphine for treatment of OUD
 - ONC Interoperability Proving Ground
 - OCR Notice of Enforcement Discretion for HIPAA Business Associates

What's Next?

- Possibilities include:
 - A 4th (likely more) legislative package from Congress
 - A delay in the CMS and ONC interoperability and information blocking final rules
 - CMS Telehealth Waiver updates to include *CARES Act* additional authorities around providers and technology